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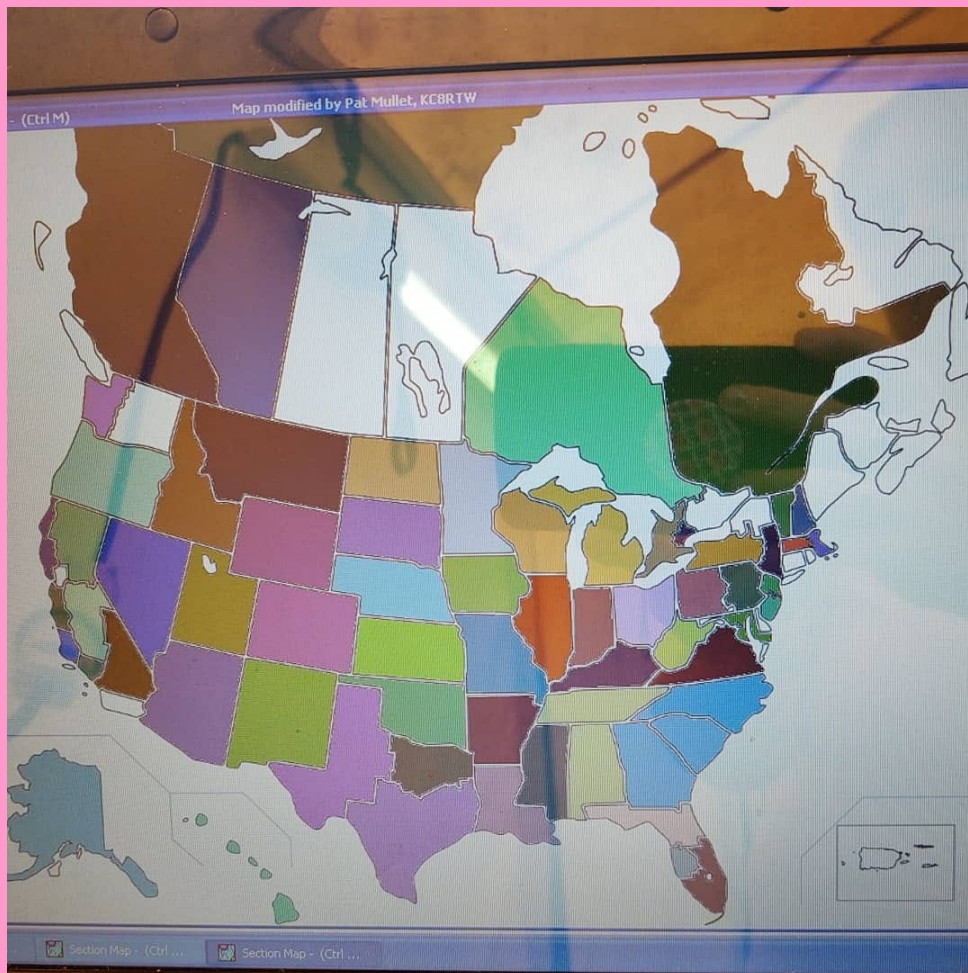
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President's Message de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

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Spring has sprung in the Pacific Northwest and the scenery is more colorful as a result of all of the flowers blooming. Each season of the year is my favorite until the next one comes along. Enjoy Spring while it lasts; this is the only Spring for 2021.

Good news is always a pleasure to pass along, and I have a few items for you. First is that Carol Laferty, K4SAF, has agreed to be the new Certificate Custodian upon Val's, VE5AQ, retirement. Val and Carol have been corresponding to give Carol the forms she needs to continue the certificate awards. Fortunately, they have the same software for graphics, which has made the transition easier. Thanks for volunteering to be the Certificate Custodian, Carol, it is great that you have found a new YLRL position to fulfill.

The second good news announcement is that Michelle Carey, W5MQC, has agreed to be the new Webmistress. Michelle has website experience and helped with the initial PayPal install a couple of years ago. Val and Michelle have been corresponding to give Michelle the information she needs to get started with the YLRL.org website. Michelle asked me to let you know that if you have any pictures from your district that you would like to see on the website, please contact Michelle. The pictures will need a release form if they include non-YLRL members. If there are any district events Michelle would like to add them to the district pages as well as to a calendar of upcoming events. Thanks for volunteering, Michelle, I'm looking forward to the next generation of YLRL.org.

Now that Val's two positions have been filled, I expect she will take it as good news that when the two transitions are complete, she can really retire. As some of you know, retirement is what you make of it, and I'm sure Val will make her retirement something special and include the family and her fun activities in her retirement. Val has worked especially hard to get the website where it is and I want her to know the YLRL gals appreciate all of her efforts. If you have never looked at the list of certificates that YLRL awards, you might be surprised at the number and variety of them. Maintaining the certificates and seeing that the correct recipient receives the correct award is more work than you might imagine. Thanks to Val for everything she has accomplished for YLRL. The organization is better off for her being here, and we hope she hangs around to enjoy the fun we have.

The first Board meeting of 2021 will be held via email the first week of June, from June 1 – 4. I'm looking forward to working with all of the board members to get our 2021 business under way.

33—Barbara AC7UH



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Summertime and the Living is Easy ...

Time to dig out those white pants and celebrate the season with some good old-fashioned surfing the bands. With the summer solstice on the horizon, additional time abounds for the popular 20M contacts before the sun sets for the evenings. So, with a little extra time, why not work toward the many YL Certificates. (see <https://ylrl.org/wp/certificates-to-work-for/> for rules)

Summertime also brings us the annual event known as Field Day. Yes, dubbed as amateur radio's open house and most popular amateur radio event, ARRL's Field Day always occurs the last weekend of June.



As many clubs will once again host an in-person event, Field Day provides a good venue for YLs to spread the word of why ladies enjoy the hobby of amateur radio. You ask ... "How can I get more ladies involved in amateur radio?" A very simple and effective eye-catching communication tool is a split cardboard box with homemade adornments plus some YL literature is all that is needed. While the visitors at your local event are asking what it takes to become licensed, you can also ensure that no ladies are left out of receiving information to become involved in the hobby.

The Results Are In for the 2021 YL/OM Contest and the High Scores Are: Single Side Band

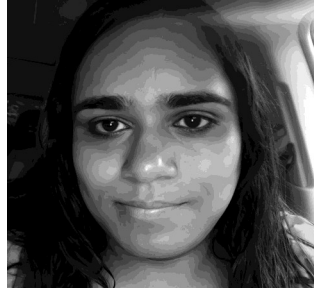
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- 2nd Lois Gutshall WB3EFQ – 1,368 points
- 3rd Christine Dons GM4YMM – 1,304 points

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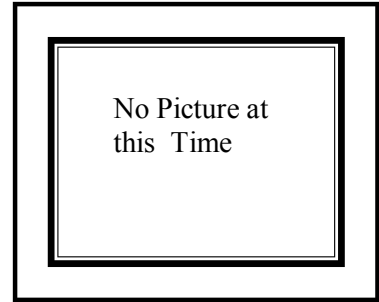
- 1st Carol Laferty K4SAF – 11,076 points



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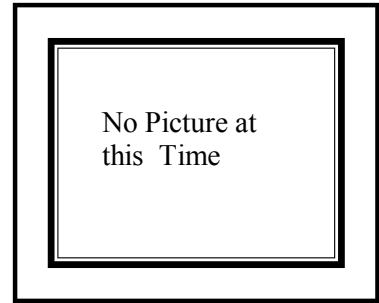
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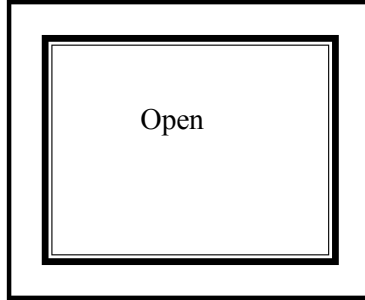
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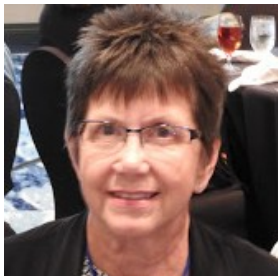
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Heather Speas KD2VZA
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Heather holds a brand new General license.

Silke Stutz KC2ENS
Bay Head NJ 08742
Silke holds a General license.

DISTRICT 5

Noelle Barnett KI5KFQ
Nina Barnett KI5PKT
Tulsa OK 74137
Noelle holds a Technician license and is a young ham. She was licensed before Nina. Nina holds a General license and is Noelle's mother.

DISTRICT 7

Amanda Brown KJ7WEI
Vancouver WA 98684
Amanda holds a Technician license.

Use QRZ to learn more about our new members!

DISTRICT 9

Vanessa Baker KD9SPG
Morton Grove IL 60053
Vanessa holds a Technician license and is waiting for her new call - K9WHJ to be approved.

ALASKA

Meghan Crocker KL5AF
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Meghan holds an Extra license.

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Ngaire holds a Grade One (Extra) license.

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Alena holds an Extra license.

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.

District News

District 1

Leandra, AR1R writes:

I did OK in last year's New England QSO Party (NEQP) – 3rd place Norfolk county (Massachusetts), Single Op Low Power - but Norfolk county is well populated with hams and not a rare one. And, I don't have a good antenna on my tiny suburban lot in the suburbs of Boston. I thought it might be fun to see what it would be like to hand out a rare county to appreciative contestants.

Maine was a little too far to go for a weekend, but upstate Vermont and New Hampshire had a couple of rare counties and were close enough for the drive not to take a substantial part of the weekend. Last year there were no QSOs made from Essex county in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont, and only two QSOs from Orange county Vermont.

My first thought was to operate from one of the rare counties, renting a place in one of these counties for the weekend, but a quick search for an Airbnb did not turn up many listings. And, I would need to make sure I could string antennas around the property. Too much work and uncertainty.

All winter I've been activating Parks On The Air (POTA) from my car with hamsticks and Wolf River Coils antennas on a mag mount. Maybe I could be a mobile station for weekend: stay in hotel or B&B in Vermont on Saturday night, so I could drive up to central Vermont on Saturday, activate one of the central Vermont counties on Saturday night, and continue to loop around northern Vermont and New Hampshire on Sunday. Unfortunately I discovered Vermont is only allowing fully vaccinated guests to stay overnight in a hotel or B&B. I would not get my second shot until the end of May. So much for a two day tour through Northern New England.

OK, how about an alternate plan? I scaled down the goals to make it doable. Drive up to Vermont, and back in the same day, with the goal of activating two counties in Vermont and a couple of counties in New Hampshire. A lot of driving but it looked like I could make it work. My target would be to activate Orange county in eastern central Vermont which was just a short drive north from where I-89 crosses into Vermont from New Hampshire. Only 2 ½ hours away if I drove non-stop!

So, the plan was coming together. I'll do a shake down drive around a couple of Massachusetts counties on Saturday, the short day of the NEQP, to see if I had the car set up correctly, then on Sunday, if the weather cooperated, do the drive up to Vermont and back.

On Saturday afternoon before the start of NEQP I set the Wolf River Coil taps for 40M and 80M and checked the setscrew location for the hamsticks. I spent the remainder of the afternoon before the contest on the computer plotting my route for Sunday and investigating possible POTA locations. There was a POTA park in the southern-most town in Orange county. I could double-dip, and get POTA credit for activating the park while giving out QSOs for Orange county! And there was another POTA location in Windsor county Vermont, the next county south! I got so involved on computer in scouting for potential POTA locations, I wasn't paying attention to the clock and all of a sudden noticed it was 5:00 P.M., an hour into the contest. I hustled to get the radio wired into the car, and leave as soon as possible.

In last year's contest, only 47 QSOs were made from Suffolk county, MA (Boston!). My plan for Saturday was to activate Suffolk county, and head to Natick in Middlesex county, then back to my home county, Norfolk.

I had been searching for new POTA locations to activate in Boston, but I spent too much time on the computer and now I was going to get a late start.

5:00 P.M. I'm an hour late getting started. Instead of driving across Boston to activate a POTA, I needed an alternative Suffolk county location that was close by. Home Depot in West Roxbury! It was only 20 minutes away.

6:00 P.M. Left my house. Now 2 hours late.

6:30 P.M. I parked in the far corner of the Home Depot parking lot and put the 40M Wolf River Coil and 8 foot whip on the mag mount. It started slow. I put out three CQs with no response. I finally got one call, then another, then got a pileup. I was watching the clock because I wanted to be in Natick in Middlesex county (30 minute drive plus a 15 minute stop at my house on the way) by 8:00 P.M. to check into the Saturday night Special Net on 28.305, but every time I said over the air I was making my last call, I'd get a pile-up, and gave them a contact! I finally got a break, and shut down. Made 25 SSB QSOs in 30 minutes.

7:45 P.M. Made it to the parking lot at New England Sci-Tech (NEST) in Natick (Middlesex county). Put the 10M hamstick on the mag mount, and just as I turned on my radio, I heard Joe, W1HAI starting up the 10M net. I joined the net and made official contest QSOs with the stations in the net when it was over. (Thank you Barb, KC1KGS!) I stayed on the hill for another hour to work 80M and 40M. I struggled to make 80M QSOs with the 8 foot whip and after spending 30 frustrating minutes to make just 3 QSOs switched to 40M. I gave out 16 SSB QSOs from Middlesex county.

11:30 P.M. Went back home and parked in my driveway (Norfolk county). Had a quick bite to eat, then got back in my car to work the contest from my driveway. It took some work, but I got Arizona, Nevada and Washington state on 40M. Made 7 QSOs in 35 minutes.

8:00 A.M. Sunday. Got up and had breakfast. I had a long day of driving ahead so I wanted to get a reasonable amount of sleep on Saturday night.

9:00 A.M. Left my house and headed for Vermont.

10:45 A.M. I stopped at the rest area in Bow NH (Merrimack county). I put the 20M hamstick on the car and tried making a few QSOs. I really had to work to make just 4 QSOs in 27 minutes. I seemed to spending a lot of work for little return. I hoped this would not be what I would need to do for the remainder of the day.

11:15 A.M. I resumed my drive up I-89 in NH

12:15 P.M. Stopped at the next rest area on I-89 north (Sullivan county). This one was up high and had a spectacular view to the northwest, the opposite of the rest area in Bow. I was much more productive here and made 12 QSOs in 15 minutes. I heard another station also giving out QSOs from Sullivan county, so I didn't see the need to stay here for long to give out Sullivan county QSOs. And it was already 12:30 P.M. I still needed to get to Orange county Vermont. My GPS said the POTA park in Thetford, Vermont was 50 minutes away.

1:00 P.M. On my way to Thetford, I saw a sign on I-91 confirming I crossed the line into Orange county, Vermont. I was officially in Orange county!

1:10 P.M. I easily found Thetford Hill State Park, park number K-3147. But the parking area was below the crest of the nearby hill and I had to park with the car pointed downhill, which meant that my 20 meter hamstick antenna on the car would be tilted, too, and not be vertical. I was not optimistic about my ability to make the minimum 10 QSOs to activate the park.

1:15 P.M. It was late in the day, and I was in a rush to get on the air. I did not spot myself on the POTA webpage. Made three SSB CQs and no response. I'm in a rare Vermont county. Doesn't anyone want to work me? I'm beginning to think I need to spot myself. On my fourth CQ, WA1FCN, who was my last contact at my previous county, worked me for my first contact. 9 more to go. It took 6 minutes to work the next 3 SSB QSOs. I was still wondering if I could make 10 QSOs in this RF "poor" location with my hamstick at a crazy angle. The fourth station I worked, NV9L, Val, told me she had just spotted me on one of the spotting lists. A minute

later I was working a pile-up. Thank You Val! In the next 25 minutes I worked them as fast as I could type them into my laptop balanced on my knee. I got my 10 QSOs and more! When the pileup slowed, I drove to what I thought was a better location up the hill. But I didn't make many QSOs up there on 20 meters and switched antennas to 40 meters. I was able to make 4 more QSOs. Last year there were only 2 QSOs made in Orange county, Vermont. This year there will be at least 36 SSB QSOs from Orange county.

3:00 P.M. Still 5 more hours of the contest remaining. Where to go? There was another POTA park near Norwich, Vermont, 20 miles south. It was in Windsor county, not a rare county (last year there were 871 QSOs), but it was another Vermont county and another chance for me to double-dip and activate a second POTA park and give out a Vermont county. Norwich was one exit south on I-91.

3:20 P.M. I pulled off at the exit for Norwich, Vermont. I told myself I would stop at the first opportunity to buy some real food. Since my breakfast at 8:30 A.M. I had only eaten two oranges and 3 applesauce packets. I discovered the amazing general store and gas station in Norwich, Vermont. The sign out front says if they don't have it then you don't need it. It was true. The general store lived up to its name: it had everything: fresh fruit, a deli counter, ammunition, small kitchen appliances, hardware, and clothing. Bought a sandwich, ate half of it, filled up the car with gas, and drove 15 miles to the POTA park.

4:15 P.M. The parking at this park was even worse than the last park. My car was pointed steeply downhill, and I was in a valley surrounded by hills. There was no cell phone service. I tried the 20 meter hamstick. I called CQ over and over and made 3 QSOs in 18 minutes. I was beginning to think I was not going to make my 10 QSOs to officially activate this park. Before I left, though, I thought I would try the 40 meter antenna. I had good results with it on Saturday and thought it might be able to do some magic for me. And it did! 40 meters was just starting to open, and I called CQ POTA and CQ NEQP. I had to work for them, but the calls slowly came in. Many of them wanted both Windsor county and the park for POTA credit. It was rewarding to hear one of them comment to me, "Thank you for Windsor county, I haven't heard many other Vermont counties". I gave out 24 Windsor county SSB QSOs in an hour.

5:30 P.M. OK, where to next? 2 ½ hours of the contest remaining. I looked carefully at the road map and discovered Lebanon, NH, the next town east, and on my way home, was in Grafton county, NH. Another new county for me! I guessed Lebanon airport terminal would be a high and clear location, found the address on the web and typed it into the GPS. Only 6 miles away!

6:10 P.M. The airport terminal was easy to find and had a large parking lot, and was on top of hill. Good location! I logged a steady flow of QSOs from my CQ's on 40M, but I was watching the clock. I wanted to do one more county, before the end of the contest, and the easiest place would be the first rest area southbound on I-89, about 25 minutes away. At the Lebanon airport, at 6:50 P.M. I said I was making my last CQ call, then I got a pileup of three stations, and worked them. I did another "last call" CQ and got a pileup. I worked them and made another "last call" CQ and got two stations. I worked them, and announced I was moving on to my next location. I made 16 SSB contacts from Grafton county NH.

7:10 P.M. Left the Lebanon Airport and headed south on I-89. I figured the I-89 rest area would be 25 minutes away. I was watching the time in the contest disappearing.

7:35 P.M. Pulled into the rest area (now back in Merrimack county NH).

7:40 P.M. OK, put the 40 meter coil and whip on the mag mount. Oh, 40 meters was crowded now. I tried calling one of the stations who was CQing. The meter in my radio showed High-SWR! The SWR meter was maxing out in the red! I just used this antenna 25 minutes ago. What could be wrong with it? I got out of the car and looked at it in the dim light. It looked fine. Maybe it was the whip. Sometimes I miss pulling out a section of the telescoping whip. It was

dark and I could not see it well. I took it off and pulled on all of the sections. Sure enough, there was one additional section of the whip that pulled out. OK, the clock was ticking. Screw the whip back in. Jump back in the car. Did I fix the SWR problem? I anxiously did a quick check. Yup, the SWR was back down to normal.

7:46 P.M. The general class section of 40 meters is packed. Where can I find a spot to call CQ? Nothing at the lower end, how about the high end, past the shortwave broadcast stations. Maybe someone will find me up there.

7:54 P.M. Found a clear spot and started calling CQ. At my third CQ, I got a contact. I worked 7 stations in the next 4 minutes. I called CQ one more time. No answer.

7:59 P.M., time's up, contest is over. 2 hour drive to get home.

10:00 P.M. Arrived home

Final results

Operated from:

- 3 Massachusetts counties
- 3 New Hampshire counties
- 2 Vermont counties

For a total of 8 counties

155 US and Canada SSB QSOs

36 states and provinces

1 Europe contact

Equipment

- Icom IC-7300
- 40 AH Bioenno battery
- 10M hamstick
- 20M hamstick
- Wolf River Coils large coil, with 2 taps
- NMO mag mount
- NMO to 3/8 adaptor
- 8 foot collapsing whip for Wolf River Coil loading coil
- Laptop computer
- 12V charger for laptop computer



Here is what was consumed:

- 400 miles of driving
- 7 hours of driving time
- 24 Amp-hours from my 40 Amp-hour 12V Bioenno battery (running the radio and charging my laptop)
- 4 applesauce packets
- 4 oatmeal-raisin cookies
- 3 oranges
- 1 Turkey sandwich
- 1 bottle of orange juice

-Leandra, AF1R/m

From Barbara Irby KC1KGS:
Time has flown by!

Thanks to info from those on the Yankee Lassies net, I participated in the Last Man Standing Special Event in March, based on the TV series starring Tim Allen, who has a ham station on the show (in addition to having gotten his license himself). I didn't get a sweep, but was able to get a nice certificate for the effort! It was hard to contact stations out west and the pileups were impressive!

I was part of several POTAs, one at Lake Dennison Recreational Area in Winchendon, MA in late March and one just recently in May at Blue Hills Reservation, in Milton, MA. We had almost 25 people at the latter, from various clubs. Some contacts were made in the park, then some of us went up to the Blue Hill Observatory (some hiked; a few of us drove-got permission) and were able to make some contacts from there via HT. I had the privilege of talking to Anne, WB1ARU, who was able to hear me loud and clear, from 675 feet, unlike on the Yankee Lassies net some weeks.

I read AF1R's story about her recent mobile adventure (read it right here in the District One section) with great interest—I was fortunate to be one of her contacts—Leandra traveled many miles and tells a great tale! Stay safe and healthy, all---some aspects of life are getting closer to normal....



Barbara, KV1KGS, and Jim, at Blue Hills Reservation

From Barbara Irby KC1KGS:

District 4

Carol Laferty K4SAF : I finally finished WAS (worked all states) YL in February, 2021. Earning this award has been the hardest one so far, and that includes DXCC, WAS on 7 bands on each mode—SSB, CW and Digital. That gives you some idea of how difficult it is. To get the last couple states it involved picking a city in the states, such as MT, RI or NV, and going to QRZ.com to sort all hams in that city. Then look for YLs in the list. I chose the YLs with the most lookups and a biography. That meant they were most active on the air. I then would email and try to work out a time to talk. That wasn't easy because most didn't operate CW or Digital. Only SSB. Phone is the most difficult mode to pull through in less than optimal conditions. I have a QSL card from every contact; some dating back to the '50s when I first got on the air. Many were from the old YLRL Anniversary Party we used to have annually. YL to YL only contest. It has been seven years since anyone earned this award, YL or OM. I am so proud to have finally finished it. I challenge other YLs to do the same. You YLs reading this can help too by being more radioactive. Thanks to all the helpful YLs who gave me the contact in sparsely populated YL ops states!

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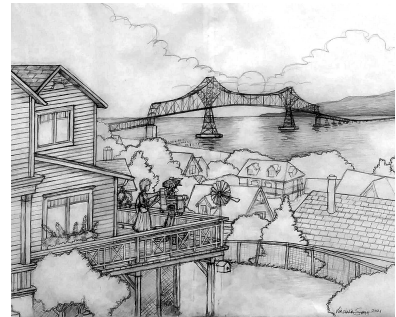
Leah Ohse, W3LEO-Our club still participating in field day. We will still set up at Regional Park in the teardrop. They are offering testing sessions the third Saturday of the month until October. They are also testing at Field Day in June but the rest of the time is the third Saturday.

My name is **Nina, KI5PKT**, and I am a new Ham. I got my license in April of this year. The reason I got my license has a lot to do with my daughter, Noelle, KI5KFQ, and my husband Jerus, AI5Q. Jerus got his license in February of 2020 and Noelle was immediately enthralled with all things Ham radio. She loved getting on third party and talking to whoever was around. She studied over last summer and got her technician's license in August of 2020. I spent a year listening to both Noelle and Jerus on the air and was thinking I'd try for my license as a surprise to Jerus. Noelle was such an encouragement for me, she asked me everyday after school how my studying was going. Once I was doing really well on practice tests, she asked if I was going to try for the General as well. I hadn't even considered it at that point, but she kept asking, so I started studying for it too. We even decided when we should tell Jerus about our plan. Since he was going to be a VE where I was testing we had to make sure there were enough other VE's so I could actually get my license. I'm very certain if Noelle hadn't been consistently checking on me and consistently on the air, I am sure I wouldn't be a Ham today.

***Noelle is 9 years old, she was first licensed at the age of 8!*

Check out the latest drawing from **Virginia Smith, NV5F**. The piece is Titled "Happy Short Circuit Day! 35th anniversary of Short Circuit."

We have such talented YL's all over the world!



Kelley Miller, K5KTX, shares some of the most beautiful photos from her RV Camping trips. Check out the sunrise in this photo taken at her campsite in Alpine, TX!

Well so far this Spring is off with a bang or quite a few bangs for me. We had a rare hail storm with baseball size hail with 80 mph winds hit the house. The hail broke windows, destroyed the roof, outdoor light fixtures, the fence, cut some of

my smaller trees in half, and even bent the radials on my antenna! Oh well, repairs have started. Best news is the insurance company is even going to replace the antenna!!!

Great news for those that have been following the USS Batfish story. In 2019 severe flooding at War Memorial Park in Muskogee, OK, caused the USS Batfish, a dry docked submarine to escape its moorings. They have finally broken through all of the red tape and have started reconstruction to secure the submarine. Hopefully, they will be done in time for the Oct 2-3rd 2021 YL meet up!



District 7

Hello to all Dist 7 YLs. I am Marilyn, AF7MM, filling in for District 7 Chair, Robin, KJ7BI, while she's in the process of moving and getting settled in an assisted living facility. There's a whole lot more going on with moving to a facility that I ever would have thought. There is the obvious, the moving and unpacking, but then to get the computer and internet set up seems to be a real problem. So she asked me to take over for a couple of articles. And here I am. There has been a lot going on for District 7. Of course with Covid there's lots of time to spend on the radios and I, myself, have been doing more than I ever thought I had time for. I've really learned a love of rag chewing, too. For me, it's also all about HF. I do, though, go on 2M sometime.

I had a chance to contact some of the YLs in Robin's and my district and got some good information from those that are also all about getting on the air. Even if some of them aren't able to as much as they would like, they gave me some good info about what they're doing.

For instance Caroline, AD7UP, from Portland OR. Her OM Steve contests a lot and her job is to keep the cat from participating! So she's on the radio trying to locate a Meow Net! Haha, good one Caroline! You had me laughing! It's funny, whenever I am at the radio I have a little Pomeranian that thinks it's his right to always be on my lap while I'm calling out. I can appreciate that sweet kitty wanting the attention too.

Katie, WY7YL, from Wyoming, has become a part of a new club just recently started called Devil's Tower ARC in NE Wyoming. The call sign is WY7DT. At their first meeting they had 19 show up from the 54 invitations that went out. How exciting, to start a new club. Good luck, Katie, and I know it will be a success! You need to keep us informed on what you're doing with the club. If there's one thing I know, the benefit of having a good club to teach and help people get on the air is invaluable. If it wasn't for some of the people in my club I wouldn't have nearly the ability that I have.

Judy, KC7KPG, from Pahrump, NV, has been having a hard time getting on the air too. She hasn't been able to get on the YLRL nets at all. Then there's a MINOW YL Net on HF that Judy tried to get on but unfortunately wasn't able to. So Margaret, AE7MB, net control, (also editor of Harmonics!) has been experimenting with different frequencies and times to see if she can get out farther than she has been. Hopefully she can find something that will work at getting to Pahrump from Battle Ground, WA!! There are more YLs in Pahrump than just Judy too. Keep trying Judy, and Margaret! It'll work someday!

Skye, KA7SKY, from WA state (about 3 hrs from me!) is involved in ARES, MINOWs and local nets. Unfortunately with having some health problems she hasn't been able to be as involved as she would like to be. In time Skye, the nets will still be there when you're better and I know you'll be welcomed back.

I know that one thing your Dist Chair, Robin, KJ7BI, misses is not being able to get on the air' but doing the District Chair responsibilities will keep her active in YLRL. Robin, we hope all is going well, even with the new lockdown after one of the members in the facility came down with Covid. We hope you're healthy and happy there. Get settled quickly and start getting back to normal!

We've had some pretty bad weather here in the PNW. So propagation hasn't been that good. Isn't it nice that we now have Zoom! A few of us have gotten on pretty regularly to just do Zoom rag chews to stay in touch. If we can't get on the radios it's a nice alternative. Funny, isn't it, just a year ago I never even heard of Zoom. Now I can set up and run meetings and get together. Who would have thought?

I do hope you all have a great spring moving into summer. And I hope you're able to get out and accomplish the things you're interested in accomplishing. Have a great June and July! And we'll hear from you all next time.

33, Marilyn, AF7MM temporarily writing the article for
Robin, KJ7BI District 7 Chair.

District 9

Welcome to our new members, Vanessa Baker, K9WHJ, and Anne, WA9ZZ. I played in the Michigan QSO party in hopes of contacting some of our old friends back in Detroit. Unfortunately, I didn't hear anyone. Conditions that weekend were not very good. Next, I played in the Indiana QSO party had better luck in that one. Hopefully conditions will continue to improve.

From Anne, WA9ZZ

I'm a newer member of YLRL from District 9. I just wanted to share some happy news, in March I passed the Extra exam, and just this week I was granted a vanity callsign. I used to be KD9LRB, and now I'm WA9ZZ. Also, I had a bit of a triumph when I was able to run a frequency in CW during the Wisconsin QSO Party. I practiced for weeks leading up to it so I could take the leap from search and pounce to running. It was intimidating at first, but it was very rewarding. And an unexpected side effect was that it gave me the courage to call CQ on SSB as well. Usually, I'm far too mic shy to do that in a contest, but I had a bit of a pileup going right at the end of the WIQP. It was great fun! So that is a bit of news from District 9. :)
73, Anne, WA9ZZ

From Anne, KC9YL

Spring hasn't arrived here in northeast Wisconsin yet, temps were in the 80s last Sunday, but we had frost warnings nearby last night. The weather needs to make up its mind! I have my "tower guy" coming this Sunday to reattach a guy rope that let loose from my beam, get the rotator back in order, and give the tower connections the once-over. The antenna turns, but the rotator display is unlit and the rotator dial doesn't move. Another ham is going to swap out the rotator box and see if that does the trick. He's also having me pick up a spare motor in case the issue is more serious. I am lucky to have a rotator *guru* in the neighborhood! CW is coming along slow but sure. I was lucky enough to catch Fiji on CW and FT8 last weekend - ATNO for me! Ham Alert does a good job of keeping me informed of the spots for the entities in the modes I have specified. It's been nice to see some YLRL members joining the Long Island CW Club. I have finally reached the point where I consider CW **FUN!** I can't copy as fast as I'd like, and sometimes it's still hard, but I actually look forward to the CW contests, weekly K1USN activities and CWOps' CWTs, and even the SKCC events. I certainly don't get much speed using the straight key, but I figure ANY practice is better than NO practice, and it's good practice for my ears to listen to other sending styles.

District 10

Barbara KD0WAW

The Ladies On the Air net is Tuesdays 8:00 CST Echolink node KD0WAW-L or any repeaters on the Kan-Okla System

18 April 2021

Dear Lois,

I am writing you about the WW-II heroin Virginia Hall (1906-1982). My name is Mark Murray (station W2OR), and I have just read the third inspiring book about this amazing woman, Virginia Hall. She is pictured below sending clandestine telegraphy messages from a remote farm house in France, to London during WW-II. As you may well know, she was practically fearless, and never tiring in her war efforts to disrupt enemy forces. Since there are now pictures and paintings available, I thought I'd send a note off to the YLRL, just as I have done with my four daughters. Here at this QTH, there are two V. Hall paintings on the walls, destined someday for two of the daughters who years ago expressed an interest in WW-II, and one in radio telegraphy.

Wishing you all well, // Mark.



VE News

Carole King VA3WHU

wanted me to remind everyone about the YL net on Echolink India conference from 6-6.30 IST
Net controller is Bharathi Devulapalli
Editor's Note—IST is "India Standard Time"

VE5Land North of the 49th Parallel

Hello one and all

Well, I do believe that it is Springtime in the Prairies, although the nights are still rather cool. I had hopes of already having my spring bulbs planted, but that is not to be just yet. Maybe the week of May 10th or maybe just a wee bit later. Now, all we need in the Southern part of Saskatchewan, like in the Moose Jaw and surrounding areas, is RAIN. We did have a full barrel of wet stuff from the melting, and some that came down, but that was back at the beginning of April and since then not a drop can be found.

I tried to dig up and split some of my perennials, but the ground is so hard that I decided that this year they can just stay the way they are...no sense is destroying the plants.

Other news, well as many of you know, due to some very sever health problem, I must give up the 2 positions that I hold with YLR, I am giving up doing the Certificate Manager's position, and as much as I would love to tell you who is taking over from me, your President wants to be the one who has that honour, so I will defer to Barbara. I have enjoyed doing the certificates and have met some wonderful ladies over the years just through sending the certificates far and wide. This year, I cannot believe the number of YLs who have sent in their logs for the Favorite National Park. Well done ladies. The new Certificate Manager will make sure your names will be added to the YLRL website. For those of you who are still working on this specific certificate, you have lots of time to go yet, as your logs are not due until Jan. 15, 2022. So, keep working on it, and have fun. Also, I have signed some very special certificates this year, and it is so nice to see you ladies working on many of the Working certificates that are available. Way to go.

The next position I am giving up is the Webmistress for YLRL. As some of you know, I have developed Macular Degeneration, and although I have made my screens as large as possible without having to buy new monitors, it still is a real strain on the eyes, and I can only put in a short time on the computer before it is too much. So, again, I would love to give you the name of my successor but will leave that for your president to have that honour.

Probably by the time you read this note the transition will have already taken effect. The information on how to contact my new people will be on the website.

Thank you to all who have supported me in the past few years, and I wish YLRL members all the best going forward. I will continue as a member for a while yet.

Take care one and all, stay safe.

33, Val, VE5AQ

Helen, VA1YL, writes: Here Nova Scotia has Corona virus-19 now in May! We are shut down! We were able to go to restaurants & stores and gym! But now lots of people have got Corona virus!

I have been on CLARA nets but oh my! We can't get CLARA people on 40 M. On 20 M we can probably get YLs. I am so happy that I can get on Echolink! I am making Charity Quilts. And now I can go out and do my gardens! I have planted peas and onions and carrots in my vegetable garden. But I can't get tomatoes and cucumbers and squash. I hope we can get into nursery gardens soon! 33 Helen Archibald, VA1YL

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: *Cafe Chez Ann* was closed recently. Toronto is in its third lock-down. No patio dining even. Ann really believes she must be living in plague city, although you might think the whole country is infected. It is. Vaccinations are slow due to lack of vaccines. Toronto has pop-up clinics that have folks start lining up in the middle of the night in order to be assured of getting their first shot. The clinics often have 1500 doses but thousands line up with great hope that they will get a shot. Many are disappointed. Enough bad news. The good news is that May is here. Ann's seedlings are growing well and will be ready to plant after May 24th. She was afraid that she might not be able to buy plants so took matters into her own hands. Fingers crossed the seedlings survive being replanted in the garden. Fingers crossed everyone. Echolink is Ann's only ham activity these days. Roberta, VA3RMW, keeps the Monday Net going. Check-ins continue. Ditto the Wednesday Net. Ann even participated in the CLARA Chatter Party this year and was not low score for a change. Yea Echolink !! Ann hopes everyone stays well and is able to enjoy their gardens this summer. 33 Ann, VE3HAI

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: It's the Merry Month of May on the west coast of British Columbia and the weather is warming and everything is greening up and in blossom. I have dug over my little veggie garden and bought a bamboo trellis thinking I would plant scarlet runner beans on it. They have lovely red flowers that the hummingbirds love and then produce beans for Tawd the Dawg and me to eat. I changed my mind and planted sweet peas !!! The Hummers and I will like them so much better. Hihihih The rest of the garden is salad greens and herbs. Just a bit of fun. I live in the Comox Valley that has a super Farmer's Market every Saturday so my veggie garden is not a very serious plot... I was so saddened to hear that Merle, VE1VCI, had become a Silent Key. She will be missed greatly by her large family and her community and her many, many friends. She was such a bright spark in all our lives. I shall miss our telephone chats as Merle had such a positive attitude about everything. Covid 19 is still ruling our lives but all my family and friends have had their 1st vaccinations and our 2nd jabs should be sometime in July. Everyone please continue to keep well and stay safe. I believe with the Covid 19 Pandemic and our vaccinations that this is not the beginning of the end but rather the end of the beginning... 33 Suzanne - VE7IM

DX News

May/June 2021

It's been a long year, hasn't it? Many of our DX friends are still in the midst of the Covid-19 crisis, while here in the U.S. we have a more positive outlook, with restaurants re-opening, mask mandates being dropped and friends and family getting reacquainted after many months of social distancing. I hope that someday soon, the "new normal" more closely resembles the "old normal." I think we'd all like that.

While I didn't receive any submissions from my DX YLs this month, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the many ways we can keep in touch with each other. Of course, amateur radio contact remains the main focus – whether through local 2m nets, or HF nets. Echo-link, DMR and Wires-X are great alternatives for those who may have limited access to adequate radios or antennas. Letter writing.... remember that? (Didn't you have a Pen Pal or two as a child?) Send a holiday or birthday card, or a note "just because" to let your YL friends know you are thinking of them. The YLRL has 2 Facebook pages –

Young Ladies' Radio League

and

Young Ladies' Radio League, Inc.

Keep in touch online through email, Facebook, Groups.io or club newsletters. Free or affordable long distance is available in some countries. Phone calls are a great way to keep in touch, especially when you are making plans to get together in person. Have you set up a membership table at a local hamfest? Or sought out other YLs and handed them your ham radio "business card" at an amateur radio event? Maybe you've seen other YLs in a Zoom virtual convention or an online CW class. Reach out to them. You probably have a lot in common, and can schedule meet-up practice sessions on your own. Everyone eats! Schedule a YL luncheon with the locals. Arrange for a guest speaker, or antenna-building session. Host a hands-on Powerpole crimping session. Share what you know! Help the hobby to grow!

33 to all - thank you for supporting amateur radio.

Anne, KC9YL (DX Treasurer)

Cathy Purdie ZL2ADK Silent Key

It is with great sadness I write about Cathy ZL2ADK passing.

Cathy was born and educated in Wanganui, going to Palmerston North for her tertiary education as a teacher graduating in 1966 same year as she married Brian ZL2ADL. She taught at schools mainly in the Rangitikei and the Manawatu while Brian served for over 30 years with the RNZAF.

Cathy leaves 4 children Paula, Jenny, Alister & Deanna, 8 Grandchildren and 1 great grandchild.

Cathy gained her first novice call in 1979 being the first YL to get a novice call in New Zealand and also first YL to be elected to NZART council in 1985 – 1995, then again in 1997-1999.

She had many call signs over the years but finally stayed with ZL2ADK.

Cathy served on *WARO* committee for many years and her roles included Secretary, Vice President and President, Contest organiser and web master. She took up the position of doing the official Broadcast from 1994-2005 doing a Stirling job keeping all the Amateurs up to

date with the *WARO* activities. She also wrote the column in *Break in* for *WARO* for some years.

Cathy was part of the International committee who organised the world wide YL get together in Hamilton. She was lucky enough to attend another International YL meet travelling with Biny, ZL2AZY, and Merv, ZL2AVY, worldwide get together in Sicily.

Cathy has travelled extensively over the years, first to YLRL AGM in Hawaii with Carol, ZL2VQ; Wayne, ZL2VN; and Brian, ZL2ADL. She attended ALARA get together's in Brisbane, Mildura, Port Stephens, Tasmania. Also had trips to Kuala Lumpur and Arlington, Texas to Ham gatherings.

She was nominated and received the Myrtle Earland Rose bowl 1991 and was given Life membership of *WARO* in 1985.

Her work with AREC as member of Wanganui Police SAR squad dominated her time having frequent calls outs at all hours.

She has had a fantastic full life being involved with various groups, including her great interest in Motor homing over many years, they were one of the very early members of NZMCA and ultimately became life members.

Cathy will be sadly missed by so many people for her intellect, her ability to organize and her friendship and encouragement for new Hams. People were always welcome at Cathy and Brian's Home with a cuppa and food. A generous soul.

I feel honoured to have had Cathy as a friend and extended family member.

Ngaire Jury ZL2UJT

Tribute from Rosemary ZL1RO for Cathy Official broadcast announcement

Cathy ZL2ADK Life member of *WARO*

Silent Key

Tonight I want to pay tribute to Cathy ZL2ADK who went silent key recently. First licenced in 1979 and joining *WARO* also that year she straight away became involved with amateur radio as much as her family responsibilities would permit her to.

She was responsible for a number of YL firsts. The first YL to gain a novice call sign, ZL2NAT. She was elected to the NZART Council where she served from 1985 to 1995, and 1997 to 1999. She was determined to say the least, and taught her self morse code and passed the 12 wpm test, then progressed through the various stages needed to get a Grade 1 licence and be able to go on HF. All this while bringing up a young family.

Cathy served on the *WARO* committee for many years and also as Secretary, President, Contest organiser, and web master. She compiled and recorded the Official Broadcast *WARO* segment from 1994 to 2005. In recent years she was helping with the *WARO* column in *Break-in* magazine.

In the year 2000 *WARO* hosted a three day International Ylmeet in Hamilton and Cathy was on the organising committee and also MC'd most of the events. 120 Yls and Oms from many countries came to this meet which required a huge amount of work from the organisers to make it the success it was.

She was awarded the Myrtle Earland Rosebowl for *WARO* Amateur of the Year in 1999 and awarded Life Membership of *WARO* in 2005.

She and Brian travelled overseas and met up with other hams on their journeys, sometimes attending DX L group functions.

As well as all that Cathy was involved with her local branch of NZARR which is the Marton Branch 23, AREC, Police SAR, and not forgetting travels in their motor home which took them to many parts of New Zealand over the years visiting Amateur Radio friends along the way. When ever I think of WARO, the callsign ZL2ADK has always come to mind because Cathy was such a big part of WARO for so long.

She was often at the forefront, getting involved and persuading others to get involved. Suggesting, organising, encouraging, volunteering, and welcoming all especially new hams. A generous soul who loved amateur radio and she will be dearly missed by us all.

Dear Cathy

Such a beautiful soul gone, but will never be forgotten as a friend or as a radio amateur operator. You have left so many beautiful memories for many WARO and overseas female and male radio operators that these will be cherished for years to come, I am sure.

Go safe Cathy and rest in peace beautiful lady

Topsy, ZL2LS

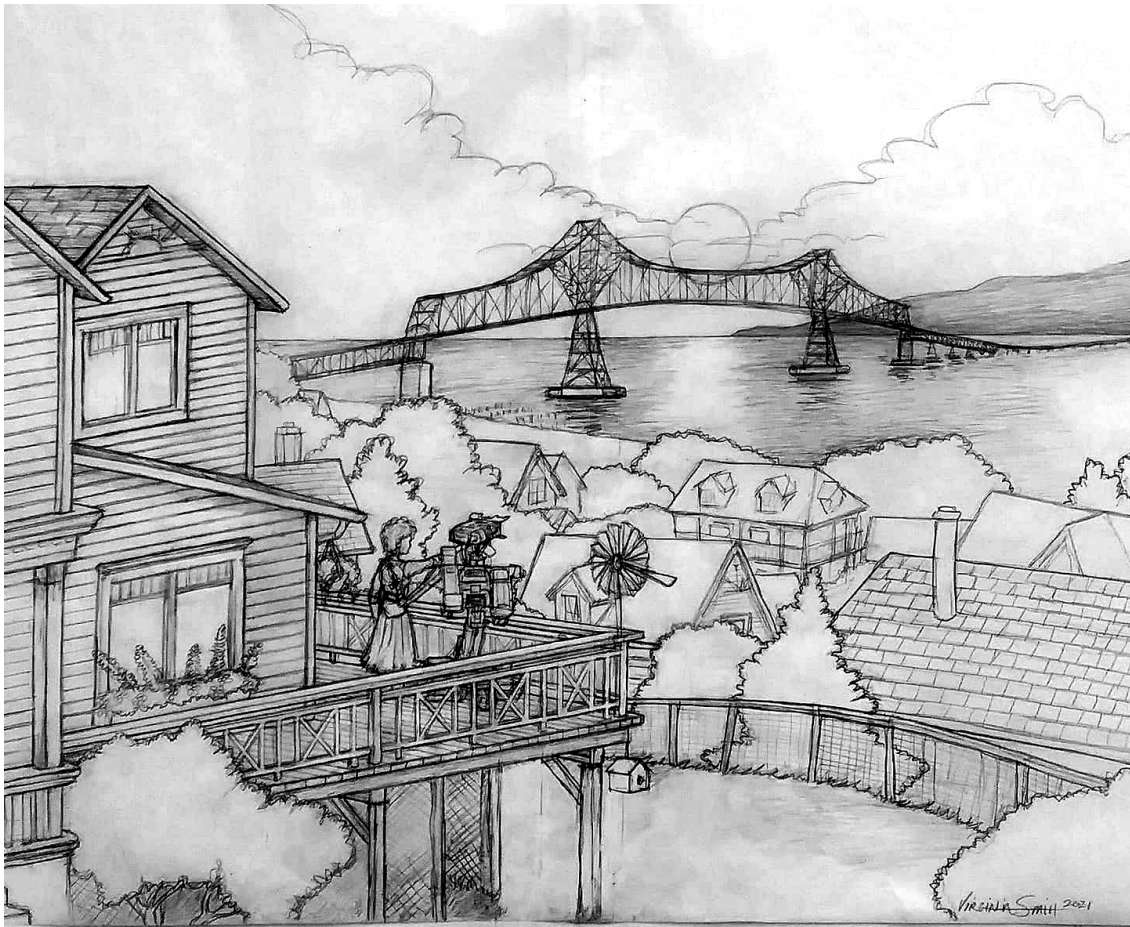


Melanie Boone AA0RV, SK

Melanie "Mel" Renee Boone, 44, of Macon, MO, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2020, at the University of Missouri Hospital in Columbia, MO due to injuries sustained as a passenger in a car accident that occurred Thursday, July 16, 2020.

Please go to <https://www.greeningeaganhayes.com/obituary/melanie-mel-boone> to read the complete obituary.

Pictures



Call for Nominees/Volunteers

Ladies, it is that time again. To prepare the ballot for the upcoming YLRL election, we need to gather the list of nominees and/or volunteers. The last year and a half have been a little crazy and some of the YLs have expressed an interest in running for their position again. Some positions are wide open.

By volunteering for a leadership position, you become part of YLRL history, you can help guide the YLRL into the future. You will get meet YLs from all over and have an opportunity to mentor other YLs in this great hobby.

We reached out to the YL's who are currently volunteering and asked them about what they are doing and if Covid had any impact on their role. We included their responses below.

We would be remiss in not stating the rules, so if you have not read the YLRL Constitution, here is what it says about elections:

ARTICLE VI -Officers

Section 1 Officers of the Corporation, hereafter referred to as "the League", shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Receiving Treasurers, and Disbursing Treasurer.

Section 2 At the time of election of officers, there shall be elected one District Chairwoman from each of the YLRL Districts.

Section 3 Only full, family, or life members who have been members in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to taking office shall be eligible to hold office as defined in Sec. 1 of this Article, or one year in the case of District Chairwomen.

ARTICLE VII -ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1 All officers and District Chairwomen shall be elected by the membership for a term of two years. They shall take office at the beginning of the membership year following their election and each shall hold office until her successor has assumed the duties of office.

Section 2 Election of all officers and Chairwomen shall be in accordance with the regulations prescribed in ARTICLE X of the By-Laws.

Section 3 Simple plurality vote shall govern in all elections of officers.

A copy of the YLRL Constitution can be found online at [https://ylrl.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/YLRL-CONSTITUTION- -BY-LAWS_2020.pdf](https://ylrl.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/YLRL-CONSTITUTION--BY-LAWS_2020.pdf)

What do they really do in those positions? Do you want to know before you volunteer? We asked all the current officers that very question. Here is what the ladies said.

The President

The President shall preside at all official meetings and/or conventions of the League and shall act as Chairwoman of the Board of Directors. She shall be an ex-officio member of all Standing Committees. She shall call meetings of the Board in writing or by email at least twice a year. The President shall appoint one of the District Chairwomen to serve as Chairwoman of the Nominating Committee during her first year in office and no later than July of that year. She shall make all appointments whenever vacancies occur in offices. She shall retain the corporate seal and shall affix it to all Certificates and/or Awards she signs.

Barbara Yasson AC7UH, current President said:

Some YLRL presidents have done a great deal while others have done less. We jumped into email YLH earlier than we might have otherwise done due to COVID, because of possible supply chain issues. I'm not sure what it was like in the beginning for Cheryl and her supplies, but I know she is now experiencing supplies issues.

We would have done the privacy policy anyway, so COVID doesn't get credit for that.

COVID slowed down next convention planning.

At minimum a president should do what is listed in the Constitution and By-Laws, which is the following. Also the Procedure Policy

All officers serve without compensation, except for being reimbursed for YLRL expenses.

Pres presides at official meetings, i.e. board meetings, conventions, etc.

Call board meetings at least 2 times/year.

Appoint Nominating Committee Chair

Make appointments where vacancies occur.

At end of pres term account for monies, files, and YLRL property, keep treasury at \$1,000 at end of term.

Any board meeting votes should be clearly identified prior to the vote, so everyone understands the question at hand.

Appoint the pres Advisory Committee of three to advise.

IMHO Work with the officers and board to answer questions and keep the organization moving in a forward direction.

Respond to member questions

The Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assume all duties of the President in the absence or disability of the latter. She will work with the Receiving Treasurer US to receive electronic funds and forward the money to the Disbursing Treasurer and Scholarship Chairwoman as appropriate. She shall have charge of all League station activities, contents, rules of same, nets, etc. with the exception of the League Club call K4LMB. In this work she will be assisted by a committee of at least three members, preferably Past Vice Presidents, of her choice, each from a different district. She shall appoint a custodian for awards such as WAS/YL, YLCC, WAC/YL, DX/YL, and DX/YLCC and Continuous Membership Certificate. She may appoint committees or assistants

to aid her in specific branches of activities under her jurisdiction. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the League. She shall keep a complete and accurate record of amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws. She shall maintain a file of all new applications for membership for one year and shall handle all matters pertaining to membership and voting in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws and Procedure Policy. She shall mail or email to each new member a letter of welcome. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Anne Manna WB1ARU, current Secretary said:

The changes have been minor, mostly due to the changes created by the Privacy Policy and the move to more online activity.

The Secretary welcomes each new member, keeps a copy of the applications, and answers questions. Minutes of meetings must be kept as well.

Disbursing Treasurer:

The Disbursing Treasurer shall receive and receipt all money sent to her by the Receiving Treasurers and all other money paid to the League, and shall make payment of all obligations known to her to be proper and authorized. She shall submit an itemized financial statement annually for auditing. She shall be responsible for the filing of all reports required by the Federal, State and local governments. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors and shall be an ex-officio member of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Receiving Treasurers (US and DX):

The Receiving Treasurers shall receive all money for dues and forward this money to the Disbursing Treasurer. They shall send a dues receipt to each member. They shall forward all new applications for membership to the Secretary for her files and shall keep the Secretary, Continuous Membership Chairwoman, Database Manager and Editor advised of dues payment and of all changes in the membership records. The Receiving Treasurer US will work with the Vice-President to receive electronic funds and forward this money to the Disbursing Treasurer and Scholarship Chairwoman as appropriate. They shall serve as members of the Board of Directors.

Vicky Luetzelschwab AE9YL, current Receiving Treasurer US said:

Membership has increased because of COVID.

Anne Dirkman KC9YL, current Receiving Treasurer DX and DX Chairwoman said:

It's been a tough year. Dealing with the privacy policy and requiring the renewal form has become a full-time job. I am having more difficulty than Vicky in getting the renewal forms from my DX YLs. They never had to fill out a form before. There is also a language barrier - and some ladies are nervous about sharing their personal information via email, even if it's with us. Also a few sponsors had to drop their adoptees due to financial reasons.

I've gotten more spam/phishing emails in the past year than I can count and am wary when I see anything out of the ordinary. One YL I reached out to mid-2020 said that her kids are home because schools were locked down, she was working from home, and she hadn't read her personal email in 3 months.

District Chairwomen/Youth Chairwoman:

Each District Chairwoman, the Youth Chairwoman and Receiving Treasurer DX shall be responsible for gathering news for YL Harmonics and forwarding same to the Editor at appropriate intervals. She shall assist the Vice-President in organizing contests, traffic schedules, nets, and all League activities. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

Current District Chairwomen said:

Barbara Irby KC1KGS:

I have only been District 1 Chairwoman during COVID, so I only hope we can do more afterward—e.g., meet in person at regional hamfests/conventions and have other gatherings as the members desire.

At this point, I gather write-ups and photos for YL Harmonics and learn more about members via email. I try to participate every week in the Yankee Lassies YL net on Wednesday mornings to keep up with other YLs who participate

Ria Jairam N2RJ

Covid had changed the ability to go to in person hamfests. I often set up the YLRL table in conjunction with the ARRL or club table when I go to hamfests.

Dot Timmerman AC4HH

The Covid19 really made everything more difficult for everyone.

Michelle Carey W5MQC

Covid slowed us down a little. We usually have a several of get togethers each year and quite a few hamfest gatherings. In 2020 we were able to get together in the February for a kit building class. But like everywhere else the hamfests were cancelled. We also got together in Oct at the USS Batfish for a YL event (safely). I have been representing District 5 since 2016. There are a lot of square miles in this district. It makes it hard to reach out

and have face to face events with YL's and potential YL's. I would love it if a YL from a different area of District 5 would want to be the next representative! We have a district 5 Facebook group page as well as an email list. I am happy to start mentoring any of the YL's who are interesting to taking on the role!

Robin Resnick KJ7BI

My position didn't seem to change because of the virus, but many, if not most, ham fairs and other activities were affected. As District 7 chairperson, I am responsible for requesting and receiving articles from district YLs, proof reading then sending the material to the "Harmonics" editor. I also answer questions from District 7 YLs regarding YLRL's membership and activities, to "what type of antenna should I get?" Also, I develop and maintain relationships with YLs (and sometimes with their OMs, as well), who are in all phases of their ham radio vocations. I always tell people that if I cannot answer a question, I can find a YL in our organization who definitely can!

Doshia Kretke KB0NAS

The most noticeable outcome of the position is a column in the Harmonics. This wants networking with YLs throughout your district. Additionally, there are a couple of meetings on line a year, and if we are fortunate enough to have a convention year, there is an in-person meeting, and one at Dayton. The chair is supposed to be the contact person.

Because distances have kept me from meeting most members in person, COVID has actually made it a little easier--I have gotten more responses from e-mail. I think someone who is active with social media would do this well.

Suzanne Snape VE7IM

Covid 19 has not changed a thing for my position as VE District Chair and I cannot imagine things changing Post Covid, either... The members that I represent live across Canada and are few and far flung... We cannot attend Flea Markets, Amateur gatherings, Club meetings together even in the best of times... Where I live, on Vancouver Island, there are no Amateur gatherings that I could attend to promote YLRL or CLARA, mores the pity...

I e-mail the VE Members asking them for their news for each issue of the Harmonics. I am lucky in that I usually get a really good response from them all... I also fire out notes of anything that may be of interest or something they should be aware of: Silent Keys, Upcoming Contests and Challenges, DXpeditions, Annual dues, Nets...whatever pops up... I also do the same sort of thing for CLARA and am District Chair for CLARA's members in British Columbia...

Audrey McElroy KM4BUN

My role has not changed that much with COVID given that I usually reach out to youth that I find interesting and write an article for the YL Harmonics about them. Since I would interview them via email anyways, COVID hasn't changed that at all, and so I think it

wouldn't be any different post-covid. Specifically in my position, whenever I hear about a YL doing something really cool with amateur radio I just write an article and send it in so that other people can read up about it.

If you would like to volunteer or you know a great YL who meets all of the requirements and you would like to nominate them, send us an email.

Michelle W5MQC and Barbara KC1KGS
positions@yrl.org

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

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

Staying Connected During a Pandemic

Earlier this year I received an email from a member who was concerned about their radio club taking a hit from the COVID-19 pandemic. My answer was that our local radio club with around 300 members decided that they needed to do something and started to look at what they could do and would not be able to do during 2020. While my answer to her was fairly short, she really appreciated it and suggested I should tell the story to a wider audience. I tell the story not as an after-action report, as we are not there yet, but to give anyone, who needs ideas to help their club, something to think about.

Clearly in-person meetings were out, so they took all of the meetings online. They tried a couple of video conferencing platforms before settling on one of them, which they are still using, and may continue in a hybrid arrangement while transitioning to the return of in-person meetings. In addition to the discussion of the return to in-person meetings, the club has continued to talk about possibly leaving some of the smaller meetings, such as the Board meeting and a couple of committee meetings online rather than returning them to in-person meetings. No decisions have been made yet. The board took a careful look at the budget and determined that the planned 90th Anniversary year should be modified to avoid over-spending in a year with limited income. They outlined what expenses were necessary and affordable, and eliminated items that were unessential. I would like to say the club broke even in 2020, but there was a bit of red ink on the balance sheet. Thankfully it was less than \$100.00.

The 90th Anniversary pins had already been ordered and paid for, so we have a supply of them, that we are slowly selling. The pin sales have almost made up for the red ink from 2020. The main event of the 90th celebration was the on the air Special Event Station that was held during the week of May 18, the date of the Mount St. Helens eruption in 1980. The Special Event commemorated the 90th Anniversary of the club's founding and the 40th Anniversary of the eruption of Mt. St. Helens. At the time of the eruption some of our club members assisted with communications before, during, and after the eruption on the RACES radio nets that supported the Washington State recovery effort. Club members Ty W7WFP and Marianna W7WFO Kearney volunteered to participate as volcano watchers and were camped on the west side of the mountain when it erupted and were able to report on the eruption. Ty and Marianna survived the eruption. Sometime after Ty became a silent key, Marianna shared quite a bit of their story with me, and as a result I have learned much more about Mt. St. Helens than I ever thought I would know. Marianna designed the 75th Anniversary pin for the 2014 YLRL Convention in Vancouver, WA. Marianna is still a YLRL member and I am honored to have been friends with her. All of the Mt. St. Helens information is the explanation why the club special event station commemorated the club's 90th anniversary and the 40th anniversary of the Mt. St. Helens eruption. During the event I worked several stations that asked about the club's connection to the eruption and were very interested in the radio nets.

One of my pandemic memories will be the radio club's adjustment to online meetings. Our online attendance is close to what it was for in-person meetings. The 2021 balance sheet has stayed in the black. The Vice President at the time and the board negotiated the process we used for our annual club elections, held in January 2021. Elections were entirely online making use of one of the online voting platforms, and accomplished without a change to the By-Laws.

None of this came easily. Most of the board meetings held after the pandemic started lasted at least 2.5 hours, a period in which a great deal of discussion can take place. I appreciate that the Clark County Amateur Radio club worked as hard as it did to stay afloat during the pandemic, and hope that some part of the story will help others.

33-Barbara AC7UH

Critical YLRL position openings continued from March-April YL Harmonics

In the last YLH issue I outlined the need to fill three critical YLRL positions that are open. Thanks to three committed members for responding to my plea. As you have read in my "President's Message" for this issue, two of the positions were filled. Unfortunately, the third volunteer did not work out, so the Database Manager is still open. It was a pleasure meeting the third member; I thank her for volunteering and wish her well in her latest endeavor. That encounter has strengthened my opinion that the knowledge and experience we request for the Database Manager are the attributes needed to fulfill the position.

As I mentioned last time YLRL is a volunteer organization. Likewise, the Database Manager is a volunteer position and a member of the Board of Directors, along with all of the District Chairwomen, Officers, and Committee Chairs. The Database Manager is an opening that must be filled for YLRL to implement the Membership Privacy Policy properly. This year is the implementation year for the policy and adding the Database Manager to the Board will ensure the policy is implemented as it was designed to be. I am calling for anyone interested in filling the Database Manager position to contact me via email at: ac7uh@arrl.net.

In the past this position has helped to maintain the club's membership database. The current need is for the Database Manager to work with the YL Harmonics Editor and the two Receiving Treasurers to verify that the YLs who are named in each issue of Harmonics have consented to the use of their name and call sign and any other personal information in each Harmonics issue. While I have a working hypothesis of how the work could flow, it is not set in stone, so there will be room for creativity in fulfilling our need to be sure that the up-to-date members appear in YL Harmonics. The Database Manager will most likely maintain the membership records that indicate that the member has consented to the privacy policy, but I have not worked with the Receiving Treasurers, who also maintain membership records, to work out those details. While the nuts and bolts details of the job description are not written, YLRL is looking for a YL, who knows her way around her computer and computer files, and is interested in working with other active YLRL members to ensure the Membership Privacy Policy is being implemented appropriately. The Database Manager opening is a great opportunity for a YL looking to help YLRL in a position that would not involve daily or even weekly engagement. This is a ready-to-fill opening.

Another opening ready to fill is the District Chair for Alaska. The opening was created when Claudia Doyle, KL0HI, became a silent key. Unfortunately, we do not have many members from Alaska, but it would be fun to have one of them carry on where Claudia left off. Alaska is our largest state by area. Given the area, climate, weather, and other considerations amateur radio is important to the state. Those of us not in Alaska are definitely interested in the amateur radio happenings in Alaska and would be grateful to the YL or YLs willing to get the Alaskans together to send news as well as information about what's happening to the north of most of the rest of us.

Thank you for your interest in YLRL. I sincerely hope to hear from several interested YLs soon, so we can get these critical openings filled.

Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

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.