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Hello to all,

Springtime is upon us and naturally, that turns our thoughts to Dayton! Yes, it is almost time for the Dayton Hamvention®, which will be held in a new location this year.

The dates are May 19-21, 2017. My OM, Tom and I are really looking forward to attending and we hope that you are too. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

If you can't make it to Dayton, CLARA is having its 50th Birthday Celebration in Winnipeg in July. All the details can be found on the YLRL website. It looks like it will be a lot of fun and we are looking forward to attending.

Now that winter is over and the better weather is just ahead. In addition to Dayton, there are numerous Ham-fests being held throughout the summer and fall months. So, even if you can't make it to Dayton this year, try to attend a local Hamfest and give your support to local clubs.

The YL-OM contest was held on the first weekend of February. I hope that those of you who participated and had a great time and made lots of contacts. The next contest, the DX-NA YL Anniversary contest will be held the first weekend in October. Mark your calendars now for that event!

One last thing. YLRL's last convention was in 2014. It is time for us to find someone to host our next convention. 2018 is probably too soon for anyone to be able to do so, and we are thinking about 2019. Please consider having your YL club host our next convention in your area.

Since the last one was held on the west coast and the previous one was on the east coast, somewhere in the central part of the country would be ideal. Please think about it and talk it over with your YL friends and volunteer to take on this project. The Convention is the only time when we can all get together and it is always so much fun! We are waiting to hear from you.

33 de Bobbie, W1JX



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Check out the May/June issue for information on the YL-OM Contest results! Don't forget the DX YL-NA YL Anniversary Contest in October!

The YLs from Texas want to remind everyone about the "YLs Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net, 3.947 at 8:00 a.m. Texas time on Thursdays. Not limited to Texans."

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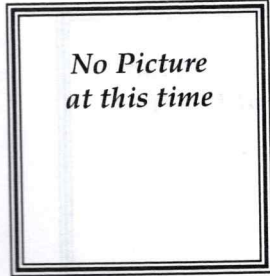
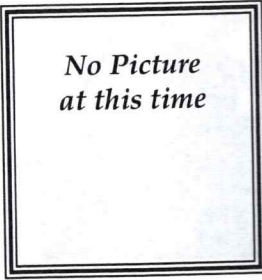
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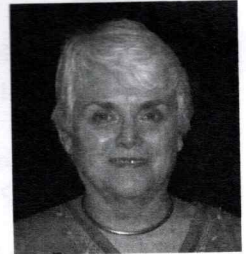
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de The Editor

Hello YLRL!

With the Mar/April issue, I should now be back on track with timing. Please help us keep that way by sending in YOUR news and photos in a timely manner for the District Chairwomen to get the news in their columns. Their deadlines are the 15th of every even month, so please get items to them by the 7th of the even months.

Photos are great and JPEG attachments to an email are the best! Color is perfect as well. We will do all the "editing" of the items, so just get them sent in to us!

I know many of you will have Dayton Hamvention® YLRL news, so please send it and pictures to your DC (or the editor) ASAP after getting home from the event. We want to get it into the May/June issue as July/August will be focusing on Field Day. Remember to send us your YL Field Day news as well and LOTS and LOTS of Pictures!!!!

33,

Cheryl, NØWBV

Changes and Corrections

Correction!

Many apologies. The pictures from District 6 were mistakenly left out of the column in January/February. They are included in the District 6 column in this issue. We are sorry for the mistake.

In Our Thoughts

Lois, WB3EFQ received news from Marilyn, ZL2BOA and is not sure when Aola passed but she was a long-time member and a lovely lady. "I met her in Toronto at CLARA and Tom and I met them when we were in New Zealand."

It is with regret I report the passing of ZL1ALE, Aola last night, 8 months after the death of her OM, ZL1AMN, Dave. I have been asked by the family to write the eulogy and I will do so. I will look at seeing if I can get up there to Auckland to deliver it myself but it is a long way from here.

Aola has been a great friend for many years, I think since about 1979 and although personal contact in later years has been restricted mainly because of mileage she and her family have always been there.

I gave our deepest regrets to Carol, ZL1AJL, when I spoke to her on the phone this morning on behalf of WARO, and asked them to be passed on to her sister, Mary also on the loss of their mother.

Cathy ZL2ADK

President of NZ WARO

We still need a YL club to host our next convention. YLRL tries to hold conventions every 3-4 years to keep on the 10 year schedule and support anniversary years. The President and officers ask for your help so we can hold our next convention in 2019. If you have questions on what this entails, please contact President, Bobbie, W1JX for more information. Recent conventions have been held in Boston, MA and Vancouver, WA and we would love to move to the mid-west for the next one. Please help us!



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District 1

Anne, WB1ARU, is organizing communications for the Good Friday Walk in Hingham, MA again this year. It is a 20-mile fund raising event. She is also signed up for the Boston Marathon to provide radio communication at a Hydration Station along the route. Travel plans for Anne and OM, Tony, WA1ENO include the Dayton Hamvention and the CLARA 50th Birthday Bash in Winnipeg. They are planning to drive to both events.

Jean, K1AVM, I have been attending CW classes on Saturday Morning, hosted by the Nashua Area Radio Club. The Classes are taught by Mike, K1WVO and Dennis, K1LGQ. This is given by the Nashua Area Radio Club Activities Director Anita, AB1QB.

Anita, AB1QB, I have been an instructor for technician and general Licensing classes given by the Nashua Area Radio Club. We have helped 18 new technicians get their license and 7 new Generals get upgrades. We are giving an extra Class later in April. I am also part of a team that is preparing to launch a high-Altitude Balloon carrying Amateur radio with students from local high schools.

Mikayla Wagner age 13 (hoping to get a tech license very soon) daughter of AG1A-I have always been interested in Ham radio and find Morse Code fascinating. I'm working to learn the patterns of Morse code so I can better understand it. The classes held by the Nashua Area Radio Club are very helpful and fun!

Niece, KA1ULN, just learned of Girls scouts "THINKING DAY ON THE AIR - TD0TA" every year FEB 22 (or the weekend of) Girl Scouts are ages 5-17 and in summary it is found they LOVE morse code. BUT they must be taught in a way they can learn. Suggestion given by Oms that assisted them is write their name horizontal and let them write the code for each character beside each let..... they start making sentences in Morse code. This TDOTA in UK. They can do anything. Many Girl Scouts use ham radio. In the US I guess there are 4 or 5 states which take part in this. LOOK this up and get in touch with your local girl scout troop and do something with them. don't tell them it is ham radio. Put a key in front of them with a Morse code chart. You will be amazed.

Also, you getting ready for field day? What is your group planning? If no group please try to make one qso during Jun 24-25. I will be on psk31 on 40 7.040 (or somewhere around there)

If you want to learn more about digital modes please refer to my blog: which explain digital modes pretty good. Ka1uln.blogspot.com

We are Preparing for the Boston marathon here in New England.

If you have any questions about ham radio or any aspect of Amateur radio please send me an email asap.
33, Niece, KA1ULN

District 2

We just moved back in after elevating our home because of Hurricane Sandy and are looking at putting up an 80m antenna. Our tribander survived and it's back up and working after we replaced all the cables.

Andrea, K2EA, writes: It is hard to believe it is already April. I still haven't gotten over National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) which ended in December. Feels like it was just yesterday. Whenever on the road I get to thinking about what parks I could activate and then remember it is over. There been a couple ongoing events with state parks, but just haven't been able to get into. I hope some other event comes along that is as exciting and interesting as NPOTA.

With the warm weather, I have been getting a few issues resolved with my vehicle, getting equipment back in it, and generally ready for the VHF Spring Sprints that start up right after Easter. Looking forward to another season roving in the various VHF contests and Sprints.

The September VHF contest results finally came out and I found out placed second nationally in the Limited Rover category. *Congratulations, Andrea!* -Ed. I was also surprised that an image of my rover's antenna setup made it as feature image for the contest results in the QST (April). Now patiently waiting to see the January VHF contest results as that was easily my personal best so far. That probably won't be published until June or July.

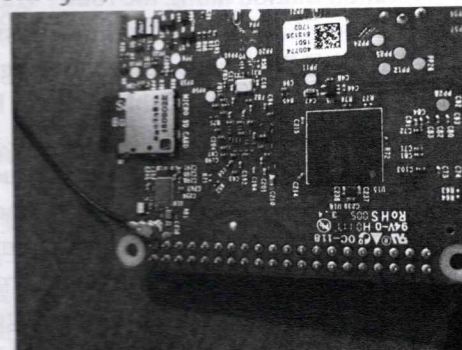
A little rhyme I put together:

Spring has come,
the Sprints are here
How many QSOs,
will I make this year?

From Ria, N2RJ-The results from the CQWW DX SSB contest are out! If you subscribe to CQ magazine the results are there but the scores are also published on CQWW.com in the score database. I am very pleased to report that Ria, N2RJ placed 11th in the United States for Single Operator All Band High power, which is a tough, grueling category as you're competing against the biggest of the big guns. *Nice job, Ria! Ed.*

She also placed 1st in the 2nd call district, which means a certificate from the contest organizers is incoming. You may have remembered her article about contest prep in a past issue of Harmonics.

I have also been doing some interesting mods on Raspberry Pi single board computers, and setting them up for various hams to run their stations remotely. I used a vpn running softether on my Raspberry Pi to remotely operate the flex radio at my home QTH remotely all the way from Buenos Aires, Argentina, some 5000 miles away. It enabled me to check into the WRONE Wednesday morning net and keep in touch with YLs and OMs stateside and DX.



Ria, N2RJ's Board work

District 3

It looks and feels like spring is trying to arrive in Pennsylvania and the flowers such as daffodils and forsythia is beginning to bloom. I was disappointed that I did not get much response to my plea to members of the 3rd District to take the chairperson for this area but I did get one note. That being said, I will try to represent 3-land as well as I can.

Virginia Lange, WB1IVA, wrote that she was unable to run for the office due to taking college classes and going through materials from her parents and other relatives. She is working on family genealogy. That gave me a thought, could our contacts around the world help others working on family history!!! Just an idea.

I had lunch with Barb, KA3VXR the other day and we talked about our plans to attend the CLARA anniversary Bash in Winnipeg this July. We went to Toronto for the 25th anniversary so we know they do a good job.

Hope everyone has a Happy Easter.

District 4

Hello District 4 and all YLRL members! Well, here we are already in March as I write this. Can you believe how fast this year is passing by already? I can hardly keep up! I hope you are having a blast participating in numerous ham radio activities that have been rolling so far this year!

In January there were several great activities including Winter Field Day and North American QSO Party SSB. In February, there was the YLRL YL-OM contest that took place February 3rd at 1400UTC through February 5th at 0200UTC. In spite of very difficult band conditions, several YLs and OMs were able to participate including myself.

While it seemed like almost every contact was a struggle, I'm so very glad I participated! It was fun explaining what the contest was all about and encouraging OMs to work all the YLs they hear on the bands that day and what to expect for an exchange.

Marilyn, AF7BI, expressed how great it was to receive numerous logs this year. Let's continue to build our participation in the contest and go ahead and mark your calendar for next year! While you're at it, please go ahead and mark the DX-YL Anniversary Contest coming up October 6th - 8th! If you were able to participate in the YL-OM contest or any contests over the past few months, please send me a picture of yourself operating in your shack via email (ac4yl@arrl.net) along with a paragraph or two about your experience and we'll include it in the next article!

Also in February, there was also Orlando Hamcation. It was another great experience. Melanie, AG4YL, and myself traveled together and got to spend time with several YLs and their OMs too! We hung out with Dawn, WA4YL, and her OM Chris, AA4CB, who were both extremely helpful in assisting us

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with the YLRL table, and it's always a blast to see them. We visited with Peggy, N4PEG, her OM Rich, N4ESS, and their dog Squirt, ADØG (couldn't resist).



Dawn, WA4YL; Melanie, AG4YL; Catherine, AC4YL; and Katie, WY7YL

We finally met Katie, WY7YL, and Janice, K4IJK, who we regularly talk to on the Thursday night Echolink YL Ham Net so that made it even more fun! We saw several YLs again this year that we got to see last year as well as meet many more.

Of course, it's always good to catch up with Joe, KØNEB, who's a big YL supporter!

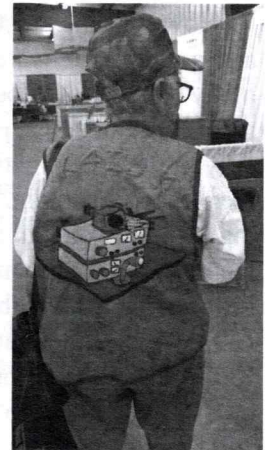
We ran 2 YL forums both which were very successful and we received great positive feedback on them as well.

The first one was on YLs in Amateur Radio Then, Now, and On Into the Future and the second forum was YLs in Amateur Radio – Using Echolink to Play Radio.

Welcome all the new YLRL members who joined at Hamcation and to those who renewed! Congratulations also to Mary, KB4KCV, who won a 2017 YLRL Membership as part of a prize at the first YL Forum! We definitely had a great time!



Catherine, AC4YL; Mary, KB4KCV; and Melanie, AG4YL



Janice, K4IJK

Have you attended any Hamfests lately or would you like to help out at Orlando Hamcation (next year), Huntsville 2017, Stone Mountain 2017, etc – please send me an email at ac4yl@arri.net! We need your help in table coverage and encouraging YLs in attendance to get and stay active in ham radio.

Ruth, KM4LAO, shares some about her National Parks on the Air Experiences last year:

I have only been a ham radio operator for a year and a half, but it's safe to say that National Parks on the Air (NPOTA) has been one of the most influential events in my life. Visiting National Parks has been one of my hobbies for several years now, so being able to visit them over the radio has deepened my appreciation for these rich national treasures. National Parks on the Air was special to me because of the skills I was able to learn both as a chaser and as an activator, and because of my friends I was able to make on the air and in person throughout the event.

I only had a Technician class license when I first heard about NPOTA, in the fall of 2015. I was studying for my general class license and did not have an HF rig, so I wondered if I would be able to participate in the event. But shortly thereafter, I acquired an HF rig and then passed my General exam the first week of January 2016. I spent the first couple weeks of January getting used to my radio and just getting on the air and on February 1st, I finally made the plunge and contacted my first NPOTA unit as a chaser.

Chasing parks was the first aspect of the event that I fell in love with. As a new HF operator, I loved to get on the air, work park units in fascinating places, and learn good HF operating procedures from the activators. It was also a very good learning experience about propagation and I soon learned what bands and modes I had a chance of working specific operators on at specific times of the day. Shortly after I began chasing parks, I discovered the NPOTA Facebook Page, and although I do not have Facebook, I could see the page since it was public. I began to feel like I knew many of these activators as I worked them when they activated and followed their adventures on and off the air through Facebook.

I did as much chasing of National Park units as I could throughout spring of 2016. I was a senior in high school, but managed to work 100 park units by the end of March on SSB and CW using 100 watts and a G5RV antenna. I worked a number of units that I have visited in person, including Yosemite, Yellowstone, Zion National Park, Mount Rushmore, Shenandoah National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, Cape Hatteras National Seashore, and Cape Canaveral National Seashore, but I have worked so many more park units that I have never seen and now know about because of National Parks on the Air. Chasing parks wasn't an event I only did under my own call, however. When I was on Saba for the 2016 Dave Kalter Memorial Youth DX Adventure, I took great pride in chasing parks when I had some free time and giving activators a QSO and an unexpected DXCC entity.

By the time I left for college in the fall, I had worked over 200 park units under my callsign. Throughout my fall semester, I kept an eye on NPOTA and enjoyed hearing about my mom working parks herself. When I came home for Christmas break, we teamed up to chase parks together. I was amazed the number of activators that were on the air the final weeks of the event and I was able to work over 50 new park units to finish the year with 267 park units worked.

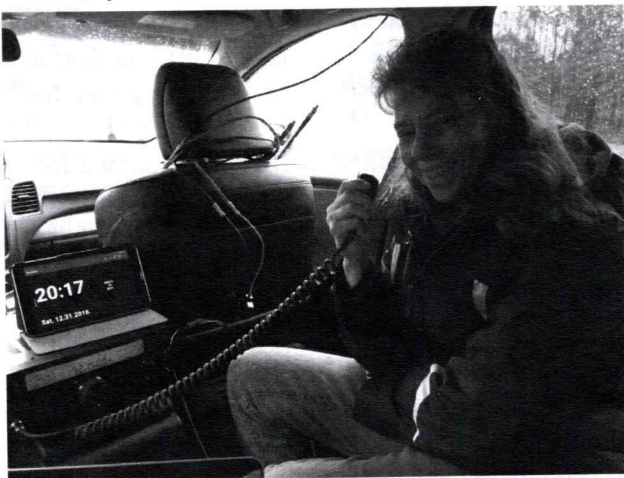
However, the most adventuresome part of National Parks on the Air was actually getting to activate parks! At the beginning of the year, I didn't know how many units I would be able to activate since I don't have my own mobile equipment. I began to ask people if they were going to activate and if I come along. My very first NPOTA activation with Chuck, KK4TKJ, and Donna, KM4FMW, on Kennesaw Mountain, and I loved every minute of it. The three of us ended up doing a number of activations together throughout the year using their mobile equipment. I soon found out, though, that the generosity of ham radio operators extends beyond this local club.

My second activation occurred during the Dayton Hamvention when John KD8MQ set up stations at the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Site in order for attendees to be able to activate the park. My mom Sharon, KM4TVU, and I met and activated with several different operators for subsequent activations, including Stuart, KB1HQS, at Colonial National Historic Site in Virginia; Bill, AB4BJ, and Will, AA4WJ, at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park in Georgia; and Emily, KB3VVE, at three parks in Maryland. Emily, my mom, and I had quite the adventuresome day as we drove around Maryland to Piscataway Park and Greenbelt Park, and also hiked downtown DC in order to work each other on HTs at as many monuments as we could.

My mom obtained her General license in July and we were soon ready to activate a park on our own. Dave, W4DTR, offered to lend us his equipment so my parents and I could activate parks on our way to my college, Kettering University in Michigan. Those days together activating on our drive up were special times together before my life changed and college began.



Ruth, KM4LAO



Sharon, KM4TVU

When my first term of college was completed and Christmas break commenced, my mom picked me up from school and we embarked on a drive home to activate even more parks, including Mammoth Cave National Park for our first activation of an official National Park! On our two trips we completed activations at Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historic Site, Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historic Site on the way up, and River Raisin National Battlefield, Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site, and Mammoth Cave National Park on the way home. Once we returned home, we proceeded to meet with Dave, W4DTR, for four activations in the final week of NPOTA.

We activated Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park once, a fitting activation since that was my first activation of the year, and the Chattahoochee River and Recreation Area three times. Our final activation at the Chattahoochee River and Recreation Area on the last day of the 2016 allowed me to complete 20 activations.

I absolutely loved every unique activation, from activations with friends, to club activations with GARS, and then activations with my mom on our own. No activation I completed was the same as the one before it. There certainly were adventuresome moments, including blowing out a fuse in the car after our radio battery died and I still needed a few more QSOs for a valid activation, dealing with antennas that wouldn't tune, and fixing a faulty window that broke partially from the Michigan cold. However, it was well worth the effort because of the fun we had and the things we learned. We almost always had people looking for us on the air, since friends would post our location on the NPOTA Facebook page and other spotting networks, and I loved to work the familiar callsigns of chasers who did their best to work us whenever we was activating.

A special side effect of activating parks was the thrill of chasing other park units and completing park to park QSOs. It never failed to cheer another activator when they heard a park was chasing them! Through our experiences chasing and activating our national treasures, the National Parks, the NPOTA community of ham radio operators became like a close knit family.

As you can see, National Parks on the Air was an event that allowed me to learn so many new ham radio skills and provided special adventures through this wonderful hobby. The number of parks I chased and activated would not have happened without the support of this community and I miss hearing park activations on the air every day. National Parks on the Air was a spectacular event and will hold a very special place in my heart forever.

Thank you so much Ruth, KM4LAO, for sharing your NPOTA experience with us! Such an encouragement for all.

Carol, K4SAF, sends us:

I got my QCWA 60 year pin recently for being a ham operator for 60 years in 2017. I got my ham license at age 15. I am also active in our Region 9 ARES Morehead Amateur Radio Society in Morehead, KY and serve as Secretary. I recently filed the papers for our club to be ARRL affiliated. I enjoy the Thursday night ECHOLINK net with many of our YLRL members.

Congratulations on your pin and ham anniversary Carol! It's a joy having you on the Echolink YL Ham Net as well. So great to see you're staying active and using your Amateur Radio license!

It's great to hear from our District 4 members. Do you have anything you wish to share with the YLs here? If so, please email me at ac4yl@arrrl.net and we'll be sure to include yours. We want to hear from you and please don't forget to send pictures!

Now for a few reminders:

We invite the new YLRL members as well as all YLs around the world to join us on the YL Nets! One of those nets is the Echolink YL Ham Net that takes place on the ALARA Conference Node 286905 every Thursday evening at 8pm ET (Friday 00:00UTC Summer). We average about 15 to 25 YLs each week. We would love to have you check in and spend a fun hour with us! We discuss various ham radio topics including your ham questions, ham updates, contests, operating tips, antennas, logging programs, and more!

If you have any questions about how to participate in this net, please feel free to contact myself at ac4yl@arrrl.net, or Melanie, AG4YL, at ag4yl@arrrl.net. To get started with Echolink, please visit <http://www.echolink.org>. Immediately following the Echolink YL Ham Net is the YLRL HF Net usually found on 20 Meters around 14.288MHz or 40 Meters around 7.295MHz depending on frequency availability and propagation. Anne, WB1A-RU, and Margaret, AE7MB, would love to hear you check in!

Young Ladies' Radio League needs your help and your input! We value your feedback and are always looking for volunteers to help with various duties. If you can assist with hamfests, YL Harmonics article content (let us know what ham activities and other activities you have been working on that you'd like to share), ideas for more YL Ham Radio Activities, etc. we want to hear from you!

Lastly, don't forget to stay active in ham radio however you can! It doesn't matter how you use your Amateur Radio License as long as you're using it! This can be using 2m local repeaters, participating in contests, chasing DX, participating in nets, using Echolink, etc. Having an Amateur Radio license and not using it is like having a Driving License and never going anywhere. So get out there and stay active! Help other YLs do the same! I'll see you on the bands and will be on the lookout for your emails with your news!

33 de Catherine, AC4YL

District 5

Michelle, W5MQC is working as our de facto District reporter for this year, but she is also on the ballot to officially be our 5th District Chairwoman for the 2018-2019 term. Ballots should be out in July, so if you are interested in running for an elected position, just let our President, Bobbie, W1JX know!

District 5-member news:

Judi, N5KUO, passed her General test!

Sylvia, KG5PJJ, is having a blast working HF. She is going after her WAS, she got in through a pile up on the LMS Show due to her beautiful on air voice!

Susan, K5YNC, is experiencing that same YL phenomenon, "our voices rise above the noise", Susan is also working with her club on a net to bring in other XYL over to the YL side. She is looking for ideas from everyone! Michelle, W5MQC, received her VE, and is working on CERT Classes

District 5 will have a presence at the following Ham Conventions this year, if you are coming, come see us!

HAMCOM in Dallas-Ft Worth, Texas Jun 9th & 10th

HAM Holiday in, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Jul 21st & 22nd

Hamarama in Ardmore, Oklahoma Oct 27th & 28th

The YLs from Texas want to remind everyone about the "YLs Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net, 3.947 at 8:00 a.m. Texas time on Thursdays. Not limited to Texans."

That is all right now!

33, Michelle, W5MQC

District 6

LADIES OF THE NET MAKE HISTORY

I would like to congratulate all the wonderful ladies who came aboard the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier on February 18th 2017. You were the first group to take command of the brand new radio room. This special event has never occurred in the entire 72 years the decorated museum ship has been in service.

The powerful Harris military transmitters were all sizzling resulting in raising the room temperature. It took a crew of six technicians to monitor the glowing candles which were pumping out at full capacity.

Onboard fire watch was on alert as the unrelenting ladies had the hefty 117 foot antennas above the water line glowing and smoking.

We were blessed with a beautiful 360 degree day of sunshine. If it had been foggy the glowing antennas would have cleared our own patch of visibility surrounding the vessel.

This standby observer along with the electronic technical staff led, by Wilko, AG6DK, were smiling with raised eyebrows and thumbs up amazement as the group performed at a full professional combat readiness level.

With its massive flight deck and moored in the beautiful salty San Francisco Bay, this vessel is the strongest broadcasting platform on the West Coast.

We are proud of these highly qualified women who stood their post until the end of this event. Everyone was captured in awe as our own Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD, with her lightning CW fist and Dr. Emilia Seiferling, KI6YYT nearly melted half of the 4 sky scraping antennas. Emilia logged in the most pages of contacts reaching to far off stations. While taking command of the air ways, Tina Madsen, KK6KSY's transmissions were heard worldwide. Radio operators around the world were stacking up trying to contact the ladies.

These ladies were all performing with precise expert quality. Before they knew it four hours had passed as the group reluctantly throttled back the mighty transmitters; the exciting day was over.

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The USS hornet Radio Room

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Deandra holds an Extra license and is a Scheduler. She is a member of FISTS and Southeast Louisiana ARC. She is active again after a 5 year break. CW is her favorite mode. Her former call was KD5MDO. Theodore, KB5CQF is her OM.

DISTRICT 6

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Janine holds a Technician license and is a Writer. She is Net Control for the Ladies Tea Time Net, Tuesdays, 4 pm, Echolink conference Server Node #355800. Her former call was KK6GYM. She picked her new call for her name and birthplace – and “YL”!

DISTRICT 7

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She is active on all bands.

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DISTRICT 8

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DISTRICT 9

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

If you are listed here and your birthday month and day are reversed, please let me know at wblaru@gmail.com! Thank you!

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at this time*

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Basic Rules Applicable To All YLRL Certificates

1. Contacts made through repeater devices or any other power relay method cannot be used for any YLRL certificate confirmation.
2. All contacts must be made **FROM** the same country.
3. **DO NOT SEND QSL CARDS TO THE CUSTODIAN!** Two other Amateurs must sign the log verifying that the QSL cards are in possession of the applicant .
4. No charge is made for a certificate, but sufficient postage for first class mail or a stamped legal-size envelope must accompany the application to cover the cost of mailing the certificate.
5. For the order in which the contacts must be listed, please check the rules for each certificate.
6. All inquiries should be addresses to the appropriate custodian.
7. Decisions of the custodians regarding interpretations of the rules as here stated or later amended shall be final.
8. Certificate custodians and their addresses are listed in each issue of *YL Harmonics*.

***Don't forget to send in your news to
your District Chairwoman! We need
to hear from you and Pictures are
also wonderful to have.***

**Have you checked out the info
on the CLARA 50th Birthday
Bash? Go to www.clarayl.ca
for more information on this
wonderful event being held in
Winnepeg, MB in July!**

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We later met at a restaurant and fondly recalled highlights of this wonderful historic special event. These fine ladies represented KM6CIR proudly. This will be a great annual event made possible by months of preparation with the help of Janet Fisher, KK6RXO. They are all looking forward to waking up the mighty sleeping giant again next year.



Janet, KK6RXO & Tina, KK6KSY

Listen to the Ladies of the net weekdays on 7.245 KHz at 10am PST.

KI6VLC, Bravo Ben, Net Controller

you can also find the USS Hornet Aircraft Carrier Amateur Radio Club at 7.215 KHz every Sunday morning 0900 PST.

Tina Madsen KK6KSY, sends her info on the event for the Ladies of the Net Radio Club, KM6CIR, special event operation aboard the USS Hornet on February 18, 2017.

The operators were Tina Madsen, KK6KSY on 40 meter phone,

Dr. Emilia Seiferling, KI6YYT on 20 meter phone and Dr. Carol Milazzo KP4MD on 17 meter phone and CW, with assistance from Bravo Ben Salsedo KI6VLC, Janet Fisher, KK6RXO, Jim Seiferling, WB6BET, Chris Heaney, KC6OZC, Roger Cain, KI6FYF and members of the USS Hornet ARC.

A photo album is posted at <https://goo.gl/photos/rxpEpDwPERQZ1uzs7>

A slideshow and video collage is posted at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTndmnVL6PU>

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Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD



Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD



Emilia, KI6YYT & Jim, WB6BET

Apologies! These photos were supposed to be with the January/February District 6 Column!

Dr. Carol Milazzo, KP4MD and Janet, KK6RXO at the YLRL Booth



The YL Forum



Christy, KD9GKL



District 7

Hi Sister YLRLers!

Today (February 5th) is supposed to be a much warmer day - HA! Weather online claims a high of 38°; who is messing with for messing with Portlanders' heads? This sort of weather usually means spring is coming, but with all of the NW weather in a tizzy, who knows what lies ahead... I get continuous messages from Portland's Bureau of Emergency Management, and today's is a request for staffing homeless shelters. As I shared with you the fact that I am a Net Team member, now you know the reason I get these messages. They are very handy, even for a homeowner; they allow me to prepare in any way I can (keeping outdoor water taps off, for example).

PARC has changed its website format, and I think that it's more useful now. The club lists all of the known activities through August 2017 at <http://www.w7lt.org/> Check it out!



The Ham Shack of Marilyn, AF7BI

The Hoodview ARC has not been meeting due to weather, but have posted some events. For example, the club has breakfast every Saturday at 7:00am at Heidi's in Gresham (1230 N.E Cleveland, Gresham) and the "Stu Turner's Tech Book Buy Back," a program which helps folks who cannot afford the book's full price. They also have licensing classes with a VE Test Session on every third Saturday of odd months.

The Clark County (Vancouver and its environs) ARC also VE sessions and testing. Class sessions are on Fridays from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Testing starts at 10:30a.m. Please call ahead to ensure that whichever event in which you are interested is actually happening. Interestingly, CCARC has classes for women only on Thursdays 7-9 PM, Fridays 7-9 PM and Saturdays 9 AM-1 PM. The VE test will be administered on the second Saturday at 11 AM. Thinking of upgrading? Here's where to get a good grasp of the test materials. (I know the women who teach the classes and they are friendly AND knowledgeable!!)

Now, let us read what's happening with Section 7 members:

We had lovely rain and some of the dams got water. The Crocodil river near Thabazimbi is nearly full and it might going over the edge and it can kill grobs. Greetings to everybody.

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Marietjie and Abra, ZS6CEZ

Rain Rain Rain that's about it lots of thunder and all the lightening that goes with it. Even had some hail. Doing good on my Rag Chew Net Thursday night 146.960 or check in on Echolink log onto Brian W6DWY-R and give a shout 7:00 PM....

Claudia, KLØHI

Having received my General and Extra together in October of 2015, I finally got my own HF radio in December 2016 for Christmas. I will be looking forward to utilizing my rugged little ICOM 718 (although I'm a Yaesu gal.)

In October of 2016, I went back to work in my past career field of being an A&P (aircraft mechanic) and work for an airline called PenAir out of PDX - Portland Intl Airport. I had taken some time off from the industry but have been eager to get back to work with my hands again, learn new things and solve challenging problems.

In February 2017, I will say goodbye to the past year of being a Vice President for W7AIA - Clark County Amateur Radio Club and take on the new role as President. I am the 87th President and 4th YL to hold the role at the club. (Great thing is all previous women who held the role are still active members) Lot to look forward to in the year ahead!

In June 2017 will be SEA-PAC's 35th Anniversary and I will carry on my role as the PIO - Public Information Officer. Enjoyed my time last year and much to get out before June.

From Nicole, N7XBY

District 8

Connie, N8IO is in an assisted learning facility and emailed Carol, K4SAF, asking if someone in YLRL can sponsor her since she can't write a check anymore. I saw her notice in the Buckeye Burr and contacted Carol to

sponsor her. Well it turned out several other people, including myself volunteered to sponsor her so now Connie will continue to receive YLH.

So, I want to let other YLs know that we don't want to lose you so if you are on a fixed income or can no longer pay your dues, please let us know as there are several YLs who would be willing to support you.

Welcome to Lisa Love, N8LTG, who recently joined YLRL.

Carolyn, N8ST and her OM Gary, K8BE, have been keeping busy in Feb moving furniture around in the computer room. Carolyn got this great idea (well, maybe Gary didn't think moving all the furniture was great, but she likes it much better now) to move her desk and file cabinets and printers, etc. around so they didn't have the room divided by file cabinets jutting out into the room. It took some doing to get everything right, but now they have more room in the middle of the room. Now if she could just figure out where to put all these little things that somehow appeared once we got rid of some of the furniture. Hmmm ...

In March, Carolyn had to deal with a kidney stone but she is better now. Then a series of tornados went by them and knocked power out to their home and 40,000 customers. Their wood stove came in handy but it also opened their eyes about how much or how little they are prepared for emergencies.

Dawn, KC8SQN, wrote that on Feb 8 she went to see *Star Wars Rogue One* with members of her family. She later got together with Annette, KC8SQM, and another friend Bruni for their monthly Pinochle club get-together. She published the February monthly celestial almanac on her Astra's Star Gate website. The special topic was Cancer the Crab, take a look at URL: <http://www.astras-stargate.com/new-up.html> to see what the almanac looks like.

Finally, Carol, W8CSH, has selected Bowling Green State University as the college she will be going to in Fall. She will major in Film and Business. The OM, Steve-W8HF and I- KC4IYD are very proud of her. Happy Easter to all and chat with you all next time.

Nancy, KC4IYD/8

District 9

WI QSO PARTY

De Anne Dirkman, KC9YL

"CQ Wisconsin QSO Party – CQ Wisconsin QSO Party – KD9CSI mobile!" (Thank heaven for voice keyers!)

I was looking forward this 2017's Wisconsin QSO party, hoping to beat my score from last year and at least end up in the top half of the pack. A random post of mine on Facebook prompted an invitation to operate 40m mobile with some of my Fox Cities pals – well, it was an offer I couldn't refuse!

I had a radio to put into service – my trusty ICOM735 – my first radio, purchased from my eye doctor when he was breaking up his station to have more time to pursue his other hobby – building miniature steam engines. I was particular excited to use the rig, since he passed away a few days ago, and it would have been sort of a tribute journey of his radio equipment.

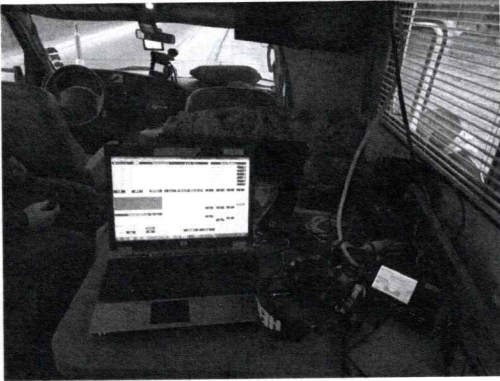
But alas, it was not meant to be. We had lots of RF when we were testing the rigs – I was interfering with the 20m station, he was interfering with me, and the lights in the motor home kept flashing whenever I keyed up! After numerous swap-outs of antennas, adding a ground plane, adding band pass filters, etc. it was decided that my radio was going to have to stay home. L However, I was lucky to be able to use an IC-7100. I got it twisted up a little bit here and there, but since EVERYONE was using the same radios, the other ops were able to get me back on track. The onboard voice keyer was a real plus so all I had in front of me was my laptop and the control head.

I had no idea how BUMPY the motor home would be! We had all equipment either ratchet-strapped or velcroed down. There were times when I had to really struggle to see what call-sign I had typed, or try to count how many Qs I had made in a particular county. A few times we sat just before a county line to try to hit



The Motorhome for the WI QSO party.

the “magic number” of 12 so we could collect 500 bonus points. We had hoped to hit 17 counties, but ended up with 13.



Station in the Motorhome.

I operated 40m from 1:00 p.m. until about 6:30 p.m. when I switched to 80m, and the 20m op switched to 40. The number of contacts really fell off after that. Band conditions just weren't great, and we had lots of engine noise, which didn't help. While still on 40m I had two fine gentlemen from KY and MO (a personal friend!) who were following me from county to county. It was kind of like having groupies! One other out-of-state op wouldn't work me a 2nd time, even though I was in another county than the previous Q. He wouldn't have gotten extra points, but I would have.

It was interesting for 5 people to be working in such close quarters, while actually having very little contact. We had a driver who *drove*, and a navigator who helped with the maps and keep us informed of the county we were in. She had high hopes to network our laptops so she could keep track of our progress, but again, that was another technical difficulty that we just never overcame. I ran 40m (then 80), op #2 worked 20 (then 40) and op #3 worked 2m/440. I thought #3 would put us all to shame, just making Qs with hams who routinely have their radios set to scan the 2m frequencies, but he struggled as much as we did. We all used N3FJP for our logging software.

What did I do when I got home? I started jotting down notes of items that I either forgot, or wanted to be sure to add to my list for next time. A little desk lamp would have made life easier to see the keyboard later in the day. A heavier blanket would have helped keep the chills away, especially when the door was open while the guys tweaked the antennas (temps were in the 20s and it was breezy). I may invest in my own set of Heil Pro7 headphones - I was able to keep them on through the WHOLE 7 hour event - unlike my ProSet Elite that absolutely kills my ears after about an hour. I was using a push-to-talk handswitch - another op used a footswitch, which seemed like it might be a little handier. At home I use VOX with my boom headset, but that wouldn't have worked since we had so much road noise in the motor home. At home, it would be nice to be able to clear my throat, or grab a drink or a bite of something w/o having to switch the VOX on/off.

As the clock struck 8:00 p.m., we set down our headsets, and the conversations began with what we would do different next year! I think we switched the antennas around a half dozen times between the 2 days and they still came up with different variations that could help us in the future. (sidenote: within 24 hours I had an email in my mailbox with plans to use a hitch-mounted ground plane, work on a new “invention” to allow switch bands easily using one coil, use a shorty double bazooka for 40m and change the mounting configuration to allow for NVIS).

One thing that I would change is to stop for hot food. We had an ample supply of sub sandwiches and cookies plus our own stash of snacks and beverages, but a quick buzz through the drive-up for a burger and fries about 5:30 would have been quite satisfying. And I'd like to be at least a little familiar with the radio I'm operating. That wasn't really possible due to the last minute swap-out (I made sure I got a good night's sleep), but I would have liked to have been able to change the voice keyer messages and understand the displays a little better, so that when I “hit something by mistake” I could at least undo what I did. I was happy to hear that changing ops wasn't part of the plan, and I have been invited back for next year. If my YL voice is part of the reason that they would welcome me back, well, I am fine with that. Plus I'm enrolled in this April/May CWops class, so the potential for me to earn double the point value for my Qs doesn't hurt!

So, did I have fun? Yes! Will I do it again? You betcha! (And am I glad I pre-arranged a vacation day for the day after? Oh yeah!)

Sounds like you had a blast, Anne! Congratulations on the event! -Ed.

Anne also notes that she played in the GAQP midday with a friend from 30m west of here, on the shores of Lake Michigan, using portable setups

It was fun, I was scoping out a radio he's got for sale (not too impressed) but mostly went to check out his setup of antennas, using Wolf River Coils - made my friends of ours locally

We had 3 antenna configurations to see which did better on 20m, I operated on 40m and then switched to 20 cuz bands were sort of dead - sat in my van with one seat folder down, radio & laptop on a card table, I was quite

comfortable - much easier than the rockin/rolling in the motor home!
hope to do it again for next week's Michigan party
Anne, KC9YL

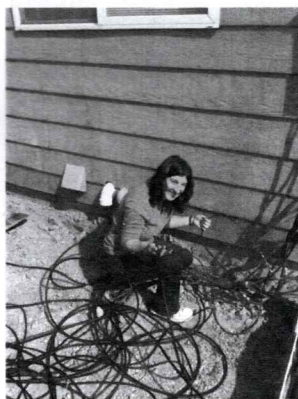
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Cheryl, NØWBV writes that she had a ball during the 2017 YL-OM contest this year. "It was just a hit and miss participation this year, but was still a great time." She not only managed to get enough OMs in both CW/Digital and Phone to submit logs for both sides of the contest, but also snagged a few of the YLs she heard working the contest.

"I am working on YL-WAS and YL Century Club among other certificates, so had to go for it even though we didn't count for points with each other," she adds. Her only regret is that she forgot to ask for their favorite flowers for the 2017 Friendship Award in some cases.

She notes that when her OM, John, KTØF, had been licensed, the contest was so big that it had line scores in QST just as Field Day and most of the other major contests do today. Unfortunately, the knowledge of the contest and participation has dwindled.

Cheryl had to educate a number of OMs on the contest which has been around since 1950! "It is amazing that a contest that has been around more than 65 years is still so unknown," she remarked. "Many OMs had NEVER heard of it! Sheesh."



We are also redoing our backyard and that means antenna work. After Mother's Day we will take down the Ham Shack to the studs and redo it, but for now, it is they cable nest! So much cable and so little room!

33, Cheryl, NØWBV

Lots of Cables to move and reattach!

Cheryl, NØWBV and the cable mess.



I went to the 285 TechConnect forum again this year. The group which holds the forum is interested in the technical aspects of amateur radio. This is a very informative day of about five or six presentations on topics of interest to the ham community, most but not all with some technical bend. This year, there were about 75 attendees, only four of whom were female.

James Schatzman, ACØXU, presented on RF interference. He spoke about RF sources, including lights and solar panels. Just so you know, ultraviolet lights are about the worst offender, and LED lights are clean, in the speaker's experience.

Shel Radin, KFØUR, presented on contesting. The speaker noted that, like emergency communications, there is a defined, succinct exchange, and that participating with a group promotes practice in working in a noisy, chaotic environment. He also noted that the signal strength report is always 599 or 59; it is not so much of a signal report, but more of a place marker. Additionally there was information on logging software.

Larry Weinstein, KØNA, gave one of the more technical presentations, about HF propagation and layers in the ionosphere. The presenter explained why the various layers are good at different times of day. He also described a program on-line which is rather fun to play with called the Voice of America Circuit Analysis Program, for "HF Propagation Prediction and Ionospheric Communications Analysis." In one part, you can move a pointer to your point of origin and another to your desired contact point, and it will tell you probability of reaching that site. You can further fine tune your results by entering the kind of antenna you are using and your receiving party is using and other information. It tells me, for example, that I have virtually no chance of getting Germany on any frequency right now, given my operating parameters; I would do much better at 5 in the morning. Oh, well. Other parts give other information. The website is www.voacap.com.

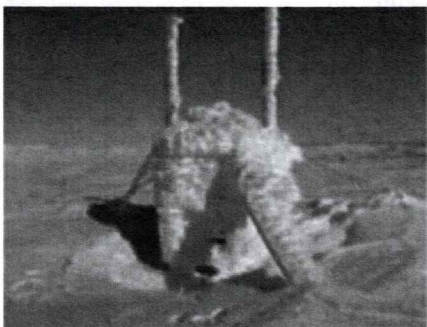
Jim Moravec, NØCOT, presented on the "International Association for Astronomical Studies," a group for youth and hands-on science/tech discovery, and on including technical/science/math programs in schools. Jim has a long history of working with youth, including with the planetarium program at the Museum of Nature and Science in Denver.

As you can see, the topics have wide interest. So how come I feel so alone there? Why are there not more YLs attending? What must we do to encourage more of us to be in places like this, where "little lady" is most welcome, if a little condescendingly. At some point, I was wondering if the YLRL hadn't run its course, as women are involved in so many aspects of the world. This makes me think not.

Ladies, we are a small minority of a small minority of people. Keep up the work of being present and counted!
33, Doshia, KBØNAS

KL7 News

Hello YLs Everywhere-This has been the coldest winter since we moved to Oregon, guess a lot of records were broke weather wise all over our Country. Of course no where near our home in Alaska as you can see in the picture, shows one of our 5 Repeater linked system that covers 32,000 square miles on the Southern Peninsula. This one is located about 75 miles NE of Nome near Council where we spend our summers. Good batteries kept her up and running all winter.

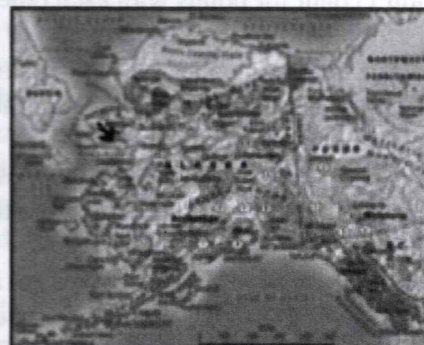


Lots of snow on the repeater!

Other News- if you are on the EchoLink System, I run a Net called "Dia's Doing It Net" every Thursday evening at 7 PM, PST....It is on the Repeater node type under W6DWY-R. It is a Rag Chew type so all most anything goes, so stop by and check in...

And don't forget the YLRL flower contest.. Thanks and think SPRING.

33 KLØHI



Location with the arrow.

VE Column

This winter has been one for the books!! Especially for the west coast of Canada. It is February, as I write this, and the whole of the west coast is experiencing an unusually heavy snowfall. The 3 day accumulation has netted about 50cm (20") of the white stuff at my QTH on the east coast of Vancouver Island. There is more forecast for the coming week. I know it is not very much compared to the rest of the continent but as far as we on the west coast are concerned it is far too much!! I must admit it is very pretty although it has certainly wiped the smirks off our faces... At this time of the year, I am usually smugly telling people I have snowdrops and crocus blooming. Not this year... :o)

As I no longer have HF capabilities I have been fairly active on EchoLink. Have regular skeds with friends and have checked-in to Nets I have found listed on the Websites. I have found them all very friendly, chatty and enjoyable. Give them a try...

I hope many of you are going to accept the YLRL 2017 Challenge and log 15 YLs and their "Favorite Flowers". It's all for a bit of fun and in hopes of encouraging more YL voices on the air!!

CLARA has their 50th Birthday Challenge, too, which adds an extra bit of fun to each and every contact. I am ready to log entries for both of those challenges.

I am also seeking one more Great-Grandmother to complete my log. I have been working on it since September of 2012!!! Great-Grandmothers are much harder to find, on the air, than Grandmothers...

Looking forward to CLARA's 50th Birthday Bash in Winnipeg in July. I hope a great many of you are planning to attend, as well. I look forward to meeting you there. BUT, before that, we must all THINK SPRING!!! If you are reading this then it probably is... 33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: Today I have to admit that the Wet West Coast has turned into the Snow West Coast. A few inches so far with more to come over the next few days. We don't often see this and certainly don't admit to it! Today is the start of the YLRL YL/OM contest so I hope to make a few contacts during the day. Have not checked propagation but it has been awful for so long that I doubt it has changed today.

The 100th anniversary of the battle of VIMY is coming up and I will be using the call VE100VIMY/VE7 for 12 hours CW on February 12th so hope to work some of you.

My granddaughter and her husband were married late last summer and because of work commitments were not able to go on a honeymoon. They are now off on that trip and are in Cairns, Australia, at the moment, and will go from there to Bora Bora - sounds like a wonderful trip. Both are hard working young people one a nurse and the other a fireman.

I walked around the garden/orchard yesterday and found that along with snow drops my daffodils are now up - really looking forward to seeing them flower - they and the Forsythia announce spring in my garden. 33 Elizabeth, VE7YL

Val, VE5AQ, writes: Well, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan has had a very pleasant winter and now, Spring can come. We were very fortunate this year, with very little snow. For about 3 days we had temps in the -35C (which is close to the Fahrenheit scale) which is not bad but add the very strong winds of approx. 40 mph and yep we got a wee bit cold. Being the hardy prairie girl I am, I stayed indoors and didn't do anything that involved outdoor activities, Even the dogs ran out did what they had to do and came running back faster than one can say "Go do it". All in all, it lasted as I say, about 3 or 4 days. Now I remember when---

Now as I sit here typing for this issue, I am waiting for surgery on my eyes, but by the time you are reading this, I will have had my surgery, and I will have to wait until the next issue to tell you how good the vision is. I have a wonderful surgeon and he really does a wonderful job. His anesthesiologist is not hard on the eyes ladies, trust me on that.

Harv and I are now in the process of trying to get the camper ready for camping as we are going early this year due to the CLARA's 50th Birthday Bash. I did manage to make new curtains over the winter and can hardly wait to get them put up. We do love our camping, even though we usually only go for 2 weeks, as the rest of our summers are always so very busy with the many chores that must be done around the house. This year it also involves shingling the roof. One does not have to look far to find a job around here.

The CLARA's 50th Birthday Bash is all done, apart from filling the goodie bags the night before the party starts. So, if by some chance, you get into Winnipeg on the Monday, be sure to come to the hospitality room and help fill bags. There will be some sort of refreshments being served, along with lots of laughter.

Sure hope lots of you girls are coming. The committee has tried to put together a great program, and we have lots of lovely door prizes to give away. Lots of interesting items also being put into the goodie bags. Can't give away any trade secrets.

So, that is it from sunny Saskatchewan for this time. Please take care, have a wonderful Easter, and hope to see you in Winnipeg.

33, 73, 88 as the case may be. Val VE5AQ

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She is really excited about the CLARA celebration in Winnipeg in July. Sarla, VU2S-WS/WU2SWSX has agreed to be a guest speaker. She is an amazing story teller, so if you want to hear about her exciting DX-peditions, do come. The quilt project is over the top! We may even be able to offer two, as prizes. Many thanks to those who have already submitted their squares. One square even arrived from Scotland. Keep them coming, especially if you want to be remembered as a ham many years down the road. Each square will have the YLs name and call on it. The provenance patch will have details about the Bash. I know it's going to be a treasure.

Its snowing heavily as I write this, but spring is on the way and then summer and CLARA celebrations. Hope to see you there. 33 to all, Ann, VE3HAI

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: I can't believe we're into February all ready. Hope everyone had a great Christmas and are enjoying a happy and healthy 2017 so far.

Just found out that YLRL's new challenge, for 2017, is "Favorite Flower", this should be a fun one. I was able to get my last 3 favorite movies in December so I was able to get that certificate as well, that makes every one except the first one which I wasn't aware of at the time. These are fun and everyone should try for them.

CLARA's 50th Birthday Bash, in Winnipeg, is progressing along really well and we're looking forward to a large turn out and it's a great excuse to see Canada.

You'll need to get your registrations in to me, (I'm the registrar), as soon as possible, all payments are to be made in Canadian funds and made payable to "CLARA". Registration forms are on the CLARA website at: www.clarayl.ca

Looking forward to seeing you there. 33, Heather VE3HQB

Helen, VA1YL, writes: Christmas was a busy season chez VA1YL. Both kids came home to visit. The station here was the site for the Radio Amateurs of Canada winter contest in December, and also for part of the VE100VIMY special event station. I didn't get to participate much in the VIMY event because having the kids home was more important to me. I did make quite a few contacts in my two shifts. I have also worked VE100VIMY/VE3, VE4, VE5, VE6 and VE7.

In the fall, the OM talked to 3D6TO in Swaziland and got an invitation to come and visit. If all works out, listen out for 3D6YL in late April.

We are having fun with the CLARA Birthday Bash Challenge. It is easy. You just need to give and get a serial number and keep track of the date, time and band. You can work the same station as many times as possible, as long as the contacts are an hour apart or on a different band/mode. There is a certificate for working 10 CLARA members, 10 YLs, 25 YLs, 50 YLs, and 50 stations. We have all of 2017 to get those scores. 33 Helen VA1YL

DX Column

Dear YL friend,

Spring is here in Texas, not that we had very much of winter, had some rain with flooding but no risk for us on 7th floor in the apartment. Temperature is in the 20 c to 27 C the humidity stays lower than summer. I am using my Buddy pole, Dipole on the roof and I recommend it so easy to assembly and all goes back in the bag, see picture. I have heard Europe, Spain, Portugal and Belgium, not talked to them yet. My friend in Sweden heard me weak but it is encouraging for me. Now I wish we could find a house and yard to put up an antenna, hard combination in a city, so crowded and little room between houses.

I am collecting membership fees and sending out your membership cards and I thank you for sending me news otherwise nothing in this column.

Hardy & Rosel

The last year is passed like in the flight. We were travelling. We are looking forward to the SYLRA Meet in Kungsbacka, Sweden and hope to see you.

This IYL 2016 meet was Hardy's and my first stay in England. It was nicely to be seen again good friends by former IYL meetings and to get to know new ones. The BYLARA organizers had given to us free time to explore Milton Keynes individually. We were impressed as farsighted and generously this town in the sixties has been put on – a green town with the biggest shopping center in the world according to Guinness book of the records. On the week-end after the IYL Meet we all visited RSGB Convention which also took place in Milton Keynes. The program offered interesting DX presentations.

From the meeting returned at home, we got an email with the friendly invitation to the Asia Pacific DX Convention in Osaka and with the tip from Mac JA3USA that the air fare is reasonable. Indeed - briefly decided we flew at the beginning of November to Japan. Eleven years ago, we had participated at the first APDXC. Some OMs of that time we met again. The program was very interesting. A visit to ICOM on the first day is tradition. One showed us the newest IC-7610. On the Saturday, we visited the Ethnographical Museum and the Asahi brewery. On the Sunday was time for presentations. And we had the big pleasure of seeing again our friend Mio, JV3MVF, and to get to know Vivien, KL7YL and Marlene, ZL1MYL. If you would like more, you are welcome on my WEB (<http://www.dl3kwr.de>).

33, Rosel DL3KWR

Cathy, ZL2ADK,

Our summer weather seems to be a bit late settling in. It isn't cold, usually about 20 to 22 degrees C but we are still getting spring showers every day or so and have had a lot of wind this year which we usually get in



Rose-Marie, KB4RM and her buddy pole.

October, November. The seasons here seem to be getting muddled up a little. Summer last year was late arriving and was very late leaving as we were still getting really nice days in May. Winter wasn't really cold but very wet, then spring seemed about 2 months late arriving and we wait for our settled summer again. Maybe all the earthquakes here are moving us into your hemisphere, and seriously though we have had more than our fair share of earthquakes recently.

We are in the bottom of the North Island and about 200kms as the crow flies from Kaikoura where the last 6.8 was centered and we really felt that one! We are getting a lot of the aftershocks too; the last one was 2 days ago at 3.30 in the afternoon. Fortunately, I don't mind them so much in the daylight but I hate them at night particularly when the power goes off. The only damage we have sustained has been a leak in our hot water tank which we have had to replace. We are in a weather board house; it helps because they do sway easily.

Usually we only get about 1 or 2 a year you would feel, but the last 5 years have been very busy with them. Geo Net picks them all up but unless they are right under you anything under strength 4 we don't feel. They reported today that there have been 32,000 recorded in 2016, a massive increase over other years. Something is not happy underground that is for sure. We wish you all the very best for 2017.

33, Cathy, ZL2ADK,

Thank you for the membership card. My husband is eager to do winter fishing so we have been in our summer home which is on the seaside. We have got some big pikes and I have made fish balls. Last Sunday he got a turbot and we made a soup of it, delicious. I have not had many radio contacts because we have bad disturbance here. But I must also say that the Finnish YLs are very lazy so you can't get any. Earlier I had QSO nearly every day with Eine SM1UQW/OH2DL, but she moved to Finland and cannot have a radio station in the apartment house.

I saw your new antenna in the Harmonics. Many QSOs! In the same Harmonics New Zealand news told about Biny ZL2AZY, SK. The first time we met at the Hamilton 2000. She and her husband Mervyn were in Sweden 10 years ago on the SYLRA-meeting and they visited also us in Helsinki.

We are expecting to take part of the SYLRA meeting in Kungsbacka. We have friends in Gothenburg so we can visit also them. My husband always says, we will be there if we are alive. The weather has been this winter in Finland very variable. Today in the morning we had -14,7C but in the afternoon, we have only -5,1C and a heavy fall of snow, nearly a snowstorm.

33, Maya, OH1MK

Thank you very much for sending my membership card for 2017. Please send my best regards to Mary, WX4MM, who kindly sponsored me and I will contact and thank her personally. All is OK here although we are having very severe winter with temperatures below zero (tonight -11C only) non-stop for consecutive three months now and lots of people suffering from colds and flu. We managed to escape this harsh winter going for short vacation to Las Palmas in Gran Canarias. Hopefully we're approaching early spring soon and better propagation on the air. I also wish you and other YLs there happy, healthy year and many QSOs.

33, Candy, 3Z5YL

Svatava, OZ7YL, Thanks for YLRL Membership Card. I thank Cheryl for sponsoring me. Sorry I will not go to Sweden, SYLRA meeting, as I have a puppy and cannot travel much. We will go for holiday in Denmark in June; we live on Bornholm Island and later to my homeland Czech Republic OK2. My dog comes from OK2; I picked him up last year. We have slightly below zero here and little snow, +25C we don't have even in summer (Hi). I was just last weekend in FOC Marathon and next weekend will be in ARRL DX Contest, as every year. I am active only on CW, no SSB.

33, Svatava, OZ7YL

Welcome to new member; Threeza, DW3TRZ

Thanks to Anne, KC9YL for being my sponsor, and the rest of the YLs in the YLRL.

It was Niece, KAIULN, who introduced me in the FB group of YLRL not so long ago, then Jenni, MØHZT, and Anne, WB1ARU, invited all the YLs to include BYLARA and YLRL into their CLUB LOG that led me to getting a sponsor to become a YLRL member.

My license Technician allocations here in the PHILIPPINES are in 40M,15M,10M and 2M bands.

Homebrewed wire dipole antenna which I just based from KG0ZZ YOUTUBE tutorials is best tuned on 40M but good enough on 15M. So, I am mostly limited on those 2 bands.

In the year 1994 when I first took the amateur licensing exam, but never had a transmission on the HF bands during that time. No rig yet and never got to DX then. It was in January of 2014 that I got back into the hobby and had MY FIRST TASTE OF DX thru an old amateur friend ... retook exam again because license got expired for more than 2 decades, and amnesty to renew it was far more expensive...

My QRZ.com logbook says I have 40 confirmed out of 83 DXCC worked, and 56 DXCC QSLs on my LOTW. DX Contest is my opportunity to be copied and heard. Stations are all up and patient to get and pick up each and every station available for points. I am the LONE "DW" prefix in the master DX SCP list, and upload logs to QSL in most known Amateur logbook, such as LOTW, QSL, DCL, QRZ.com log, Club log...No DIGI/DATA mode yet, but I am starting to search and find ways. Bands are getting unfriendly in my QTH nowadays and even neighboring districts are hard to work thru SSB and even in CW...

Looking forward to working you soon...

33, Threeza, DW3TRZ, MABUHAY

My YL club in Japan, JLRS, Japan Ladies Radio Society is celebrating our 60th anniversary this year. JLRS was founded in 1957 by three Japanese YLs, and we now have about 200 members nationwide and worldwide.

We are planning to hold the 60th anniversary General Meeting in Tokyo on July 2nd and 3rd. The venue is Hotel Mielparque, Tokyo. Please join us for this special occasion to celebrate together.

Yukiko Maki, 7K4TKB

For details and reservations, please contact Yukiko 7K4TKB at 7k4tkb@jarl.com

Do send news before April 25th to keep this column going and we do enjoy reading about you all.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

Webmaster Report

Website is doing wonderful. Your webmasters, Val VE5AQ and Yvonne ZR6TBL both had surgery in February, and are now on the mend.

Please remember that there are many certificates available for you to work for. Lots of you really don't want the wallpaper, and that is fine, they are basically there to encourage you to get on the air and make contacts.

The 2017 Favourite Certificate this year is your favorite flower(s). I have already sent out one in February. I was really surprised at receiving one so early. This year I will make sure that as the emails come in, girls get the correct number on their certificate. Last year was just my practice run.

That's it folks for now. Take care one and all

33, Val, VE5AQ

We still need a YL club to host our next convention. YLRL tries to hold conventions every 3-4 years to keep on the 10 year schedule and support anniversary years. The President and officers ask for your help so we can hold our next convention in 2019. If you have questions on what this entails, please contact President, Bobbie, W1JX for more information. Recent conventions have been held in Boston, MA and Vancouver, WA and we would love to move to the mid-west for the next one. Please help us!



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