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President's Message de Barbara Yasson, AC7UH

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Help me welcome Amanda Alden, K1DDN, the new YL Harmonics Printer. Yes, most of the Harmonics are sent via email and have been for over a year; however, we still have need for some hard copies for members who don't have internet and can't work with the online file types, as well as a few other uses. Thanks to Amanda of Peak Printing in Cañon City, CO; she has agreed to get it done and I'm excited to see the printed Sept/Oct issue when it comes out.

More good news! Help me welcome the YLRL Database Manager, Barbara Robertson, KI7BR. I met Barbara during some Zoom meetings held prior to the virtual SEA-PAC Seminars the first weekend in June. When asked if she was interested in the newly defined Database Manager, she agreed to do it. Barbara and I have met with the Privacy Policy Committee, the YL Harmonics Editor, and the Receiving Treasurers via Zoom a few times to be sure that her Privacy Policy duties are in sync with the membership procedures and the YLH procedures. Barbara has been working with the list of members who joined YLRL for 2021 and for whom we have no record that they consented to the Privacy Policy. During 2021 as part of the implementation of the Membership Privacy Policy we added a check box to the membership form asking for your consent to the privacy policy as a member of YLRL. We hope that your consent suggests you have read and understand the Membership Privacy Policy. For many reasons, not all of the boxes were checked, so Barbara is working with those remaining members for their consent to the privacy policy. In addition, Barbara will read a draft copy of each new YLH issue prior to it being published to establish that all of the names in the issue are members or have consented to being mentioned in YLH or have agreed to YLH printing their picture. Thanks, Barbara, for joining the team. It is a pleasure working with you.

The November/December YL Harmonics will be the Directory Issue. The entries will be abbreviated to reduce exposing your personal information to an unfriendly online environment. The Directory Issue will be the list of YLRL members for 2021, which can't be found anyplace else, except in our membership records. Remember that if you have not consented to the Privacy Policy your name will not appear in the Directory Issue. If you have questions about the YLRL Privacy Policy, please contact me at president@YLRL.org. If you want to find out if you have consented to the Privacy Policy, DX members please contact Anne, KC9YL, at dxtreas@ylrl.org and US and Canadian members please contact Vicky, AE9YL at rectreasurer@ylrl.org

Next membership year the website and the membership form will have the following statement: *By joining Young Ladies Radio League, I consent to both the Membership Privacy Policy and, the Privacy policy found on the YLRL.org website.* After the first year we eliminated the additional consent to the policy. As always, if you have questions I am available to help.

Webmistress, Michelle Carey, W5MQC, is working with the Website Committee and the Receiving Treasurers on the website forms that will include both the 1-year and 3-year renewals. The forms are in the works and, when finished, we will be able to pay for our memberships on the website using either the 1-year or 3-year options. Thanks to Michelle and her helpers for updating the website.

Please take a look at the Nominating Committee's article. It is important we fill **all** of the positions before the ballot goes out. If any of the positions look interesting to you, please check out the May/June YLH for information about those positions. If you have further questions contact the Nominating

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Happy 82nd Anniversary to YLRL

“CQ North America YL”, this is (DX callsign) calling “CQ North America YL”

“CQ DX YL”, this is (NA call sign) calling “CQ DX YL”

The year was 1939 when 12 women banded together to form the YLRL. In October 1939, a constitution was adopted, the first bulletin appeared in November and in December the bulletin became a newsletter and was called “YL Harmonics”. A December QSO Party in 1939 was the start of YLRL activity which has developed into a number of contests. That QSO Party paved the way for the current DX/NA-YL Anniversary Party Contest. This contest has been held consecutively since the founding of YLRL in 1939 ... 2021 marks 82 Years ... that's a lot of candles!

Rules are simple: DX YLs call “CQ North America YL” and North America YLs call “CQ DX YL”. Rules can be found at YLRL.org. Dates are: 1400 UTC October 8 through 0200 UTC October 10.

A reminder that the YLRL 2021 Favorite National Park continues through December 31, 2021. There are many other ongoing working contests that you can earn certificates. All contest rules can be found in YLRL.org

Happy Contesting
33 Rita McConnell
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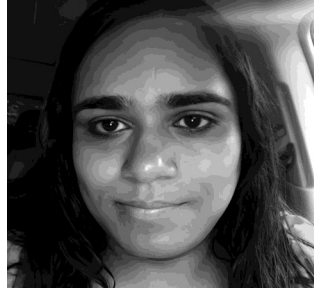
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Committee. We look forward to starting 2022 with a new and complete slate of officers. As YLRL is a volunteer organization, we need all of the members to help when they can. If you have any of the qualifications for one of the offices, please consider running. It is easier to get started on time in January than to have to catch up in February or March after the President appoints you.

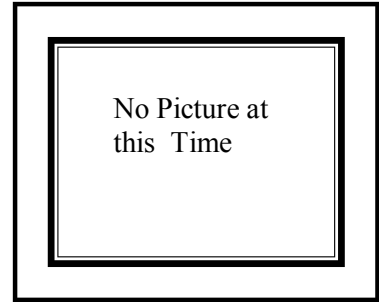
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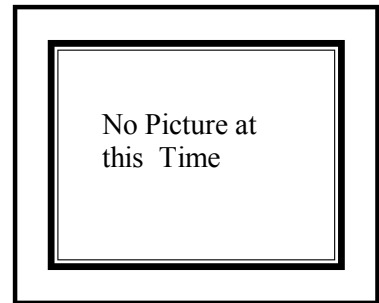
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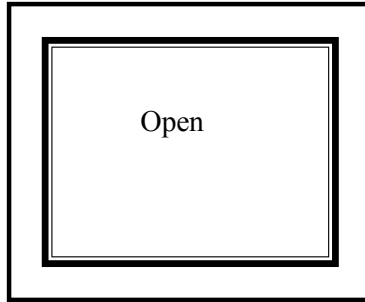
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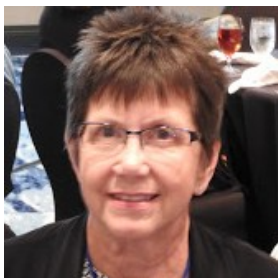
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Tami holds a General license.

Use QRZ to learn more about our new members!

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.

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Hi Ladies,

We are working on refreshing the website. As with all projects I am sure there will be some hiccups. One of the first things you will see are updated registration/renewal forms. We will try to get these in place soon. Then we will get started on the rest of the website. There are some things you can do to help.

- Send updated photos of YL's participating in anything Amateur radio (make sure we have the release)
- Notify us of upcoming events. We will try to get them on the website. Give us as many details as possible.
- Do you have any cool content? Send it to us.
 - Are you doing/building anything? Send us the details and any photos. We may be able to spotlight it!
 - Did you create any programs/presentations we can share with other YL's so they can share as well?
 - Did you go on any dxpeditions or POTAs?

As always, if you see something wrong or misspelled, let us know. Sometimes it's hard to see the errors after staring at the code for a while.

33, Michelle, W5MQC
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CQ YL'S,

Calling all US YL'S. This includes Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Your membership expires 12/31/2021. You can start renewing for next year. This year, you can renew for 3 years. You can renew via PayPal or send a check to me. My address is in the Harmonics or on the website. Avoid the rush! Renew for next year now. If you have any questions about your renewal, you can email me at rectreasurer@yrl.org or ae9ylradio@gmail.com.

73,33,

Vicky AE9YL

District News

District 1

From Barbara, KC1KGS:

In early August, I happened to find out about the World's Largest Teapot Special Event Station while on FT8 and then spent the remaining days of the event trying to track down all the stations--fun and challenging—I missed getting one, but was still satisfied with my work!

I participated in a 70 cm ¼ wave ground plane antenna-building class at our club-Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society (STARS) and made a workable antenna out of commonly-sourced parts with expert guidance from club leaders. We attached the antennas to nanoVNAs to check SWR and then had the opportunity to try them out--yes, I could hit several repeaters!

It was great to meet Anne, WB1ARU, and other ladies at the Northeast HamXposition-lots of energy at the meeting and many learning opportunities!



Barbara, KC1KGS, and the antenna she made

From Anne, WB1ARU, and Barbara, KC1KGS:

Anne, WB1ARU, and Barbara, KC1KGS, staffed the YLRL booth at the Northeast HamXposition in Marlborough, MA on September 10-12. Almost 50 ladies stopped by (YLS and others who were curious!). Total attendance was estimated to be about 1000. We also hosted a YL forum, where we chatted about our backgrounds and interests in ham radio and how we could help each other in the hobby. Each YL present had her own unique story to share. A number of good ideas surfaced, which we will bring forward for discussion and/or implementation. There were door prizes for 3 lucky winners! We were also happy to welcome two new members to YLRL. A fun and informative time was had at the HamXpo!!



Barb, KC1KGS, and Anne, WB1ARU, welcome new member Jules, KD2FOU, at the YLRL booth



Barbara, KC1KGS, and Anne, WB1ARU at Northeast HamXposition

District 3

After almost a year of lockdown, wearing masks and not being able to see or hug our kids and grandkids it was a relief to be able to get out and live life again. Although I didn't really mind holeing up with my spouse, Richie-Pooh , W3SYY, it is good to be able to get out and go to church and have lunch with my cronies and do other things besides housework and yard work.

In June my local daughter, Karin, and her daughter, Chloe, dressed up in our best Western duds and flew to Denver where we met my daughter, Kristal from TX, and then continued our journey to Casper, WY, to attend my granddaughter, Kathleen's, wedding. What a wonderful, exciting and fun-filled trip we had. We caused quite a stir in our Western duds going thru the airports. My girls looked like they were going back to the ranch and I looked like I was going to a saloon to a WildWest Show!!! Hi Hi

A week after our return we had our annual Family 4th of July week-long camp out. All the kids, grand-kids, and great- grandkids who could make it, came for a week of fun, family and fellowship around the campfires. My kids are spread all over the country so we never know who will show up.

I belong to 2 local ham clubs so go to meetings again and check into nets everyday on 2M but my HF contacts have been down because one of my antennas is down. I'm working on the OM to get another more reliable one so I can resume HF. The weather has been HOT this month but now it is cooling down and tonight and tomorrow we will be dealing with heavy rain from hurricane Ida coming up our way thru PA.

Barb KA3VXR

District 5

District 5 News

Well its official, the District 5 meet up at the USS Batfish is cancelled. They have started construction and we cannot get on the grounds. Both good and bad news.

If you are in the area, our next hamfest will be in Ardmore Oklahoma. Join us for Hamarama Oct 22-23. The Ardmore Convention Center 2401 N. Rockford, Ardmore, OK 73401

From the YL's

Leah Ohse, W3LEO, is participating as an operator for the RT66 on the air. Hopefully she makes lots of contacts!

Susan Meckley, W7KFI, weathered hurricane Ida. She said visibility was due to the rain was about 100 feet sometimes even less...have never seen rain this strong combined with heavy winds...lots of tornadoes in the area. We are glad she is ok!

Beth, KC5RWW has moved from Oklahoma back to Texas. Now she will get to spend more time with the grandkids!!

It's still summer in the South so that means you can find Kelley, K5KTX, out with her RV, exploring the world! If you run into her, ask her about her smashburgers on the Blackstone griddle!

Do you know anyone looking for a bagpipe instructor? Virginia, NV5F, is seeing students again! She is awesome!

Its Fair Time in District 5! Check out the entries from some of our YL's. What a talented group we have!

Vonnie, KE5RKC, entered lemon meringue, cherry, pecan, apple, and iced lime pies, cinnamon buns, other delicious looking cakes and best of all some awesome quilts! She won 1st place with her tie dye quilt and lime iced pie. Vonnie you are so cooking at the next meet up!

Judy, KC5BOO, received an "Honorable Mention" for her crochet encased rock. Check out the picture! Great job Judy!

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Michelle
W5MQC



Crochet encased rock



Lime Iced Pie



Tie dye quilt.

District 7

I have been busy finding a new abode for Stephen and me (a residential care facility, where we have a two room "suite"), packing up the house and selling it, and moving us to our new home. Whew! I'm slowly entering the world of the living and giving up sleeping all day. I've even accepted a new volunteer job: Saturday Bingo Caller! The residents are good for my ego as everyone often thanks me and tells me what a wonderful job I do.

A bit of sad news to share: I had to sell all of my radio equipment and paraphernalia... I discovered that the owners weren't too excited about my antennae, even a simple wire for HF. I sold/gave most of my things to an extremely grateful, genuinely nice amateur radio enthusiast – I know that he will make extremely good use of every bit of equipage.

I'm so happy to be back amongst you! I wasn't sure that I would have my new laptop ready to go, nor did I know if I could get our two rooms in order sufficiently to take back my District 7 responsibilities.

Well, I did, but the sad news is that I had to sell/give away all of my radio equipment. I can't even put up a "stealth" long wire antenna! This place is wonderful, though! I'm letting you, District 7 members, that I really need your help now by letting me know what is happening radio-wise in your worlds! Thank you and 33/73, Robin KJ7BI

From Barbara, KI7BR: Grandma, Mitzy the Maine Coon, and I are all doing well. Grandma and I are still chipping away at the landscaping for our house as it's a new build with no lawn (at my request). So we're making plans and paying for occasional help from a daughter of another YL as well as my brother

because neither Grandma (99) nor I (freshly-turned 60) have great backs nor the ability to stoop for extended periods. But we have a new patio in place, and the house is slowly taking shape. Radio activities: (1) YLRL President Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, asked me about serving as Database Manager for YLRL, and I accepted. I'm still learning more about the role, but honored to help support YLRL! You might

hear from me if you haven't yet indicated acceptance of our Privacy Policy (😊) ... Still serving as a Co-Assistant Net Manager as well as one of the net hosts for the World Wide Friendship Net (on the Michigan Conference on Echolink, 14:00 UTC), helping to back up our net hosts. I set up a Facebook page for the Net that is seeing increased membership and posts. (3) I'm on the Seapac (District 7's ARRL Convention) Planning Committee as Vendor Hospitality Chair, hoping we'll get to hold it in person in 2022. Both Grandma and I are hoping the rates of COVID transmissions (particularly from Delta and other variants) goes down. We just had to cancel a once-every-ten-years party we were about to hold for all our family members with "zero" birthdays. This year it was my youngest cousin (40), my baby brother (50), me (60), my uncle (70), my father (80) and my grandmother (100!). So disappointed - but I'm hopeful we can begin to gather again safely and enjoyably, and soon. Until then, "see" you on the radio! 33, KI7BR

From Judy, KC7KPG: We've been camped in Deming, NM for the last couple of months. We will leave here September 16th for a week in Albuquerque, NM. We will slowly return to Pahrump, NV where CJ, K7CJS, YLRL member lives, where we have many radio activities to participate in before going to our winter off the grid in the AZ/CA desert. We are still looking for a place to put down roots and buy another home, but just haven't decided yet where that will be. We are keeping safe from the virus with our vaccinations and masks and enjoying other ham campers' company. What a wonderful life we have. It is so nice making radio contacts with other YLs and meeting new ones. 33, KC7KPG

From Ingrid, W7ISG: We live in Phoenix, Arizona, and everyone familiar with this area knows all about the "dry heat" down here in the desert. This summer, the Monsoon, which brought us the long-awaited rain, made it so oppressively humid that we took every excuse to escape to moderate sections of the state. Fortunately, more than half of Arizona's terrain consists of mountains and high plateau regions. We went with our camper to the south, the east and the north to enjoy the refreshing mountainous climate. Mt. Graham became our Field Day site after Mingus Mountain closed down because of wildfire danger. We found two exceptional campsites in the White Mountains and one in the Coconino National Forest surrounded by tall Ponderosa Pines. Each time we enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow ham friends and returned with new energy. Back home, the gathering of QSOs for the YLRL Favorite National Park Certificate gave me an excellent opportunity to work YLs and get involved with YL nets. I learned about the MINOW net from Anne, WB1ARU, and the YL Net on Wednesday night. For that evening, she was the Net Control Operator and told me that MINOW stands for Minnesota, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington and that any YL can join. So I am joining YL nets whenever our schedule and radio propagation agree. It has been very nice to get to know other YLs' interests and, of course, learn about their favorite National Park. To achieve the YLRL Favorite National Park Certificate requires contacting a minimum of 15 YLs and learning what the other YL's favorite National Park is. The trick is that duplicate parks don't count. My favorite park is the Saxon Switzerland National Park in the southeastern part of Germany near Dresden. Beautiful sandstone formations in that National Park remind me so much of the Chiricahua National Monument in the southeast part of Arizona. The rules for the Certificate and the application form are available at the YLRL.org site. It is a lot of fun and certainly gets one on the air searching for other YLs. 33/88, Ingrid, W7ISG

Editor's note: MINOW stands for **Montana**, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.



Ingrid , W7ISG, in her campet

District 9

District 9 Sept- Oct News

It's hard to believe Fall is coming already. Time flies when you're having fun. Since the last column my OM and I played the 13 colonies special event and got all 13 plus the bonus WM3PEN. We have received our certificate and we ordered and received a clean sweep mug. I have gotten all 14 QSL cards, they are really quite nice. Each one has a different tall ship depicted on it. District 9 has a new member, Tami KD9LHE, welcome to the group. 33, KC8PKY

This from Anne KC9YL,

During the August CW NAQP, I was able to snag my 50th state for Worked All States, which also makes me eligible for the Triple Play Award. Since January 1, 2021 52% of my contacts have been CW and only 8% SSB. If you've been dabbling in CW but don't quite feel you're "ready for prime time" check out the K1USN SST activity on Sunday evenings. <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html> It's a SLOW speed contest, and participants are advised to keep their speed under 20wpm. I will generally operate about 16wpm but will adjust my speed for those calling CQ - or answering - at a slower rate. The exchange is simple - first name & S/P/C. N1MM+ and N3FJP both support the SSTs. Using Super Check Partial and Call History Files makes logging a breeze. If you'd like a little more challenge, give Wednesday's CWT's a try. <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/> The only differences are - well, the speed (approx 25+wpm) - and CWOps members give a number (up to 4 digits) as part of their exchange. Non-members still exchange their first name and S/P/C. Both activities last an hour and are good practice for your ears, and your fist!

One of my local radio clubs just finished up our W9B special event - Whiskey 9 Bratwurst with 245 contacts, celebrating Sheboygan's Johnsonville Brat Days. In previous years, a station was set up on the festival grounds, but crowd/music noise and iffy weather conditions made the decision to operate off-site an easy one. We no longer have a club station set up so members operated from their home QTHs for the past two years. For the first time, we offered FREE certificates - emailed as a PDF - to anyone who requested one, which turned out to be a VERY popular option!

If you've seen my Facebook posts, you've noticed that I am just finishing up a Couch to 5K program. I have always LOVED the idea of running, but just never had the stamina. With my 50 year class reunion looming, I figured I'd give it one last effort. 6 weeks ago, I could barely run for 90 seconds without

stopping. Now I can run for 30 minutes! The Wisconsin weather has made for some brutal running conditions lately. Even getting up a bit earlier than usual, the temps have been in the mid to high 70s, and the humidity many days the last several weeks have been 100%. I "power walk" on the off days - about 5 miles. I feel better, and am sleeping better than I have in years, and the extra activity has really helped to keep my stress levels down!

My garden is doing well, the tomatoes are beginning to ripen and the eggplants are just about finished. Soon I'll be digging the carrots and beets. I have just added an autoharp to my musical instrument collection - a ukulele and banjolele. Playing music and singing along is also a great stress-buster.

Take care, ladies and get on the air!!!

73

District 10

Barbara, KD0WAW, and her hubby Wayne, KD0WAT, did a little flying in Kansas in N80764. Barb took her five watt HT along and made eight ham radio contacts. One contact was from North Dakota. Not too bad at 1,700 AGL. We really enjoyed the flight, air was smooth as silk and felt like cruising in a 747 until the landing in a cross wind, but everything went well. We're still here to talk about it.



What a view!!



Barbara, KD0WAW, and Wayne, KD0WAT

Greetings from District 10!

Mid-September and somehow this feels more like a new year than January. I guess that comes from so many years tied to the school season. Maybe that might be why I am looking for new things to think about and learn. VARA is a new (for us) mode of digital communications that appears to have some "last mile" potential for internet communications when local ability to connect is down. That "last mile" (or "first mile") is critical. Covid has been a long process, hasn't it. I have hardly been in groups of people except my close family since March of last year. (The exception was the 100-year birthday bash for my mother, held in the summer so it could be outside). However, my OM and I recently went to a picnic where we happened to sit in the shade with two other couples—well, one and a half—the males of which are hams. One of the OM's was off doing Summits on the Air. We chatted for some time about the things hams chat about, and the two wives listened, apparently, but said nothing. How sad. How do we convince women like these to give it a try? Or more importantly, how can we involve the wives of hams who are younger than their probably 80 years? I have known these women for years, but did not know their husbands were hams.

We talked about the modes being used, a recent nation-wide VARA exercise, sunspots and Morse code, also the weather for activating summits (It has been hot and dry here, so not much snow even on the high peaks).

At one point fairly recently I had a conversation with a younger YL who was convinced that there is no need for a special group for YLs. She feels completely accepted by her male peers, and is quite active. After the picnic discussion, I think she is wrong. For her, there may be no need. For many others, the need is clear.

Whatever you are doing, I do hope that you are enjoying it. Take care and stay healthy, all of you.

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Doshia, KB0NAS for district 10.

Liselotte Hermann, KA8IWD, SK

Liselotte M. "Lilo" Hermann, 93, of Lancaster, died Friday, June 11, 2021, at the LanFair Rehabilitation Center.

Lilo was retired from Dr. Rankin's Dental practice in Baltimore, Ohio, and B. Spence & Associates, Lancaster. She was a volunteer at the Fairfield County District Library, and a longtime member of the Buckeye Belles Ladies Amateur (HAM) Radio group, with the call sign KA8IWD.

Lilo is survived by her son, Robert "Bob" Hermann, his wife, Jamie Hermann, and her grandson, John Hermann, all of St. Johns, FL, and her niece and Goddaughter, Carola Schweda of the Canary Islands, as well as her three children. She was preceded in death by her husband, John "Jack" Hermann, and son, Richard "Rick" Hermann, and his partner, John Manning, of Columbus, as well as her parents, Liesel and Fritz Schubert, and her sister, Inge Fisher, of Beerfelden, Germany. Lilo was born in Beerfelden, Germany, on September 27, 1927, and grew up as a teenager during WWII. She later met her husband, Jack Hermann, in Germany, and was married in Heidelberg in 1951, after which she moved to the United States, and was a U.S. citizen for the remainder of her life. Friends are invited to attend her interment ceremony and remembrance at Maple Grove Cemetery, Lancaster, in late July. Exact date and time will be available from Halteman-Fett & Dyer Funeral Home.



VE News

Ann, VE3HAI, writes that she has enjoyed most of this Covid summer by sitting in her newly landscaped east garden. (The White House is not the only home with an east lawn) The summer has been unusually hot and humid in Toronto, but lots of hydration, good books and solid internet made sitting under the trees very pleasant. I do believe bare feet on grass must lower your blood pressure or at least help it. I do hope you all have your special place to enjoy during these trying times. Be well, get vaccinated and stay safe. Cheers to all. Ann VE3HAI

Helen, VA1YL, writes: Oh my! I have had a stroke! I just can't speak around my talk. My sisters from Quebec and Ontario have come down to Nova Scotia and they go back to their homes soon. My daughters have to be in Alaska and Dominican Republic (Margaret) and my Anne is in the UK. We have to get on ZOOM on Sundays! We got a cat before the shut down! Ramona!
33 Helen VA1YL

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: Aw, it is September !! The appalling and unusual heat we suffered on the West Coast this past summer is finally behind us and the temperatures have dropped into the mid 20C !! A little nippy in the mornings, a little bit of rain and lovely sunny days. Forest Fire Alerts in BC have ended even though there are still 205 fires burning. Fruit is ripening and the weekly Farmer's Market is overflowing with lovely fresh produce. I am so lucky to have all this on my doorstep. Covid is now moving into Wave #4 and I do hope all of you are now vaccinated and keeping as safe as you possibly can. It's the only thing we can do during these trying times to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe. Statistics are telling us it is the unvaccinated that are the vast majority of the new cases arriving in our hospitals. Children, too. Connect the dots, folks !! Echolink Nets are a joy, to me. Just hearing YL voices floating into my home and to hear their news and views is something I look forward to very much. The Nets keep us all nicely connected with each other. I understand the HF Nets are starting up again after the summer break. I hope many of you will check-in to the Tangle Net on 20M each Thursday. Listen for Pat, K7DUC, in Arizona. Hopefully propagation will cooperate... Would hate for that Net to fail and fade away...
Keep well, take care and stay safe... 33 Suzanne VE7IM



VE1VCI Merle Taylor, Canada – SK



Merle had just turned sixteen when war was declared in September 1939.

In 1942, when Merle was 19, she saw an opportunity to apply to be a Wireless Operator in the Royal Canadian Air Force, Women's Division. She was hired and her main responsibility was Morse Code.

After her training, Merle was sent to Number 1 Wireless School in Montreal. There she learned how to use Morse Code, how to signal using lights and flags, as well as other theoretical classes such as the components of a radio. She taught the code to pilots through the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

On her twentieth birthday August 2, 1943, she married Fred Taylor.

In 1986 Merle passed the exams necessary to become a ham radio operator – receiving a mark of 100 percent on the Morse Code test. She set up her radio system in her basement and communicated with people around the world, both through voice and Morse Code. During the 1980s, she even won the provincial annual amateur radio competition.

The image above shows Fred and Merle on their wedding day, which was also Merle's twentieth birthday. You can see their matching red shoulder badges with rays of electricity, showing that they were both in Communications

More about this remarkable woman's life, with pictures, on the sites listed below:

<https://www.saltwire.com/.../emilie-chiasson-meet-merle...>

<https://www.cbc.ca/.../merle-taylor-morse-code...>

<https://www.elinorflorence.com/.../merle-taylor-morse.../...>

Credits ; Heather Holland – Thanks....



DX News

Tammie M3ENF (England) took this whilst on a trip to the park with her Mum for her 70th birthday in early August. They sat in the car watching this squirrel playing in, on and around the rubbish bin :) He got in a number of times!

Tammie M3ENF,



Ngairé, ZL2UJT (New Zealand)

Backyards on the Air from New Zealand

As we are now in lock down because of the spread of the Delta COVID one of our NZART members organised an activity to replace SOTA (Summits on the Air).

The criteria was to set up in your back yard and operate portable with as many contacts as you can make between 1-3PM on Sunday 22nd August.

It wasn't a contest so no logs etc.

You could use any type of portable antenna. It was suggested to make a "Delta Loop", very appropriate for the situation.

My OM and I set up a trestle table in the door of our Garage with Kenwood TS50, plus a homemade software defined radio using a Magnetic loop. Unfortunately, the wind came up just as we were setting up and the rest of the day we nearly froze in the doorway.

We only made a few contacts as the noise on 80 metres was horrendous, but 40 metres on S4 and 5 was much easier to copy. Midway I popped inside to grab a coffee to warm us up.

We live next to a walkway and it was really funny to see the looks as people walked past our fence. I put a sign out to explain what we were doing but not sure if they could read it clearly, but our neighbour popped out to her front yard to watch us operating for a while.

A really fun activity to do during Lockdown.

Rosel, DL3KWR (Germany)

The world is beautiful when you get beautiful occasions designed. This year I was able to celebrate my birthday twice. The first was shown by the calendar on June 11 - 82 years. My older daughter, including family, surprised me with an unannounced visit. The second birthday was 50 days later - 30000 days! The radio played in honour of me Handel's Messiah "Hallelujah" and Hardy invited me for a festive lunch in our preferred restaurant on the Baltic Sea.

Now in September we are back for two weeks in Denmark in a holiday house, which we have rented the 5th time. It is not far from the Baltic Sea, surrounded by trees and bushes, has a beautiful meadow and offers space for our 10-Meter vertical antenna. Again, this year I can use the call sign OZ6SYL of the Scandinavian YL group SYLRA. Of course, I am also in the CW part of the Scandinavian Activity Contest SAC QRV. I have been the most active YL in Scandinavia several times.

It is nice to be able to look forward to the next highlights.

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Monique (Moon), PD0YL (Netherlands)

Here a few of my QSLs Eqsl from the last couple of months. This summer was great a lot from Europe. I have also a confirm LOTW from ***CSI on Sep 1. I thought he was not copy me, but bingo and I was so surprised I even couldn't find the words on the freq. All worked on a Wire GV5Junior 4m above the ground and 25W

So, you see the YL having great fun on the radio small but a happy YL.

Moon started her YL station HAM radio on March 21, 2020. She writes: For me Ham radio is a passion and enjoy every contact I make.

PD0YL Mrs Monica

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 Call Sign : **PD0YL.**
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 qualifying bands
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Operator: Thomas, Location: Lifford Co. Antrim, Northern Ireland.
 M10MOD, WAB : J26. LOC : IO64XM. Book NO: 19839. 21920
 Northern Ireland Region 8 Remembering HRH Prince Philip Duke Of Edinburgh.

100 years of the Russian Air Force
R109WWS

R109WWS cfm QSO with PD0YL

Date	Time (UTC)	Mode	Band	RS(T)
14-Aug-2021	20:07	SSB	20M	59

BR-01

HAMLOG.online

OE130KUK

130 year anniversary of the first telegraphy course in the "Franz Josef-Casern" in Tulln.

In 1891 a cavalry telegraphist course was first established in the "Franz Josef-Casern" in Tulln (Lower-Austria). In the following years up to approx. 1917 infantry companies were also stationed in Tulln to learn telegraphy. That was unique in the imperial-royal monarchy Austria-Hungary.

Confirming QSO to:
PD0YL
 DATE (MM/YY) 01-09-2021
 Time (UTC) 11:47
 Band 20m
 Mode 2x USB
 RS(T) 59

ADL 305 Tulln - Stoolz.net



YLRL 2022/2023 BALLOT

This year you will have the option to mail in your ballot or fill it out online. The email with the link to vote online will be emailed on Oct 8th, 2021. Voting closes Nov 18th, 2021.

If you are interested in an open position, please email president@yrl.org

This ballot is for those mailing in their vote.

YOUR INFORMATION

First Name:	Last Name:	Call Sign:
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Anne Dirkman, KC9YL

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District 2

Ria Jairam, N2RJ

District 3

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District 4

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District 5

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Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

District 7

Robin Resnick, KJ7BI

District 8

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

District 9

Linda Metz, KC8PKY

District 10

Barbara Schlueter, KD0WAW

District AK

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District DX

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Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

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Mail your ballot to:

Anne Manna, WB1ARU
YLRL Secretary
614 Webster St
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Date:

Signature:

09-21-2021

Candidates and their information provided in order of appearance on the ballot.

Rita McConnell, NE0DB

Extra License, I was licensed in 2016 and became a member of YLRL. I live in Pueblo West, Colorado, with Jim (NE0DA). I participate in emergency communications, ARRL Field Day, fox hunts and various YL Echolink nets. My interests are special events, contesting and collecting QSL cards. Memberships include: ARRL, YLISSB, CLARA, BYLARA and Pueblo West ARC.

33 Rita

Anne Manna, WB1ARU

Extra license, licensed in 1976, YLRL since 1997, DC 1 '86-07, President 08-09, Secretary since 2010. Member ARRL; WRONE, Past president, Net Control, and Membership Chair; CLARA; BYLARA; ALARA; QCWA; 10-X; So. Shore RA; K1USN. Attended all but one YLRL Convention since '82. Enjoys Field Day, nets, public service, YL contests, "rag-chew" QSOs. OM is Tony, WA1ENO. Lives in Hanover, MA.

Judy Cox, KC5BOO

Hello. My name is Judy Cox (KC5Boo) and I was first licensed in 2015. I love ham radio and the friendship and encouragement the ham community provides. I first became interested in radio as a means to communicate with others. I'm 67 years old and have had rheumatoid arthritis since I was 5. I have never let that slow me down though. However, as a result I'm mostly homebound and radio is a way for me to travel and make friends worldwide. One of my great joys recently is getting to know a group of women in India via their daily Echolink net. I love participating in nets, special events, and in any way I can to help my local community. I host my own special event "Boo To You" on October 31. I live in Cleburne, Texas with my husband of 43 years. We have 3 children and 10 grandchildren. I'm the only radio operator in the family but I keep trying to instill radio love in the others.

Vicky Luetzelschwab, AE9YL

My name is Vicky Luetzelschwab and my callsign is AE9YL. I have been a ham since 1987. I received my Extra class license with 13wpm code in 2000. My OM is ham and he became my mentor. His callsign is K9LA and he is the Director for the Ninth Call Area. I am a Special Education teacher in a Catholic School. I am a member of the ARRL, FISTS, and the Amateur Radio Lighthouse Society. I like to work DX and Contest.

Anne Dirkman, KC9YL

I have been a YLRL member since 2013 and took over the DX Treasurer position in January 2019. I am a "late bloomer" in amateur radio - first licensed at age 57 as KC9UHH - but am an active DXer and contester, operating SSB, RTTY, FT8, and CW. I upgraded to Amateur Extra in 2013. I now operate about 75% CW, including QRP. I have attended national conventions in Oklahoma City and Winnipeg (Clara) and am a regular attendee at HamVention. I operate special event stations at our local Maritime Museum and EAA Airventure and am a Volunteer Examiner. Other hobbies include being retired, playing Mah Jongg, running, volunteering at the local Historical Society and playing the ukulele. I am an active member/officer of several amateur radio clubs, local ARES, county and DX groups - and am a Board Member of the Society of Midwest Contesters. Currently, I lead a weekly YL Open House/Forum for the Long Island CW Club. -Anne KC9YL

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Barbara Irby, KC1KGS

I am an AE, first licensed in 2018 and have been a member of YLRL since 2019. My Elmer is my OM, WB4EJR, who has been a ham for many decades. I am a member of ARRL and Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society (STARS) in Natick, MA, and an active VE, doing both in person and online testing. I enjoy various local and regional nets and special events. I am learning more about digital modes (FT8) and plan get back to doing more public service as COVID restrictions ease. Maybe CW is in my future!

Ria Jairam, N2RJ

Extra license, licensed in 1997 in her native Trinidad and Tobago, FCC license in 2001 after emigrating to the United States. YLRL since 2016, DC 2 since 2018. Member ARRL, Hudson Division Director; Frankford Radio Club, Northern NJ section manager; VE. Avid DXer and contester, has won many awards in amateur radio contesting, particularly in HF DX contesting. Very involved in mentoring and teaching both new hams and experienced hams, particularly with HF. Regular check-in and contributor the YL OP net on Echolink and sometimes the Yankee Lassies net on HF. Alumna of the NYU Tandon School of Engineering, works as a lead IT project engineer in the financial sector. Volunteers with several youth technology initiatives including FIRST robotics. Proud mom of triplets. Lives in Sussex, NJ.

Carol Milazzo, KP4MD

Dr. Carol Milazzo is the current District 6 Chairwoman of the Young Ladies' Radio League. Starting as a short wave listener in the 60's she has been a licensed amateur radio operator since 1970. Carol has been a member of ARRL since 1973, the Medical Amateur Radio Council (MARCO) since 1977 and the YLRL since 2005. Carol and her husband Roger, KI6FYF, who became a silent key in 2018, are Life members of the ARRL where she currently serves as ARRL Sacramento Valley Section Manager. Carol maintains a personal web page at qsl.net/kp4md and is n6na.org webmaster for the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society in Sacramento. When her busy pediatric practice permits, Carol plays piano and is active on CW, phone and digital modes from 160 meters through 432 MHz. Carol has published articles on satellite tracking, filter design programming, antenna modeling, WSPR data analysis.

Robin Resnick, KJ7BI

I've been licensed since 1993, having gotten my ticket because my grandfather ,W7EOE, SK, bribed me into it with his Swan 700. I used to rag-chew for hours on the HF bands and often was NET Control for the Handi-Hams and the MINOWs. Four months ago, I had to sell my house and most belongings, including radios and accompanying gear, and move myself and my partner into a residential care facility. Antennas not allowed - boohoo!

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

Nancy was first licensed in 1989 as KC4IYD and has kept that call as she upgraded from General to Extra in 1992. She is married to Steve Hall, W8HF, and they have a daughter Carol, W8CSH, who recently graduated from college with a degree in Film Production and minor in Business. Nancy is a Past YLRL President, Vice President, and Receiving Treasurer. She was the chair for the 2002 YLRL Convention in Ohio. She is the current DC 8 chair and is the trustee for the YLRL club K4LMB. She enjoys working special events station, contesting, and building QRP kits. She was the 15th Recipient of the Ohio Allan Severson AB8P (SK) Memorial Award and is currently the president of the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club, NA8SA.

She is both a research scientist and project manager working in the International Space Station (ISS) and Human Health Office at the NASA Glenn Research Center. In this Office, she has worked on projects that studied the behavior of polymers, liquid crystals, two phase flow systems, flow boiling and condensation systems and how these fluids and systems behave differently in microgravity as compared to here

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on Earth. She has been at NASA Glenn for over 30 years. She supports many education and outreach activities and currently works with high school students who design and fabricate hardware, soft goods and prototypes for NASA astronauts. She is the author of several scientific papers and a contributing author to the book "Frontiers of Propulsion Science". She is a Girl Scout Troop leader, enjoys playing golf, and reading science fiction and fantasy books.

Linda Metz, KC8PKY

Extra license, licensed in 2000, YLRL since 2001, President 14/15, Vice president 12/13. Enjoys fox hunting, ARES, RACES, contesting. OM is Dave, KC8OBH. Lives in Knox, IN.

Barbara Schlueter, KD0WAW

I am a member of the Flint Hills ARC, Augusta, KS, the Wichita ARC, the USS Batfish ARC in OK and ARRL. I worked with the Butler County Community Emergency Response Team in charge of Communications. I enjoy working the Kansas QSO Party each year representing Greenwood County. My OM, KD0WAT, and I setup portable for two days deep in the Kansas Flint Hills and make contacts all over the world during the Party.

I started the Ladies On The Air (LOTA) Net in July of 2016. We meet every Tuesday night at 8:00 PM Central. The purpose of the net is for YLs to have fun each week and to learn some radio in the process. We are on the KD0WAW-L node and it is interfaced to the Kan Okla Intertie system. I have an Extra Class license since 2013 and have been with the YLRL since 2016. I live in Andover, KS

Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

Licensed in 2002

Member of CLARA - BC Area Rep

Member of YLRL - VE District Chair

Pictures



Ngaire, ZL2UJT



Rosel DL3KWR

Notes

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.