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It's hard to believe it is already 2015. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season. Dave and I spent Christmas in Indiana with family. We stayed home for New Year's and let the amateur drunks have the roads.

I have been enjoying the Thursday night YL echo-link net. If you haven't checked in please do. If you have echo-link go to "area 4", and find the NF4GA-R link. The net is Thursday nights at 8 PM eastern time. Catherine Todd KK4UBQ is an excellent net control. She has come up with some very interesting topics for discussion and is always open to ideas from other YL's. So let's keep this going. We usually finish in time to catch the YL HF net at 9 PM. I have managed to check into that a few times it just depends on conditions and how well my antenna system is performing. It's hard to get a good antenna in a postage stamp lot.

The conditions were pretty good on 10 meters for the 10-meter contest this year. I managed to make 130 contacts most of which were DX stations. I even managed to work South Africa. I listened for Niece KA1ULN but we just never heard each other.

I've been playing around with some digital modes in particular "Olivia" but recently that's been on hold since the computer I was using for that was stolen. I use the Signal link box and it has another advantage. It copies CW, we used it during November Sweeps. CW weekend was not good for us but the box worked well. I still have to download FLdigi on my new computer so I can get back to it.

It won't be long and we'll be planning Dayton. I hope to make it this year. Hopefully we'll get a better time for our forum this year. Hope to see a lot of YL's there.

33,
Linda KC8PKY



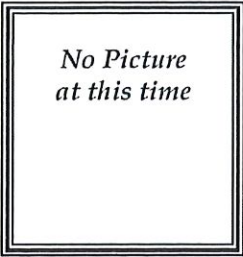
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Bob, W8SU is trying to collect the QSL cards of all the founding mothers of YLRL. One she of the ones he needs is for Louisa Sando, W5RZJ. He would love to have a PDF of it if anyone has access to it.

"Hi, is it possible any one has a QSL card they could scan PDF for Louisa Sando W5RZJ. I've watched for years and so far have not seen one. Thanks in advance"

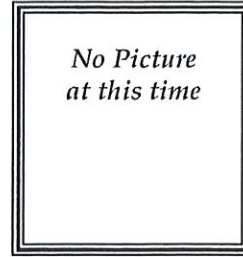
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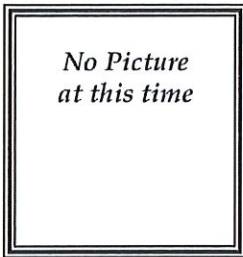
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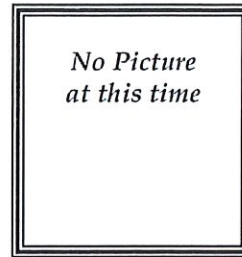
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New YLRL Members de Anne Manna, WB1ARU-Secretary

New Members for May/June 2015

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

For those members who joined at Huntsville, the information was right at deadline and more details will follow in the November/December issue. Thanks for your patience!

DISTRICT 1

Melanie Bishop N7BX

Melanie holds an Extra license and is retired. She is a member of Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont. Melanie has held the DX calls VK9AN, TX5Z and VP2MEL, as well as former call AB1UH. Check her QRZ page for pictures and more information.

Rosellen Daddario WE2W

Rosie holds an Extra license and is an Engineer. She shares radios with boyfriend Greg, N2GZ at their home.

Betsey Doane K1EIC (REJOIN)

Betsey holds an Extra license and is the ARRL CT Section Manager. She is a very active Traffic Handler. She is a retired Math and CS Professor who also keeps busy doing volunteer teaching.

Nora A. Ryan WX1GRL

Nora holds a Technician license and is an Administrative Professional. She is part of Belmont CERT and a trained weather spotter for SKYWARN. Her former call is KBIQLO.

DISTRICT 2

Antje Dirksen-Post N2OMA

Antje holds a General license and is retired. She is a member of Drumlins ARC and SARA. Hal, AK2E is her OM.

DISTRICT 3

Linda Wandel N3KSM

Linda holds a Technician license and is retired. Her OM is Larry, AH6AX.

DISTRICT 4

Catherine Goodrich KK4IWN

Cathy holds an Extra license and is a Senior Project Manager. She is active with Davidson County ARES and the Davidson Co. Traffic Net. She enjoys operating all bands and contests. Her OM is James WA4VGZ.

Beverly Teter KK4RPQ

Beverly holds a Technician license and is an LPN.

Amy Laakkonen KI4RHM

Amy holds a General license. She is a member of Martin Co ARA and Jupiter Lighthouse Radio Group. Family members are Ben, KK4FNW and Bill, N4BKT.

Carolyn Van Iderstine N5MUU

Carolyn holds an Extra license and enjoys 80m. She and her OM Van, W4ADU produce the VIS Study Guides.

Joan Bible K3MIJ

Joan holds a Technician license and is a P.A. She is a member of Andrew Johnson ARC and is active on 2m. Ralph, K4MIJ is her OM.

Lori R. Young K4UPI

Lori holds a General license and is a Registered Nurse. She is active on HF and 2 m. Lori is a member of North Fulton ARL and the Southeastern DX Club. You can hear Lori on both Thursday evening nets. Music on guitar and Native American flute and jewelry creation are her other hobbies. Daryl, K4RGK is her OM.

Donna McCord KM4FMW

Donna holds a Technician license and is an Adjunct College Instructor. She is active on UHF, VHF and HF (with OM Chuck, KK4TKJ). She is a member of Gwinnett ARS.

Sandra Pringle KM4KDO

Sandra holds an Extra license. She is a member of the Monroe County ARC and is active on 2m, Echolink and Winlink. She found YLRL by searching on the web.

Julia Orso KM4JXY

Julia holds a Technician license and is a waitress. She is a member of Mobile ARC and WX4MOB repeater club. She is active on 2 m and 440. Her OM is Russell KJ4YNW.

Deborah DeShazo KM4JIU

Debbie holds a General license and is self-employed. She is a member of CARC and is active on 160 - 6 m. Her OM is Gene KM4JAN.

Tonya Smith KM4MRI

Laura Julian KM4MSW

Sena Frank NI1Y

Emilie Reid N4XQS

Debra Miller KD4DEB

Martha Nelson KM4CZY

Kay C. Craigie K3KN

Janet W. Kelly KK4PRT

DISTRICT 5

Sue Plessala K5DKR

Dorothy Cantrell KF5TAV

Charlotte Burris KD5HFQ

DISTRICT 6

Cathy Gardenias K6VC

Cathy holds an Extra license and is an Office Manager. She sponsors youth programs and is an active DXer on all bands. She is a member of SCDXC. Carl, WU6D is her OM. Former calls are N6DXC and KF6LFB.

Mary Feryan KF6QJN

Mary holds a Extra license and is in Sales. She is a member of Radio Club of America. Mike, KA6JKN is her OM.

DISTRICT 7

Makayla Estoos KG7SGJ

Makayla holds a Technician license and is a Mom and RN. She is a member of Clark County ARES.

Sandra J. Skinner WB6NVO

Sandra holds an Extra license and is a retired Data Analyst. She is a member of Catalina RC with OM Jim, K6BPT.

Susan Johnson KG7TER

Susan holds a Technician license and is in Women's Health Care. She is a new ham, licensed in 2015. She learned about YLRL at SEAPAC.

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Jessica holds a General license and is an EE. She is active on 2 and 6 m and 70 cm. She is a member of Seattle Auxiliary Communications Service, West Seattle ARC, Puget Sound Repeater Group and The Juliets, a new YL group in Seattle. Her OM is Jeff, W7EIR. Her former call is KF7OPM.

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Joyce holds a Technician license and is a retired Administrative Assistant. She was the winner of YLRL membership at Dayton. She is a member of Grand Rapids ARA. She enjoys camping. Her OM is Rich, KD8NKQ.

Donna Schroeder N8DLS

Donna holds a General license and is retired. She is active on 2 m. Bill, WS6K and Charley, KC8EBM are family members.

Donna Monson-Waldrup W8DIY

Donna holds a Technician license and is a Medical Coder. She is a member of the Adrian ARC and is active on 2, 10 & 440. Stanley, W8ATE is a family member.

Jane Malafa N8NOA

Jane holds a Technician license and is a retired Librarian. She is a member of Dayton ARA. Richard, N8MRX is her OM.

Mary Christian N8EZL

Mary holds a General license and is retired. She is a member of TASYL which celebrated its 50th Anniversary in May. Dennis, N8CUF is her OM.

Linda Pawlicki KA8HRG

Linda holds a Technician license and is retired. She is a member of Michigan QRP Club. Family members include OM John, K8AG and Larry, KM4JLC.

Madeline Sladen KE8AYG

Madeline holds a Technician license and is a Student. She is active on 10 m and enjoys Rookie Roundup. She is a member of Ham Loaf ARC along with her dad, Mark, W8GU. Other family members include Kathy, KD9CGT and George, AC8GT.

DISTRICT 9

Kathleen S. Alderton KD9CGT

Kathleen holds a General license and is a retired Teacher who now works in HR for the IN State Police. She is a member of Madison Co. RC (IN) and Ham Loaf ARC. Family members include OM George, AC8GT; Mark, W8GU; and niece Madeline, KE8AYG.

Catherine Markstrom KC9EOW

Cathy holds a General license and is a Paralegal. She is a member of Racine Co. ARES and W9UDU. She is active on 20m and 40m and also loves to knit. Her son is Samm, KC9POP.

Valerie Hotzfeld NV9L

Valerie holds an Extra license and is a DJ and host of "Ham Nation". She is very active on all bands and contests. She has held the DX call PJ6A. Natalie, KC9KIR is her daughter.

Natalie Harding KC9KIR

Natalie holds a Technician license and is an anthropologist. Her mother is Valerie, NV9L.

Debra Lehman KD9DXO

Debra holds a Technician license and is a Machine Operator. Debra likes to quilt. Her OM is Bob, KJ4WZH.

Edna D. Dean KC9WXV

Edna holds a Technician license and is a retired RN. She is a member of CENOIS ARC and is active on 2 m. Ronald, WB4GNI is her OM. WD4NSV was her former call. She found the YLRL through the ad in CQ Magazine.

DISTRICT 10

Linda Kammerer KDØQHV

Editor's Note

Thanks to all our members and subscribers for your patience with the delay of the July/ August issue. This summer has been filled with challenges for our officers. Some have had medical problems while others have lost dear loved ones. Work has also been known to get in the way and of course there is always the unexpected!

Please remember that all positions are volunteer and sometimes life gets in the way of our other plans.

Deadlines for contributions from columnists (and anyone else submitting information) is approximately 6 weeks before the issue is due out. Each issue has to be edited, compiled into the same format and font, laid out, pictures edited and de-saturated for print and many other details taken care of and that is all done before we even go to print! So as with any other magazine, there may be delays.

The Columnist deadline is the 15th of EVEN months, so all information to be included must be to them before that date for it to be received by the Editor in time for print.

New members have to be processed through the Receiving Treasurers, then the information is sent to the Secretary to be processed. It is also copied to the Continuous Membership Chairwoman. All this is before the details are sent to the Editor for inclusion in columns.

If you have any questions on information published or to be included in **YL-Harmonics**, please let an officer know.

There are also opening in various appointed positions and YLRL is always looking for volunteers for Officer positions. If you are interested, please contact any of the officers listed in the front of each magazine.

Dues go to either the US/Canada Receiving Treasurer or the DX Receiving Treasurer. All corrections to addresses and information also go to them and the Editor gets the information from them for print.

Editorial changes, corrections and additions may go to the Editor.

Again, thank you for your understanding and being a member of the Young Ladies' Radio League!

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Cheryl, NØWBV-Editor

District 1

District 1 Field Day Report

First of all, the First day of Field day in New England went well but as night approached we were getting horrible storm warnings and as a result many field day setups closed down. The winds were incredible. The rain was noisy, hard and torrential. So the weather took a toll on our numbers.

Here are reports from a few New England Field Day Sites:

Jean Camerer, K1AVM: I worked field day with Nashua club. I logged for Dennis Marandos, a CW operator.

Christy Risser-Milne, AA1AZ (my old call KC1ARZ is in the directory): Our club - Charter Oak Radio Society, consists of half a dozen OM and me ... but since several of the OMs were my license class teachers and two of them are very dear to me as Elmers, I don't mind being outnumbered.

We set up for field day in the literal field next to my house in East Hartford, Connecticut. Despite two antennas falling down once each, we managed to get one of our stations on the air just as field day fired up. We ended up running 3A and I personally spent about 5 hours at the mic going back and forth between jumping into pile-ups and just sitting and calling CQ.

The best part of field day was when my 4-year-old daughter joined me in calling CQ. She'd say, "CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day," and I'd follow with, "N1CRS," and she'd finish with "CQ Field Day." Needless to say, the voice of a 4-year-old girl coupled with a YL calling CQ got us some attention and a nice pileup. The cute factor even had my grizzled OM friends grinning from ear-to-ear.

I honestly don't know our final number of contacts, but we don't do field day so much for the points as for the fun. And much fun was indeed had by all.

Anne, WB1ARU and her OM Tony, WA1ENO, operated as a 1E station in EMA. Our trusty generator was set up in the outside garage so was dry throughout the rainstorm. Unfortunately I couldn't start operating until nearly 4 PM on Saturday, due to an unforeseen obligation. Once I got on however, I sat on a 20 m frequency and called CQ with excellent results. Some of the time I was making 2 to 3 contacts a minute! We kept our station on the air, taking turns operating, until 3 AM and then got back on again about 7:30 AM.

When 20 got quiet late in the night, we switched to 40 m. Band conditions were not bad although there was a lot of QSB, with stations fading away or blasting in randomly. We worked just about every section minus the northern New England states and the eastern provinces of Canada. We had to end early, at about 12:30 on Sunday, so we could attend our granddaughter's first dance recital. We haven't processed the logs yet, but we made over 1000 Qs, all on SSB.

Anita Kemmerer, AB1QB: I am an Extra class ham and first got my license in 2011. I enjoy RTTY contesting and DXing. Along with my husband, AB1OC, we built a new multi-op station in 2012 - you can read about it on our blog at <http://stationproject.wordpress.com> along with our adventures with Ham Radio.

During the past 2 months, I've been involved in a multitude of Ham Radio related activities.

We drove from our home in New Hampshire to the Dayton Hamvention in May and had lots of fun on the way with the mobile station in our F150. We did a county hunters tour activating many rare counties on the way to and from Dayton. County Hunters have special awards for contacting YLs and OM/YL pairs so our contacts were in great demand.



*Operating from our
Mobile Station on our
way to Dayton*



*On a County Line in
New York State*

For seven weeks in May and June, I was an instructor in a Technician Licensing course given by members of our local club, the Nashua Area Radio Club. We had 8 students in the class including three YLs. It was great fun teaching the class and it reinforced my own ham radio knowledge. It was a great feeling to help more people join our hobby!

The weekend after the class ended was Field Day. I participated in Field Day with the Nashua Area Radio Club in a local park, Wasserman Park in Merrimack, NH. We were 8A and we used 2 of the falling derrick towers from WRTC 2014 with tri-band beam antennas and wire antennas on 80m and 40m. This year I took a break from operating, and I helped to put up the wire antennas, served lunch and a barbecue dinner to the team. I also helped earn bonus points by setting up a public information table and educating visitors on what Ham Radio is all about and by copying the RTTY W1AW bulletin. It was great to see some of the new Hams from our Technician class operating at Field Day!



Putting up antennas at Field Day.



Tech class after classes and operating at Field Day.

Right after Field Day was the 13 Colonies Special Event. My OM, AB1OC is the State Manager for the K2K New Hampshire stations and I designed the QSL card. I operated for 2 hours on Friday, making close to 200 contacts. I also completed a clean sweep of all 13 colonies and the two bonus stations.

Niece, KA1ULN: I really enjoy field day. I am affiliated with three clubs and truly wanted to help all three.

First was, W1HP, based out of my town. I always help them setup and sometimes help make and serve the food. This year I helped them setup the hex beam and assemble the big tent which held four HF radios. I helped them until Saturday at 1 pm and then heard one of the other clubs was not active so skipped them and went to KIIG.



AB1QB as K2K - NH 13 Colonies Station.

meters with FLDIGI.

I went home at dusk and went right to my shack and made some QSOs, mostly

There, I stayed with the Satellite station for about 2 hours (never contacting a satellite). There was a hidden fox in the area.... So the satellite station turned into foxhunting for a bit. I stayed with them until about 6 pm when SKYWARN sent out announcements that the weather was horrible and to prepare for that. Everyone stopped what they were doing and gathered in the mess hall. The president of the club told us about all the weather issues descending in our area. And what the plans were for overnight.

Everything turned out ok, we did not make as many QSOs as we would like but all had a great time. I worked my first 6-meter QSOs, 16 to be exact, and also worked at the PSK31 station on 40

on PSK31 40 meters.

Good luck to all that worked field day. For those that did not, please plan on doing something next year 2016 at a field day site.

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Niece KA1ULN

District 4

Hello to District 4 YLs! First of all, District 4 YLRL would like to welcome the following new members:

Catherine, KK4IWN located in Nashville, TN

Beverly, KK4RPQ located in Falkville, AL

Amy, KI4RHM in Hobe Sound, FL

Carolyn, N5MUU in Coffeenville, AL

Joan, K3MIJ in Limestone, TN

Lori, K4UPI in Roswell, GA



Melanie, KM4GQN and Catherine, KK4UBQ putting up antennas

easy our Club Members make it seem to just put up those dipole and loop antennas! It was so much fun being able to hang out with Lori, K4UPI; Martha, W4MSA; and Melanie, KM4GQN; during setup and throughout the entire Field Day experience! Lori, Melanie and I also had the privilege of running out and picking up lunch and drinks for a few of the OMs, and we were just chatting and singing along in the car (a few silly fun pictures were taken at Burger King - LOL).



Lori, K4UPI; Melanie, KM4GQN; Catherine, KK4UBQ; and Martha, W4MSA



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

I hope everyone had a blast at Field Day! My OM Greg, KK4UBP and I certainly did.

This was my second Field Day, and we had a great time! We participated with North Fulton Amateur Radio League. Our club ran 3A (a club station on emergency power with 3 active transmitters). We had a Phone (SSB) station, a CW Station, and an "All Mode" Station for HF. We also had a Satellite and a Six Meter Station, GOTA Station, and BSA Merit Badge Workshop. Wow! NFARL was certainly busy with Field Day this year!

I was able to head out Friday and check out and assist some with the setup. It's always great to see how



Lori, K4UPI and Catherine, KK4UBQ

Saturday was great fun as I was able to assist with logging for a couple of OMs in our club. My OM Greg was able to put on a third set of headphones and listen in from time to time as well in between visiting with other club members. It seemed to be a slow start for about the first 30 min or so, but then it really started to pick up the pace. Then it was food time!

Lynn, N4MSK and her team, which also included Martha, W4MSA always does such a wonderful job with the food preparations every year and NFARL is never wanting for food, snacks, or hydrating water and sports drinks! My OM Greg and I really enjoyed visiting with numerous club

members and their family members who came to join in on the fun experience of Field Day. On Saturday night, it was such a blast logging and assisting Melanie, KM4GQN, on GOTA while Lori was hard at work with her OM, Daryl, K4RGK working the satellite passes.



Melanie, KM4GQN shows off her GOTA pin.

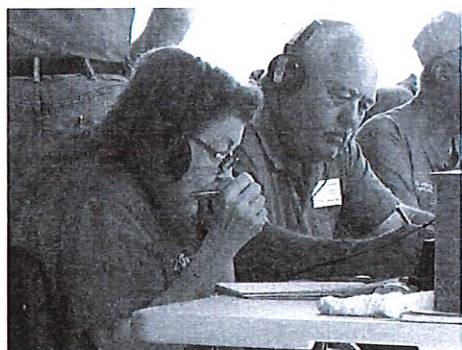
There's nothing like working with someone on their first HF Experience! Melanie did wonderfully making 65 contacts in about 1.5hrs on GOTA station! Way to go Melanie and congratulations on getting your GOTA pin! Her personal experience is shared with us below. It was great to see a few of Martha's students ready to work Digital on GOTA overnight. Hats off to Martha, W4MSA for pulling an all-nighter and two of her students were able to make 100 digital contacts. Martha was still able to put on a fantastic breakfast for the overnights Sunday morning as she does every year. Thank you so much Martha for all you're doing for ham radio and for your students!

On Sunday, Lori and her OM, Daryl continued to make more contacts via the Satellite station, and I was able to operate for a couple of hours on the SSB Phone station. Melanie was kind enough to log with me this year and together we were able to accomplish 216 Q's in two hours! Along the way, we made contact with several YLs and young ham radio operators, which only added to our joy in working through

the pileups!

Several other YLs were able to share their Field Day experiences with us. Thank you so much ladies for sending these in! Here they are:

Donna, KM4FMW – Her First Field Day Experience: I had a blast! Friday was our 11th wedding anniversary, so my OM, Chuck, KK4TKJ, and I enjoyed our special weekend working stations separately and together on Sunday on 40m.



Donna, KM4FMW and her OM, Chuck, KK4TKJ

I missed Saturday to attend my large Chafin family's 91st consecutive family reunion but made it to Harbins Park in Dacula, GA, where my club Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society held the GARS Field Day so I could work the 20m station overnight. I truly learned the effects of propagation as we'd bounce from the west coast to the east coast and sometimes hit both at once. I love meeting the contacts and seeing what state or province will pop up next. If I sound overly excited, it's because this was my first Field Day and my OM's second. It's loads of fun sharing the hobby with my OM. I made 102 contacts for GARS on 20m overnight and then 107 contacts on 40m on Sunday. I think I've challenged the adage "You can't teach an old dog new tricks"! After retiring from 40 years of high school teaching, I am loving learning this new hobby. GARS had 8 primary stations running on generator power, a satellite station, a solar station plus several others, and those of our 300 GARS members who attended the event pitched in with the setup of the pavilion and stations, putting up the antennas, cooking great food and keeping the coffee pot going!! A good time was definitely had by all!

We were set up by a bike path and walking path at the park that brought many in out of curiosity. Our GOTA station introduced folks from age 4 and up to amateur radio (yes, there was a 4-year-old who made his first contact). Also, a new HAM and new GARS member, rising high school senior Ruth, KM4LAO, worked all modes. I'll send another photo in another email.

Donna KM4FMW

Jean KM4FVO – Her First Field Day Experience: Field Day was great fun! My first Field Day experience was with our local Ham Club (GARS). Soon after the club finished its set-up in the park, a storm came through. They were definitely operating under "less than optimal" conditions! Even through cloud cover, however, they were able to use solar/battery power to work several locations.

I arrived between storms, and the whole pavilion was humming with CW, voice, and data contacts and people coming and going constantly. The trees looked sewn together with antennas of various sizes.

One station was using a computer-programmed, moving antenna to track communication satellites, connecting across North America and Central-South America. Even though I wasn't able to stay a long time, I was able to



Lori, K4UPI and her OM, Daryl, K4RGK.

use the GOTA station to make my first out of state "CQ" contact.

It was great to meet face-to-face with some of the people I had heard on the nets. There were hams of all ages, and good number of YL's, and PLENTY of food! Hopefully, by next Field Day, I'll be experienced enough to help run one of those stations. HI HI

Thank you for your encouragement and for running the YL net!
33, KM4FVO-Jean

Melanie KM4GQN – Her First Field Day Experience: Hello ladies, my name is Melanie, KM4GQN, and this was my very first Field Day. I was fortunate that the planets aligned and my work schedule was clear for three days of ham heaven!

I arrived Friday morning to help out, saw a YL and introduced myself. Turned out it was Martha W4MSA, who took me around and introduced me to all the guys busy launching antennas. I got to watch all of the different antennas go up and I'll tell you what, launching is definitely an art, and really neat to see! I also got to meet Lori, K4UPI face-to-face that day. I had unfortunately missed Lori at the Atlanta Hamfestival. Catherine, KK4UBQ was there, so we had a little "gang" of YLs! By the way, it was like a zillion degrees that day - so very hot!



Ana Maria, KM4AUP and the Boy Scouts.

Saturday brought rain off and on with the heat, but that didn't stop the excitement! The Scouts were coming in for their merit badge work and GOTA, and I got to meet Ana Maria, KM4AUP, and watch her work with them to learn their names in phonetics. I was also fortunate to meet the one Girl Scout in the bunch, Laura – look for big things from this future YL! Her enthusiasm is contagious, and Ana Maria will be working with her to get some of her ideas in action. I can't wait to see what happens!

Time to check out the satellite station where I enjoyed a lot and learned quite a bit about working the "birds" from Lori and her OM, Daryl, K4RGK.

The picnic in the afternoon was terrific with lots of a great food and more people to meet. Late that evening it was time for me to hit GOTA. I really wanted that pin for twenty contacts! Lucky for me, I had Catherine mentoring me and logging for my first go on HF, and we made 65 by the time the station

went QRT at midnight - best time EVER!

Now it was time for Martha's students, who were working the digital station overnight. Martha is tireless – between helping with the launching, the great food she brought to the picnic, and the work she does with her students, she is one amazing lady!

On Sunday we enjoyed perfect weather and cooler temps, and again I was hovering over Lori & Daryl at the satellite station. I was fascinated watching the computer tracking the various satellites. Then it was noon with only two hours left! Catherine asked me if I would log for her while she operated the SSB phone station. Having never logged and not certain if I could keep up, she assured me that I could, and those last two hours just flew by! How exciting to hear that pileup toward the end, and know that YLs were adding those last points to the 2015 Field Day score - woo hoo!

Now it was over, and time to take everything down, which was a little sad – I didn't want it to end! I made a lot of new friends, and have a memory that I will never forget – my first Field Day!

Lori, K4UPI – Her Third Field Day Experience: My thoughts on FD.....

This was my third NFARL Field Day and I had a great time during set up and throughout the event. Friday, many club members gathered to hoist the antennas in what turned out to be one of the hottest days of the year. Saturday morning a heavy rainstorm helped to cool down the temperatures and Field Day was underway. My husband, K4RGK, and I ran the satellite station both Saturday and Sunday. We completed 22 contacts in total, which included a 7-degree FO-29 pass that remained active all the way down to 2.5 degrees which is amazing.

My favorite part of Field Day is the atmosphere of pure teamwork that makes it all happen and the camaraderie throughout the weekend. I spent a lot of time with Catherine, KK4UBQ and Melanie, KM4GQN and had a great time.

While most have a great Field Day experience, sometimes things don't go along as we hope or plan. I wanted to include Sandra's Field Day experience below not to discourage her or anyone, but rather to remind us and our OMs and club members to always be on the lookout for others to make sure everyone has the best Field Day experience they can have. While Sandra had a rough go this year, we hope to help make her experience next year MUCH more enjoyable any way we can! Please see Sandra's experience below:

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Jean, KM4FVO with GARS photo by Sherryl Caffin Bailey.

Sandra – Her First Field Day Experience: I had very mixed feelings about my first field day. I wanted to be there during set up so I could see the antennas that they were using and how they put them up, but I also wanted to try to stay long enough to make at least a few contacts. Sadly this didn't work out as planned. I was first at the location and had to wait for everyone else to arrive, and being unable to physically help with the antennas it wasn't as fun as I had hoped.

Also while no one explained anything about the antennas to me, I did find I was surprised about how long the antenna was, and it was my first time seeing a ladder line. Most of the time I was there (3 hours) I sat alone watching everything or watching other people group and talk together. I felt very alone and very depressed. I also didn't like how everything seemed to be so one-sided when it came to gender roles.

I sat there and wasn't asked to do or help with anything while all the men worked with the radios, antenna and setup, and the only other female there was stuck (at least as I saw it) on food duty. She had to place down the tablecloths, warm up/cook the food, and organize the table. By the end of 3 hours, I was just plain ready to go home.

Not only was I physically hurting from not having a good place to sit, but from the attitude from everyone around. Even when I had stepped up and starting talking to the HAM that ran the digital station, I still never got any of my questions answered and when he did talk and showed me a program he didn't walk me through it or really explain what it was all about. It makes me really not want to go to it again next year, but I really want to give operating a try. Next year if the feeling of Field day is the same I will not be giving a 3rd try.

Sandra

Again, her experience reminds us to be sure that we ourselves, our OMs and our Clubs are really looking out for the new hams, including YLs, at any of our events and make sure they are welcomed and included in honor of the Amateur Radio Code of Ethics. *Ed. Note: Be aware of Hams new to the group who may really want to help/operate, but may be too shy to ask to participate. Also if one Field Day group seems cliquish, try another! I have had mixed results too and sometimes all it takes is a great group who reaches out to new participants!*

Thanks again ladies for sharing your Field Day Experiences and photos with us!

Another great event coming up that you do NOT want to miss if you can make it is the W4DXCC Convention! They feature a Ham Radio Boot camp on Friday that you do not want to miss! Their goal is to, by then end of Friday, hope that everyone attends will be able to set up an HF station, build erect and test the HF antenna, Make an HF QSO and log it properly, and learn how to work DX and Contest on HF. That's just the Ham Radio Boot camp on Friday!

Much more afterwards that evening and also during Saturday's exciting agenda! Please check it out at www.w4dxcc.com and registration opened July 1st! The convention will be in Pigeon Forge, TN so why not make it an addition to your vacation?

A few final reminders:

If you haven't renewed your dues for 2015, please be sure and do that as soon as possible! Please email me if you have any questions.

All YLs are welcome to please join us on the Thursday Night Echolink YL Net Node 560686 NF4GA-R repeater or ALARA Conference Node 286905 as well. We hope that the ALARA link will encourage more Australian Ladies to join us and bring us closer together via ham radio. Net starts at 8pm Eastern Time. We would love to see you connect in on either Node and join us!

Please send any ham radio/Hamfest experiences with pictures you'd like to share with the ladies in YLRL Harmonics to my email to kk4ubq@arrl.net so they can be included! The Sept/Oct is the directory issue, so no news goes there. However, next deadline is Oct 15, so if you can get me any news/experiences you have by Oct 1st that would be fantastic!

Please be sure and stay active on the radio with HF, Local Repeaters, and/or Echolink!

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

See you on the bands!

33 de Catherine, KK4UBQ

*Ruth, KM4LAO and her
Mother at Field Day.*



District 5

Hello to all,

Hope everyone is having a great summer!

We are here in Orlando, FL for our yearly family vacation, enjoying relaxing by the pool and doing the usual Orlando attractions. Been a busy summer so far canning green beans, bread & butter pickles, and jalapeno pepper jelly our garden did really well this year.

I will be attending Field Day with Southern Mississippi YL group and in August plans are to attend the Huntsville AL, Hamfest.

Brownwood, TX, Ann, WA5GLM:

It's been a busy spring here at Happy Valley Ranch---lots of glorious rain followed by voracious mosquitoes. HI HI. The wildflowers have been spectacular, and even here in mid-June; the field behind the house is a rolling sea of yellow.

Other than the rain and flowers not much to report I'm still recovering from vascular surgery (five surgeries in seven days) and, of all things, viral pinkeye! Pneumonia brought a short sojourn in the local hospital, long enough to really appreciate the OM's cooking, among other things.

33, Ann

Milan, New Mexico, Judy, KC7KPG:

We left home May 8th traveling east. We attended the Dayton Hamvention. The YLRL forum was great and met many of the YLRL members. We are spending a month in WV camped out at our son and his family's home. After the YLISSB Convention June 17-21st in TN, we'll head home arriving just in time for Field Day. We will hold Field Day from our motor home camped at El Morro National Monument campground near home in NM. It has been a wonderful summer so far.

33, Judy

Hope everyone has a safe Field Day!

BJ, KB5CSQ

Recap of Activity at YLRL Exhibit – HamCom, 2015

With a booth location at one end of the exhibit hall, there was fairly steady traffic both Friday and Saturday, although we had more women register on Friday. Ages of those who stopped ranged from a 12-year-old who, sadly, failed her Technician exam by one question on what was her third try I think she said, to a 99-year-old man with his walker. Fortunately, when the child returned Dave Wells, a veteran at giving exams in a community college, encouraged her to go to a site on Facebook and immerse herself in the action rather than just memorize the Q&A in the license manual. That sounded like practical advice for anyone who may be working with an aspiring ham.

One OM commented that he hadn't known YLRL existed, having tried for years to interest his wife in what she termed "a man's hobby". I offered him some of our materials to show her women hams DO exist. When I got around to reading what I was passing out I realized that one reason I haven't been getting on the air is because the Thursday night net is now on Wednesday, my night for church choir. *Ed Note. There still is a Thursday night net on Thursday with an Echolink net before the YLRL HF net. However, local nets may have moved. Check out the YLRL webpage at www.ylrl.org for the latest updates on YL nets!* However, the weekend did inspire me to try to overcome my fear of the latest model of the FLEX radio that is usually on the computer desk and at least listen until courage returns.

My OM, Bob, sent a former acquaintance from the FLEX booth back to me, where we struck up a conversation that spanned 50 years of shared history in music and lasted over two hours. I had almost forgotten those early years as a professional symphony musician. In fact, it was a fellow member of the Houston Symphony who sent me to the Houston Amateur Radio Club the very night that the GAYLARKs were forming.

I do believe in serendipity. I would never have gone to HamCom had it not been for Cheryl's plea at Dayton, and I wouldn't have had the fun or the inspiration that I gained in Irving. We'll see what next year brings.

Grace Tracy, K5YTT

The YLRL booth at HamCom



District 6

Congratulations to District 6 member Dr. Carol Milazzo!

YLRL member Dr. Carol Milazzo KP4MD has been elected as ARRL Sacramento Valley Section Manager beginning October. Carol also serves as Secretary and Webmaster for the River City Amateur Radio Communications Society in Sacramento and was recently featured in the May 22 Episode 42 of the QSO Today Podcast. *Ed Note: Congratulations this is great news!*

HAM RADIO DEMO SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Mike, NA6MB, and Gayle, K6GO decided to share emergency communication preparedness with their neighbors in Cabo san Lucas following the devastation of Hurricane Odile.

Hurricane Odile was the most intense tropical cyclone to hit the Baja California Peninsula. In September 2014, Odile inflicted widespread damage as it reached its Category 4 hurricane peak intensity on September 14th. The cyclone made landfall near Cabo San Lucas with winds of 125 mph and winds of 140 mph at the airport in San Jose del Cabo. Power was out for 10 days and there was little communication.

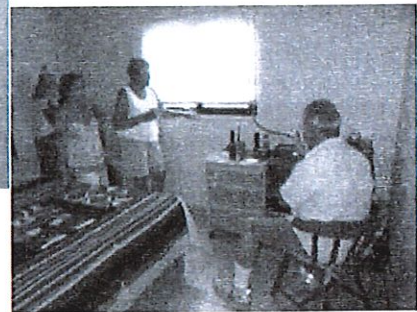


Destruction at Cabo Airport

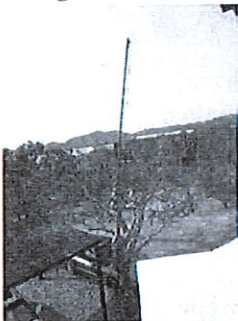
XE2/NA6MB and XE2/K6GO decided during one of their subsequent trips to their casita in Cabo, that an amateur radio demonstration would be an excellent preparedness feature to share. XE2/NA6MB on the air speaking to W6HDG in San Diego, CA

They invited all their neighbors in their community of Paloma Village.

Neighbors observing the demo.



They had been successfully using a HiQ antenna, but the day before the demo it failed. Mike, NA6MB found the old broken G5RV antenna in the bodega and fashioned it into a working 20-meter antenna.



The "new" dipole

Howard, K6HDG was at the ready in San Diego County for the demonstration.

One of the Cabo neighbors, Ken, who lives in Alaska when not in Cabo emailed a ham friend of his. The friend is his neighbor in Alaska and he gets away to Tucson, Arizona. He stood by and waited for the demonstration. When a call was made for other stations he chimed in and got to talk to his friend.

As Mexican customs dictate, the demonstration was followed by a fiesta where there was lively discussions about becoming "Radio Aficianados" and getting US Ham Licenses back home in the off season and getting XE2 licenses while in Mexico and setting up basic stations in Cabo.



On the air to AZ

Upstairs for snacks, etc.



An educational time was had by all.

Ed Note: This is a great way to show the practical side of Field Day! Great job, Gayle and Mike!

District 7

Here I sit at my computer after looking all through it trying to find the article I am sure I did for this month's Harmonics. I work on three computers- my laptop, and two desktops. My OM works in IT so our whole house it networked. Anyway I saved both the articles I do and I can't find them anywhere. It appears they have dropped into the black hole where so many documents I save end up. As I'm sure you're realizing I am not nearly as computer literate as my OM is. So I'm redoing them.

We have had an incredibly hot summer here. Many days over 90*, which is very hot for the northwest. And numerous days over 100*, which nearly does everyone in. But at least during the night it appears that fall is in the air and we get some colder times. That thrills everyone. But the exciting part is that this weekend we're supposed to get rain! We normally have rain consistently even in the summer, but this summer has been incredibly dry. So everyone is looking forward to a weekend of wet. That is everyone but those who have outdoor events planned!

My OM and I worked our radios at the Battle Ground Harvest Hay Half Marathon this year with many other hams in the area. We live in Battle Ground, WA so it was fun to help at this marathon and encourage the runners on while we were keeping our areas as safe as possible. We borrowed a couple of 440 radios because our 2m ones wouldn't work where they placed us on the rural route. So we got home and my OM ordered a couple of 440/2m radios and we just got them in. So he's all excited about that, I am too actually. I am involved in ARES/RACES and using the 440/2m will work better for me. And seeing I'm involved in emergency preparedness I naturally needed a mobile rig, so we got one of those too.

You know, one thing I've noticed in amateur radio is how helpful people are to get others on the air. When I got my radios and the software to download everything a dear lady volunteered to help me. She got the software downloaded and the radios loaded with all I need. So now my radios are working just as they need to and I am on more nets than before. Not only that but I think I can do it myself next time.

I hope your summer has been fruitful and involved. And I hope fall has fun times ahead for you all.
33, Marilyn, AF7BI

District 10

Congratulations to Anna Veal, WØANT for receiving the 2014 Hiram Percy Maxwell Award for Youth in Amateur Radio and the Amateur Radio Newsline Young Ham of the Year Award!

Anna was licensed in 2008 and has been a member of YLRL for most of that time. She is very active with her STEM School and Academy in Highlands Ranch, CO and was a co-founder of her school's Amateur Radio Club-ABØBX.

She serves as a radio operator for many events including Tour de Cure and the 2015 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. She is also an avid DXpeditioner and was a team member on the 2011 Youth DX Adventure at TI5N.

Anna comes from a Ham Radio family including her father Paul, NØAH; and her mother Peggy, KDØISN.

An amazing job Anna! Congratulations!

Longtime YLRL Historian, Kay, WAØWOF has turned over the historical documents and other items to Publicity Chairwoman, Cheryl, NØWBV to work on archiving the collection digitally. In the meantime, this means YLRL is looking for a new Historian.

Look for past items and documents to slowly start appearing on the YLRL website as items get transferred over.



Kay WAØWOF and Cheryl, NØWBV

Cheryl reports that she had a lovely visit with Kay while collecting the items. She (Cheryl) and her OM, John, KTØE, were headed through Kansas to beat a series of storms that were converging in Texas and Oklahoma. They had been attending a car event and Kay's place was a perfect stop on the way home.

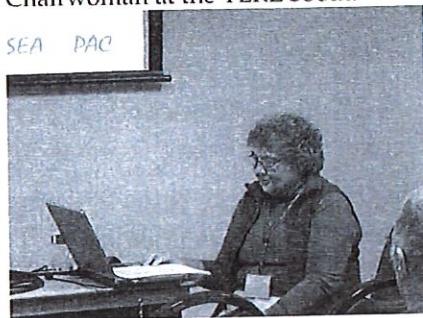
A car full of History!



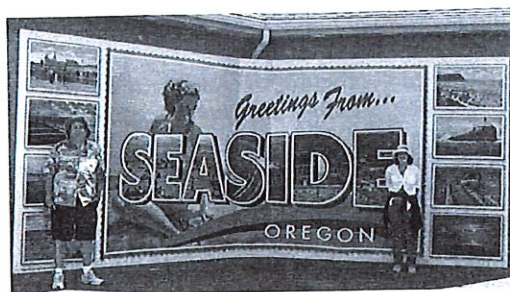
Anna Veal, WØANT

"We weren't sure if everything would fit, but somehow we managed," says Cheryl. "The car already had a week's worth of luggage and other gear from the Bandit Run, so it was a tight fit. Everything made it to Colorado safely, though!"

Next up was the SeaPac Hamvention. Held in Seaside, OR, Cheryl and her OM were glad to have a new event to visit. To add to the excitement, Cheryl was the YL Luncheon speaker as well. She also had fun at the YL Forum with Barb Yasson, speaking on the YLRL and stopped by to see Marilyn, -the 7th District Chairwoman at the YLRL booth!



Barb, AC7UH at the YL Forum.



Marilyn, AF7BI at the YLRL Booth.



Nighttime S'mores on the beach!



The hotel was on the beach and encouraged bonfires and S'mores, so that was a must as well.

Cheryl also managed to find time in a busy summer to get to Field Day marking her 24th consecutive event. She has been attending as a logger and general go to girl since even before she was licensed. Her niece, Sarah was on hand and wanted to know "How many points am I worth?" She was told quite a few between the youth introduction to radio and the YL voice!

John, KTØF logs for Sarah on Field Day.



KL News

Fall is in the air for all of you in Alaska. And the cold is moving in. So it's time to start thinking of what you want to do when you 'honker down'. We're all still looking forward to some cool weather here in Washington/Oregon.

We had our CCARC Ham Fair last weekend and I was able to get a YLRL table there. We got quite a few people stopping by interested in what YLRL does. Not only that but our club does Tech classes just for women. And one is coming up in Oct. So I was also promoting that. We had at least 3 interested people and I hope they come to the class. Thank you Barbara, AC7UH, for heading up those classes.

I went into the Anchorage ARC site to see what they are into and found something interesting. They have Lara Baker, AL2R, president; Lillian Marvin, KL7YF, secretary; and Alice Baker, KL2GD, treasurer. AARC promotes community service, which is a good thing. Our club CCARC also promotes community service. It's one thing that drew my OM and me to the club. And I'm sure hams in Anchorage will be drawn to their club for that reason also.

We have a member of MINOWs (Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Washington) Club that resides in two states. She lives in Brookings OR during the winter and then when the weather warms up she goes to her hometown of Nome AL. Claudia Doyle, KLØHI, use to be secretary of MINOWs. She helped keep the club intact. We miss her when she's home in Nome, but I'm sure she's much happier being in her 'old haunts'. Hope to see you soon, Claudia!

Have a good autumn and get on the air!!
33, Marilyn, AF7BI

VE News

Summer has arrived. Better propagation has not!! Conditions quite horrible and almost impossible, at times. Still trying to catch European signals on the YLDX Net. Always great to make contact with YL friends even if signals do fluctuate and conditions are not the best. The joke, at one time, was that I was going to live long enough to experience the top of a really good cycle. I am beginning to believe that is not going to happen. I have been licensed since 2002 and propagation has not improved. In fact, I think it has become steadily worse. I continue to hope for improvement.

Outside of loudly complaining about conditions, everything else is just fine here in the Comox Valley. It is June as I write this and the weather has been wonderful. I have lost my good and faithful Ten-Tec Centurion amplifier so I am operating barefoot. George, VE7MCK, has fixed my antenna tuner and it is neatly installed where it belongs. I am lucky to have his help when I need it. I am looking after his dog, Morgan, while he and Margaret are away on holidays. When they return he has invited me to join a group for Field Day. That is always fun and I appreciate being included. I supply Guinness.

I am also looking forward to a visit from my grandson, Liam. He is home from the University of Southern Utah and is hoping to qualify for the Junior Pan Am games in Edmonton. He is a talented runner and on a full sports scholarship at SUU. Taking the sciences in hopes of a future in sports medicine. When he was little and his life not so organized he used to come to stay with me in the summers. I particularly remember the summer he was 9 years old. That summer he worked the radio and talked to many kind and friendly OMs in the USA. He tried so very hard, for several nights in a row, to contact a New Zealand station but was not successful. We put a map on the wall and had a coloured drawing pin for every QTH he contacted that summer. Not only fun evenings for us both but a good lesson in geography, too. Happy memories. I hope you all have a super, safe summer and generate many happy memories, too. 33 Suzanne, VE7IM

Val, VE5AQ, writes: News from VE5Land. Well by the time you read my article, I will be back from 12 glorious days of total peace and quiet. As many of you know, my OM and I go camping in June while the lovely little "Harmonics" are still in school. We basically have the campgrounds to ourselves. Not sure what the weather will be like, but even if we can't do much hiking, or walking around because of the rain etc, we will definitely get lots of rest.

I got my potatoes in the ground the last week of May, and they are doing really well. My flowers in their pots are the most gorgeous color of Orange, and they just light up the yard. Other than that, there is not much going on here in Saskatchewan. Our Hamfest is July 3-5th but Harv and I will only be able to attend on the Saturday morning and afternoon. Being the Sec/Treas I must attend the AGM, and then we have to leave due to family commitments. So we will miss the banquet and the rest of the functions planned. So this year, unfortunately, I will not be advertising the YLRL or the CLARA organizations. Our favorite saying is: "There is always next year"

That's it from beautiful sunny dry Moose Jaw for this time around.

33, Val VE5AQ

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Well, the CLARA Chatter Party has come and gone, the conditions here were awful, I did manage to make a few contacts but gave up quickly. We'll try again next year. Glad that some of you had better luck than I did. Thanks to all the YLs that helped me get my Favorite location certificate. My certificate number is #1, hope a lot more are taking part in this certificate; it's lots of fun. Next thing up will be Field Day; hopefully conditions will be much better. This is one event that we always take part in and enjoy.

Our winter square dancing is over and we've now started into our summer camping dancing. This is a nice change and more relaxing since it's not every weekend.

Mother's Day was very busy at the flower shop but everyone got their flowers on time. Another good year.

Corinne and family had a great time in Jamaica and came home tanned and ready to take on the world again. Doug, VE3VS and Don, VE3NC (cousin) went to the Dayton Hamfest and thoroughly enjoyed it but didn't buy much. That's all for now. Have a great summer.

33, Heather, VE3HQH

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: She especially enjoys the SKYPE contacts she has with Sarla, VU2SWS and Suzanne, VE7IM. Sarla is a wonderful storyteller. Her trips come alive as we see photos and hear her explanations. It seems so real; it's almost like taking the trip with her. The wonders of all forms of today's electronics are astonishing. Who knew when we became hams all those years ago that we would progress to the electronic wonders of today?

Ann's daughters will be in Toronto during July to celebrate Ann's 80th birthday. Time seems to fly, Ann says. She wonders how it can fly so fast. Ann hopes we all stay healthy and are able to enjoy life to its fullest.

33 Ann

Elizabeth, VE7YL, writes: I continue to tell people what a wonderful winter and spring we have had - unfortunately many are suffering from drought and now the flooding in parts of the US. So sad to see people lose their homes and their jobs. Nothing new DXwise for me, nor any new IOTAs. Yesterday there was a SV1 station I needed for IOTA but never heard a whisper from him.

My Calgary family are coming mid month for a short visit and I'm heading up to Calgary the last weekend of the month - unfortunately missing Field Day. The club I belong to, ORCA DX and Contest Club, is setting up at the Coast Guard Station on Sea Island about 5 miles away from my QTH. I will miss operating and will miss the great BBQ one of the XYLs organizes. Lovely place to operate from with a great view up and down the middle arm of the Fraser River and where the Coast Guard keep the Hovercraft which is of course used for search and rescue on the river and along the coast. Have a wonderful summer and good DX.

Elizabeth VE7YL

Helen, VA1YL, writes: We have had a quiet spring. The huge amount of snow we had this winter was gone by the first week of May (about a month late), and then things rushed to catch up. The OM is very busy restoring a set of WW II naval radios for a working display at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic in Halifax. He has 2 sets - a total of 800 pounds of dirty old things he needs to make look & act like new. It took a long time for them to get here and now he is in a rush to get them ready for the July 10th deadline.

We are going to have a quick visit with our daughter Anne, VE2WHO, when she flies to Halifax to receive an award for her Astrophysics thesis. We will be taking part in Field Day if it doesn't conflict with Anne's visit. Ditto for the Canada Day Contest, which we generally hold at our station as VE1LD, the club call. No DXpedition is planned for this summer.

33 Helen, VA1YL

Merle, VE1VCI, writes: Just a note with the promised shot of my new wheels!! I love it and I notice, Sid, the geologist farmer in the family uses it to save a lot of steps, too. Spring was a bit late this year but catching up now - The great grandkids comforter project is complete for which I am truly thankful. I was always a bit nervous that I started something I would not finish. Wishing all a wonderful, healthy and happy summer.

33 Merle, VE1VCI

What fun, Merle, and such a super red colour!! Lively just like you!! :o) Merle will be 92 in August and tells me she is starting her 253rd comforter!! I am sure she will crack the 300th before the year is out. Keep well, Merle, and have a lovely summer. Enjoy your new set of wheels.



Merle and her new wheels!

DX Column

Dear YL Friends,

Summer is here with hot humid weather, but no complaints, just look at a picture of all snow we had last winter and you feel cool. Field day is over and I am sure many had a wonderful time. I didn't get to go to Field day, our club had a very good one with many officials attending and many in the public got to see what amateur radio is all about and new members learned to put up antennas and work radio.

We drove to Charleston, SC to celebrate our 50th year of marriage "Golden". We had not been there before, is a very charming city with lots of history and excellent seafood. Therefore I missed field day.

SYLRA had their meeting in Iceland and Ruth, IT9ESZ and Walli, DJ6US and Sallie, AE5OM were there and I thank them for reporting on it.

Christine, GM4YMM had an adventure to Orkney Island, if only the weather would have been better.

I got nice letter from Teresa, PT2TF and I hope we all will have a contact with her. Wonderful that Teresa is on the air and I hope she will be there many more years.

SYLRA MEETING in -ICELAND June 2015 de IT9ESZ Ruth

The decision to attend this Meeting was taken already on my return trip from Brunei and Bali in November. My sister decided to join me again as she already had been several times among DX-YLs even though she is just a SWL!

Our take-off started from HB9 in a fresh morning to arrive in a cool and rainy Reykjavik. The Hotel we choose was the same as mainly all attendees and it was great to greet and hug them already in the Lobby. – The Opening day was well organized: ceremony, then work shop with opportunities for handy work: to all was given a bag on which everybody would sign; painting and design a stone with the proper call sign, these stones were taken along our tour and put on the beach where they were collected.

After pictures taking, we all took them home as a very special souvenir. The OMs could demonstrate their skill (talent) using welding tools.

After lunch a bus transferred us to Borgarnes, a nice little town where we had a free evening and time for shopping. Next day our trip was to Stykkisholmur, Sightseeing, with lunch on the way and at the Hotel our GALA Dinner. The possibility to be "on the air" with a portable set given by a local OM TF3DX, Vilhj (he installed the radio station for my DX- trip in 1997 with LA6ZH) on his well-equipped car with the call TF3SYL, each YL was given only to work only 30 min.



TF3SYL

Conditions: SSB poor, CW was better, but altogether around 80 QSOs were in the log. - The next day we were on the way for a sailing tour for 3 hrs very interesting to see and observe, strong cold wind and nice weather condition, possibility to taste "fresh" delicious sushi. Back in the village, the closing ceremony; 4 friends left our group for an early departure. Begin of the additional Tour to Snaefellsnes and Hellnar, famous and spectacular where lava meets the Atlantic Ocean and a glacier. The Midnight sun adventure we couldn't observe because of heavy clouds. -- For the next day a lava cave trip to the center of the earth, 35m below surface, was on the program just for courageous and fit people, beautiful colors and lava forms to see during the 30 min. walk! A local guide, a charming person was with us during the whole trip, narrate (telling) us many interesting stories of the way of life in the past days in Iceland.

Our arrival in Reykjavik was late in the evening and the next day, the leftover of the group celebrated a pleasant day- the Icelandic National Day with lots of interesting places to see and enjoy a special day also for tourists.

Thank you dear Anna and Vala for this super-organized Meeting and Tour, a wonderful souvenir to take home with us.



SYLRA Meeting

Have
a nice
day



Teresa,
PT2TF and
Walter,
PT2TG

Teresa, PT2TF sent in this:

I have just received May /June 2015 and in your DX Column information of a DX-YL Net. I wonder if there is propagation between North and South America.

I have been a DXing from the very first year, as a ham operator (1972) and although in mid-eighties I still try to keep my DXCC HR place ... Propagation has been very poor the last 15 years or so and due to it The BRYLA Net frequency 14,230 Wednesdays has been closed down. Up to 4 years ago I had been the Manager for the BRYLA AWARD but now Ed, PS7DX handles it.

Hope to see you on my screen here with some news so we might get to talk on the air...

73 Teresa PT2TF

Hello again from Scotland. We thought we were going to have an early summer holiday in April/May this year.

Firstly to avoid the midges and find empty campsites. We did not book anywhere. The plan was to get up to the Orkney Islands.

We went first to visit one grandson in Aberdeen, and he showed us round his University campus and then enjoyed a great lunch with him.

We were heading for John o'Groats, which is the northernmost point of the UK mainland, along the East Coast. Well, the weather changed from spring to extreme winter conditions. Snow and sleet, and then heavy rain followed us up north. It got very cold. Undeterred we crossed over to Orkney from Gills Bay on a catamaran ferry which came into St. Margaret's Hope on South Ronaldsay. We stopped at the famous Italian Chapel and crossed onto the Mainland via the Churchhill barriers and drove up to Kirkwall. A visit to the St. Magnus Cathedral had us captivated for hours. You are surrounded by past and present history.



Orkney Wireless Museum

The Orkney Wireless Museum was next. Sandy Firth, GM6WOF, helped to set it up many years ago and is still involved in preserving all the ancient equipment's. He was honored in May with an MBE in the Queens Honors List for his radio and community work on the Island. His wife, Hilda, GM4ZZH and daughter and son-in-law, Inga and Tom, GM6WOF and GM1VZG were there at the ceremony with lots of friends. It took Sandy over 3 hours to show Ken round all the excellent exhibits. We managed to get up one SOTA hill, just outside the Town, GM/SI-189, Wideford Hill, we did not linger, as it was very windy and cold. We took in all the historic sites, including the World Heritage Site of Scarra Brae. Awesome is the only way to describe the excavations.



The next ferry was at Stromness and sailed passed the Old Man of Hoy into Scrabster harbour.

We travelled then from Thurso along the coast to Tongue, along Loch Eribol to Durness. There are the most stunning, white beaches to be enjoyed. But the weather did not entice us to go for a swim.

We then drove down to Ullapool along the most beautiful scenery. The rain and sleet followed us and in Poolewe we decide to drive home to get dry and warm again.

Shortly afterwards we went down to Caerphilly in Wales to help look after our 2 grandchildren for a few weeks. In between we had some good weather and activated 2 SOTA summits; Cefu Eglwysilian, GW/SW-025 and Craig Yr Alt, GW/SW- SOTA GWSW-025 037. They were only one pointer to the hams needing the SOTA's.

Now we are back home and had to catch up on gardening, and chasing summits from the comfort of the shack. We had a few good days of sunshine and are looking forward to a better summer.

Good DX to you all, Christine, GM4YMM

SYLRA MEETING 2015 de Sallie, AE5OM

This year's SYLRA meeting took place in Iceland – Anna, TF3VB and Vala, TF3VD had invited us to their TF land, 25 YL's from eleven countries joined them. Iceland is the largest island created by volcanoes.

Arriving in Reykjavik, I was firmly struck by the beautiful Mountain View that's way off the charts. To my surprise, it wasn't nearly as cold as I had expected. Our hosts guided us through well-organized and interesting activities, stone-painting and soldering was part of all that. I tell you - that was some serious fun. This was surpassed only by the dance event that took place right before the SYLRA conference would start. But let's not forget the great lunch we had and the SYLRA cake.

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Later in the evening, we started on a bus trip around the western part of Iceland with a mountain that was pretty high (1440m). We were sleeping in town called Borgarnes. The next day, we were visiting a sheep farm – the home of our guide. We were to swim in a hot spot, consisting of mineral water. Of course, that's not the only sport there: Two of us went on to some horseback riding on Island Horses. Unfortunately, the daughter of Joana (DJ5YL) fell off the horse and broke her arm. We were in the countryside: It took over two hours to drive to the hospital, later on; she had to go to Reykjavik for surgery.

In the meantime, our tour continued – we arrived at Stykkisholmur, a nice place consisting of summer cottages, a small harbor, an art museum featuring a painting by Andy Warhol and a lighthouse.

The hotel in Stykkisholmur was destined to cater our gala dinner. Coincidentally, it was Ingrid's LA8FOA birthday. If I had to make a guess, I'd say she was probably never given such a sheer number of birthday songs in different languages before (add a foreign French group on top of that!).

At the bar, we'd meet a couple from New Jersey, which was great fun. After midnight, there was still daylight! Imagine that. One of those Northern mysteries I'm sure we'll never quite get, but we're happy to enjoy nevertheless.

Villi, TF3DX, arrived with his car with its in-built mobile radio and at night we went on air with TF2SYL. All in all, we accomplished 200 QSO's (both CW and SSB) in the car!

The next day, we did a sightseeing boat trip, watching different bird species specific to Iceland, residing at little Volcano Islands. The sea was calm, the sun shone brightly – it was lovely.

Our last day was to widen our experience, but with different kinds of weather. No sunshine anymore, it was windy and rainy. Some of us had been to a cave. Following our trip to the deep, we visited a museum showing Iceland life in the past. Our guide also told us typical sagas. That was quite a number of stories!

On our way back to Reykjavik I couldn't help but noticing there's probably more sheep on Iceland than men. We'd also see lots of waterfalls, extinct volcanoes plus lapillus, as they call it.

Always fun getting together and Iceland was no exception! Thank you Anna and Vala for making it happen.

June 12 was arrival day for the participants to the SYLRA (Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Association) meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland. There were a total of 38 participants, YL's and OM's alike, from 11 countries in attendance. Our hostesses for the meeting were Anna Henricksdottir, TF3VB, and Vala Drofn Hauksdottir, TF3VD.



Iceland adventures



The next day, June 13, was the opening day. All of us met at the Hotel Cabin and walked the approximately 10 blocks to the conference center at Hlutverkasetur (located at Borgartún 1).

This is the center where Anna works. While there, we attended opening ceremonies, workshops, the SYLRA meeting, picture taking, and lunch before beginning our tour to Borgarnes, with accommodation at Hotel Borgarnes on the Snaefellsnes peninsula, located North and West of Reykjavik.

Sunday, June 14 was a sightseeing day. We picked up our guide from her home on a sheep ranch, where we had a quick snack. She has a beautiful view (when the weather permits, and it did) to see the Snaefellsjokull (a dormant volcano with a massive glacier (jokull) on top). It has a prominent place in literature as the entrance to the famous "Journey to the Center of the Earth" by Jules Verne.

We then proceeded to a lovely small restaurant at Lysuholl, where we ate home cooked soups for lunch and then had time to either go horseback riding or visit the thermal swimming pool on the property. Then we departed for the fishing village of Stykkishólmur. Once there, there was some free time in walk around the village. The gala dinner was held in the evening with an overnight stay at Hotel Stykkishólmur.

On Monday, June 15 we had a quick tour of the lovely town with its picturesque harbor and then went on a sailing tour in Breiðafjörður (about 2 1/2 hours; see <http://seatours.is/Tours/VikingSushishort/> for further info.), to see the many islands, home to many sea migratory birds, including the famous puffins. Some on the tour partook in "Islandic Sushi". This was most interesting because the crew brought up a large net of shellfish, sea urchins and other things to eat fresh from the bay.

We then went to Plassid, a restaurant where we had delicious lamb stew and the closing ceremony. Four of our paraticipants were not going on the additional tour and we said a fond farewell to them. When we left Stykkisholmur, we took a guided tour around Snæfellsnes. We peaked in at an old Loran station. Accommodation and dinner was at the famous Hotel Hellnar where spectacular lava meets the Atlantic Ocean and a glacier, all in one spot. It is a midnight sun adventure by the Atlantic Ocean.

The last day of our tour opened to soggy weather with everything soaked in. No more beautiful views, however, we made the best of it by either taking a walk by the seashore or our own journey towards the center of the earth in Vatnshellir lava cave (35m below surface).

Again, a great time was had by all. Hopefully, some or all of you will be able to attend the International YL meeting near London in October 2016 or the next SYLRA meeting in Sweden in 2017.

Sallie Howard, AE5OM
From Sigrid DL3LG:

Dear YLs,

I attended the 40th HAM RADIO fair in Friedrichshafen, Europeans biggest ham fair. We counted 17,080 visitors, and 200 exhibitors from 34 countries, 297 participants from 25 countries on the flea market. Forty interesting lectures and meetings, activities for children and Rally and soldering course, a famous Tombola, the Ham Camp for youngsters and the Ham Night.

Between all these activities was another attraction: WE YLs!! We had a nice booth with tables and chairs around for lots of personal conversations, meeting older and young new YLs, going along with free coffee and cookies. DL4CR, Christiane and DL3HD, Heidi were our hosts.

Our well-known International YL Meeting took place on Saturday afternoon, DL4CR; Christiane welcomed all visitors, about 90 YLs.

Gertrud, DK8LQ and DL4CR were honored for all their activities with a nice special plate. DL8LQ for all her pioneer work in the early days, also for the organization of the International YL-meeting in Berlin, and three more YL meetings, DL4CR as YL consultant for DL for all her organizations.

Professor Wolf Harrant, OE1WHC, from DOCUFUNK, Vienna followed with a great Video show about known YLs, worldwide, from the early beginning about 1909 to about 1945/50.

Johanna, DJ5YL showed a video about travelling with ham radio in Europe, with a special report about this year's YL-meeting in Reykjavik, Iceland. Each YL received a present, a brooch, handmade by an YL group from DL, with components and decoration.

17 DX-YLs were present, 2 from Austria, 1 OE3LZA/HZ1HZ, 1 from Chile, 1 from Denmark, 1 Finland, 1 Hungary, 2 Japan, 1 Netherland, 3 Switzerland, 3 USA.

As always time was too short again for this afternoon's International YL-meeting, but all were happy to attend the meeting.

"Auf Wiedersehen" and see you in 2016 at the HAM RADIO, Friedrichshafen, Germany.

33, Sigrid DL3LG

Do send me news and any changes in address, as the Directory is next issue.

33, Rose-Marie, KB4RM

YLs at Friedrichshafen



Website Report

Well the YLRL website is going strong. There has been a lot of visiting traffic to the site. For example on June 1st I received the website status report, and we have had 160 first time visits and 127 returning visits to the site. This is great news and basically means that we are doing something right and people like coming back and seeing what's new.

I still have pictures to put on the website from the Convention in Vancouver, WA, and I promise I will get them on. Just please don't ask me to give you a date. Patience is the name of this game.

As some of you know not only am I the Webmaster for the YLRL site, I am also the webmaster for CLARA and now BYLARA. The British girls are keeping me informed of progress on their upcoming International Convention for Oct 2016. I will post this information on all three sites as it becomes available.

Thank you all for your contributions to your sites, keep them coming so that the site stays fresh and vibrant.
33 Val VE5AQ and Yvonne ZR6TBL

Changes and corrections

Jeannie Parker, KH6RG (formerly WA6UVF) has a new callsign and email:
kh6rg@earthlink.net

Please note this correction to the Article in May/June on the creation of the Dorothy Grant Elementary ARC.

Cathy, K6VC was mistakenly credited along with the two founders of the club, Ms. Beverly Matheson and David Cullingham, K3LP. Cathy helped to get the kids up to Visalia and promote the work that Beverly and David had started by encouraging more people to get involved. Apologies for the confusion.

Missing in Action

Kirsten Doglas, MØJCI was listed as "Gone Away" on the May/June issue of her **YL Harmonics**. We have no forwarding address. If you have information on Kirsten, please notify the DX Receiving Treasurer and thank you for your help!

Attention!

The next issue is the Directory issue. Please make sure your corrections on Callsign, address, phone (if not unlisted) and email are all updated immediately if there are any changes so we can correctly print it in the Directory.

In Our Thoughts

Please keep Catherine, KK4UBQ in your thoughts after her grandmother's passing.

Please keep Carol, K4SAF our US/Canada Receiving Treasurer in your thoughts. She lost her OM, Don after he had a long battle with Cancer.

Our Continuous Membership Chairwoman, Lois, WB3EQF has had a bit of a rough time and will be stepping down as a result.

The news first broke from Facebook from Lois' Daughter.

This was the first post by her daughter-in-law this morning:

Lois is undergoing a procedure this morning to relieve bleeding on a cavernous malformation on her brain stem. She is currently suffering stroke like symptoms due to this, including paralysis of here right side. Anyone who knows her knows how creative and active she is with her sewing and quilting. So please keep her in your prayers as she undergoes this procedure this morning. We are hoping it will relieve some of the pressure causing the current symptoms and prevent it from occurring in the future. If so she would be able to start on a road to recovery with PT/OT/and Speech therapy at an inpatient facility. We have been blessed with tremendous support from family and friends and are so very grateful for all of your love and support.

This is the later post with encouraging news:

Thanks everyone so much for your prayers and warm wishes. Lois came through the procedure very well. She has a headache but that is very normal for this procedure. The shot the veins with Gamma Rays that will thicken the veins of the malformation over time (months). They will track the progress by doing periodic MRIs.

This is from Barb, KA3VXR -

I went to visit Lois today at Health South. She is doing as well as can be expected at this point. Her speech is almost normal & she has no brain damage. However, her right side is still numb but she can move her fingers and lift her leg. She is enduring PT and OT well but it tires her out.

Her surgery on Fri went well and the gamma rays stopped the bleeding of a blood vessel near her brain stem and the DR expects this procedure to prevent any further bleeding in the future. So now all she has to do is recover from the «stroke-like» symptoms from her recent bleed. This is a new procedure and Pgh is a forerunner with people from all over the world coming for this procedure.

Lois is a fighter and I think she will come thru this OK, but it will take time.

Lois, we all wish you the best in your recovery!



**Scholarship Information
De Linda Hynan, AC5QQ**

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It is that time again. The nominating committee is being formed and the ballots will soon be under way. If you are interested in holding an elected position such as a District Chair, please contact one of our officers to be placed on the ballot for the 2016-2017 term. Each term is two years and position descriptions are available from the Publicity Chairwoman.

Continuous Membership de Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ



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Due to health issues this column has been delayed. Thank you for your patience!



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