



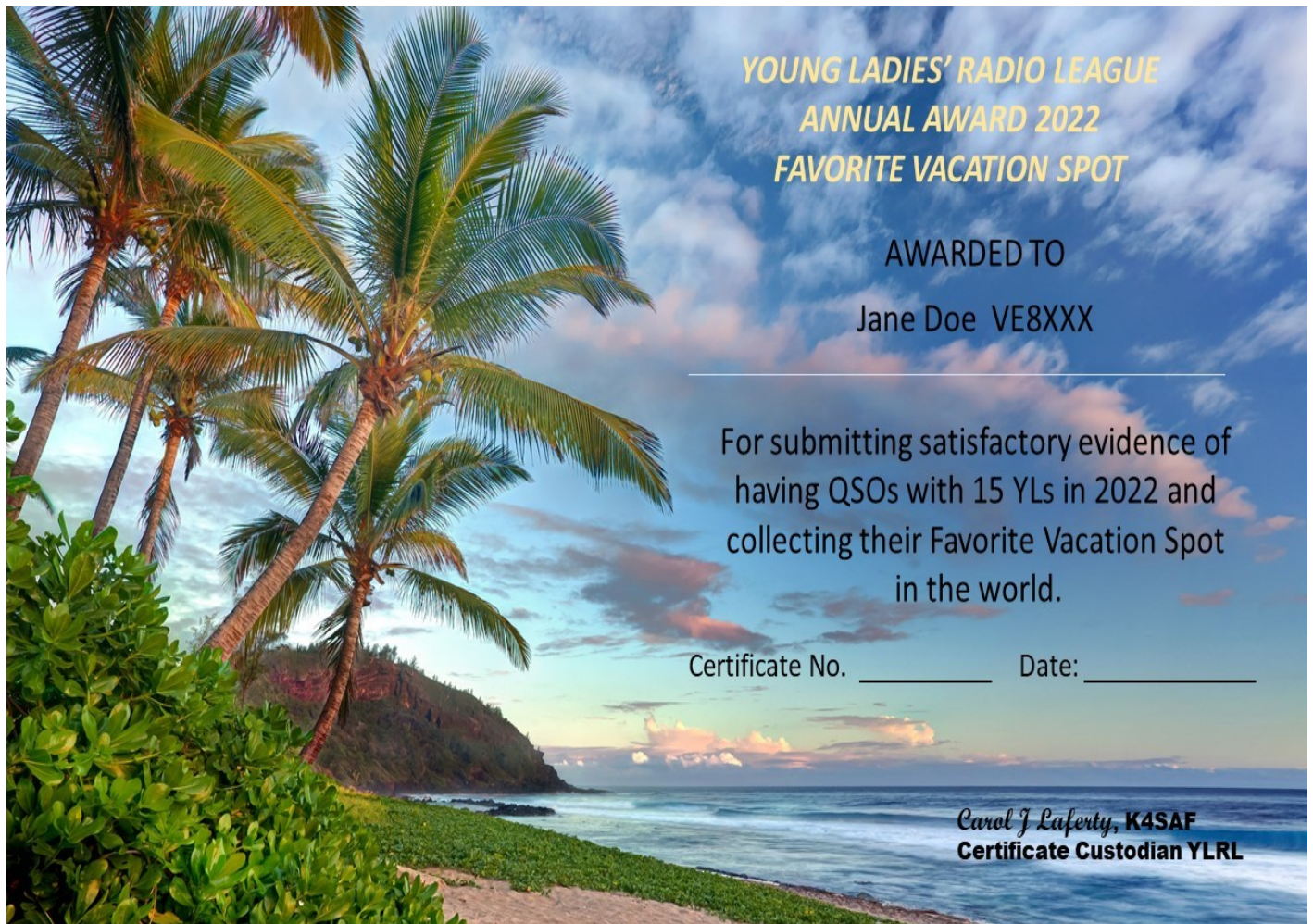
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President's Message de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

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All Aboard ... and welcome to the 83rd YLRL trip around the sun. Sincere thanks go to Barbara, AC7UH, for being my vice president advisor during the past two years and will continue to do so along with Anne, WB1ARU, and Nancy, KC4IYD, for another two years. With more than 400 YLRL members throughout the world onboard, together we'll chart new courses in this big bird during the next 700 days.



The Good News: Judy, KC5BOO, is our new Distributing Treasurer. Many of you know Judy from her Halloween HF Special Event called "Boo to You". Judy is replacing Henrietta, KA1JVN, after many years of service to the YLRL. Katherine Campbell is our Youth Correspondent. Take a look at her web page in our website and her article featured later in this issue.

Eureka - it's as good as finding gold in Alaska or the green sand beaches in Hawaii - say hello to Sharon, KL2CM, and Meghan, KL5AF, who will be co-chairing Districts KH6 and KL7. And not a newcomer in the least, Carol, K4SAF, is accepting yet another position as District 4 Chair along with her current position of Certificate Custodian. Barbara, KD0WAU, takes the reins from Doshia, KB0NAS, as District 10 Chair who has served the League in many positions throughout the years and will continue to assist wherever needed.

The Bad News: We have positions to fill: Vice President, District 3 and 5 Chairwomen, and a Budget & Finance Committee. Of upmost importance is the Vice President. I know there are some of you reading this and have always wanted to volunteer but never came forward for one reason or another. And you know what? By volunteering, you are going to meet a lot of YLs and make a lot of friends. I can attest to that. So what are you waiting for, email me now at president@ylrl.org. Many accomplishments were implemented in the last few years that entitles the League to many bragging rights. We have set an example for other clubs to follow. Covid has certainly been a major factor in many of YL activities: i.e., ham fests, field days, special events, etc. I desire to keep this year simple as we need to fill League positions, finish up any old business that may be lurking and concentrate on comradery. And you guessed it -- a Convention Committee is of high priority.

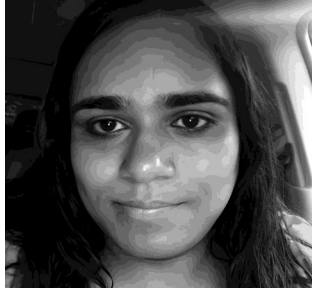
Once all the officers/directors are onboard, I wish to conduct a get-together board meeting for brainstorming future plans. We will conduct this meeting via traditional email. But if there are those who would just like to make acquaintance or just chat with one another once a month, twice a month, whatever, zoom get-togethers could be a possibility.

Bon Voyage – 33 Rita

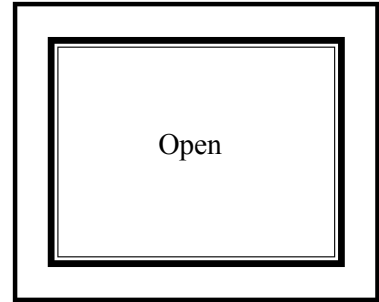
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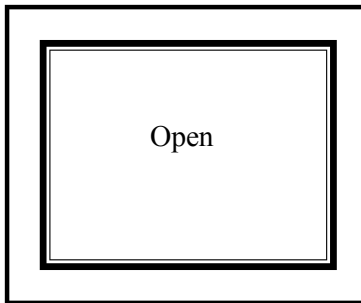


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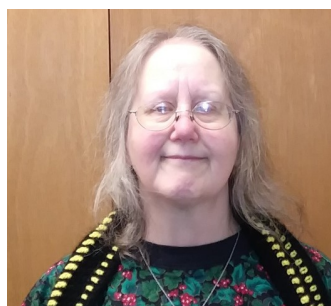
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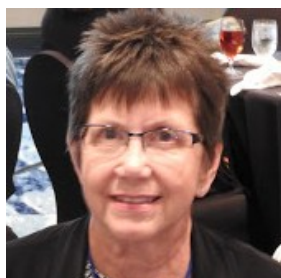
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Columbiana, OH 44408

Katie holds an Extra license. She is the Youth Correspondent for YLRL.

Colleen Campbell KB8VAQ

Columbiana, OH 44408

Colleen holds an Extra license. She is Katie's mom.

District 10

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Parker, CO 80138

Cynthia holds a General license.

DX

Anette Jacobs ZR6D

Pretoria, Gauteng, SOUTH AFRICA

Anette is sponsored by Heather, W2HVJ.

Use QRZ to learn more about our new members!

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

If any information is incorrect in this listing, please let Anne, WB1ARU know.



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de Linda Hynan, AC5QQ**

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District News

District 1

Happy New Year-hope all are keeping healthy and well--after another holiday season that was different than many.

I have been busy with my VE responsibilities, online and in person, but I was surprised to see that I was #10 in the ARRL New England VE roster in December. Very rewarding role.

With sleet in the air, I was part of a group POTA at Hopkinton State Park, MA in December 2021 (see photo for setup). It was chilly but lot of great camaraderie and radio work by a number of hams.

Various nets throughout the week keep me busy, including the Yankee Lassies on Wednesday morning when I have the time.

I recently became a member of a new group established by new ARRL New



England Director Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, that is working on getting new people from all walks of life

--including youth, YLs and other underrepresented people-into amateur radio. More to follow.

Home QTH in the snow (see photo) January 2022-how many antennas can you find?



Joan Hildreth, W2DLC, has just been appointed a new Assistant Section Manager by Phil Duggan, N1EP, Maine's ARRL Section Manager. Here's his write-up.

Joan Hildreth, W1DLC

Assistant Section Manager/YL CHAMPION!

A retired school teacher and an avid portable ops fan, Joan is Maine section's very first YL Champion, and perhaps a first among all the sections. Joan has been appointed as an Assistant Section Manager with a calling to encourage and inspire more young girls and women to join in the fun of ham radio. Her advice and efforts will be invaluable in getting feedback from YLs on issues that relate to them and ham radio. We all know that most licensed hams are male, and even among licensed YLs, many of them do not fully participate in this amazing hobby. Why is that? Everyone, regardless of gender, or for that matter, race, creed or culture, should feel comfortable to attend club meetings, get on the amateur radio bands, or take part in special ham radio events. If you would like to assist Joan, please contact her [at- joanhild0808@gmail.com](mailto:joanhild0808@gmail.com).

District 3

After many issues of Harmonics without a word from the third district I decided to let the rest of YLRL know we are alive and hopefully well. This last year has been very confining to say the least but I did manage to start out the year with a good resolution to be on the radio more than the year before. Well it sounded good in theory and I did good for a couple of months then fell into the old rut. I did manage to get some contacts in YLOM contest but not much more.

Tom and I enjoyed a nice visit from Anne WB1ARU and Tony this fall when they were on their way back to Mass from their western road trip. It was nice to reminisce about the conventions we've attended and all the good times we've had in this organization. Our first convention was the one held in Washington, DC in the 80's. If memory serves me right Kay Eymann WA0WOF was the president.

Lacking news from other YL's from 3 land let me tell you about my good friend Barb Bender KA3VXR. She has been my travel companion to several events and hamfests. Beside being a super nice

person she is also mother to a blended family of 18, grandmother to 33 and great-grandmother to 7 with 1 more on the way. Most recently she was Supply chair for YLRL and is active with our local club.

So that's what is happening here. I will continue submitting but it would really be nice to hear from the rest of you gals in the district. PLEASE!!!

District 4

Welcome to the first 2022 column from a new District 4 Chair, Carol, K4SAF in Clearfield, KY. Those of you who have been in YLRL for a few years may remember me as the Receiving Treasurer for the U.S. and Canada for a period of 11 years. Before that, I was writer for the District 4 column for a couple of years. I took on the responsibility again, not because I think I can do it better, but that I will have something in YL Harmonics every issue. We are a large district and need to be represented.



The following members answered my plea for news to include in this issue:

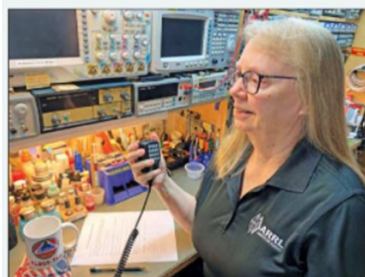
Nancy Heinrich, N4ZM, from Florida, writes: "I've been a ham for almost 59 years, having been licensed in 1963 just before I turned 22. I am a net rep between two traffic nets on HF and UHF, and in between, I look for DX on HF, either with CW or SSB. I am also editor of the newsletter for my local Mensa group and make jewelry in my spare time." Thanks for contributing, Nancy and hope we can work you on the bands.

Kelly Rose Loyd, KI4JAV, from Tennessee, will be participating in a special event station in February, the 75th Anniversary of Decommissioning the USS Tennessee (BB43). The dates are Feb 25-26, beginning at 14:22Z, with call W4BSF. That is the Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club in Scott County, TN. Check out W4BSF on QRZ.com for more information. Kelly is studying for her General, while taking part in the local Nets, Skywarn and ARES. She says NASA is what inspired her to get her radio license. We wish her luck in moving on up to General soon.



Toby Papas, KLØSS, in Virginia: Toby's name is a familiar one to me when I was Treasurer. She is highly active in amateur radio and is currently the President of the Williamsburg (VA) Area Amateur Radio Club. She holds an Extra class license and has been licensed since 1998. She likes participating in contests, especially Field Day and DX. She and her husband Dino, KLØS, hope to put up a new tower early this year. Good luck with that, Toby. Notice how close their calls are. Santa was good to her with a new Icom IC-705 HF rig. You may hear her and Dino working POTA (Parks on the Air) from the first English speaking settlement in North America, Jamestown, VA. Her radio club takes part in three different special events from that site.

There is an article in the June 2021 issue of QST about a Coffee and Radio Net the Williamsburg club started in 2020. Its original purpose was to help members stay in touch during the Pandemic. It meets on their local 2-meter repeater at 9 a.m. EST daily. Much more about their highly active club can be found in the QST article. Congratulations to their club for being featured. Be sure to check out their Club website **k4rc.net** because it is an excellent one. It features a YL page and is a good example for other clubs to follow.



WAARC President Toby Papas, KLØSS, enjoying her turn as Net Control Station for the club's Coffee and Radio Net.

I have been regularly active on all bands the past few years. Two years ago, when we were starting to isolate ourselves during the Covid 19 Pandemic, I set some operating goals for myself. Many of them have been accomplished, and the main thing is I had so much fun and real challenges while doing it. I am most proud of our YLRL's WAS-YL (Worked All States) because it was the hardest challenge of all.

It had been 8 years since anyone had earned and applied for that award. I hope more of you will get on the air to help YLs AND OM who want to earn this award. If a ham requests a schedule with you to help him/her out, try to accommodate them through some mode. Other ARRL awards I have earned are WAS on 9 HF bands, DXCC (100 countries/entities), and additionally, DXCC on 15, 20, 30, 40 meters. I am closing in on DXCC on 10 and 80. Those are more challenging than the other bands since their opening to DX is more sporadic and seasonal. I'll get there in 2022.

On a recent "Sleepless in Clearfield KY" night, I ran into W1YL, Ellen White, on 40 meter CW. She was licensed in 1946 and is 95 years old. What is SHE doing up in the middle of the night? She was op-



erating a remote station in Nevada from her residence in Florida, using a /7 after her call. She may live in a retirement place where antennas are not allowed, and this is her answer to remaining on the air. Many more of us may be operating in this way in the future. She worked at ARRL headquarters for 26 years. Her CW was fast and excellent, and she was working one station after another. Check out more about her by following this link: [Former ARRL Headquarters Staffer Ellen White, W1YL, is Among Krenkel Medalists](#) on the ARRL website. Website is safe if you get a warning, which I do.



Rose-Marie Battig, KB4RM, in Charlottesville, VA, is a long-time member of YLRL, having joined in 1994. She and her husband are building a house, and hope to be in it by May, 2022. She is living in a restricted area now as far as antennas, but they do have a 9 ft Hexbeam, sitting in a concrete bucket. During a recent snowstorm, it turned over and they had to dig it out. It was unscathed and works fine. They lost power but stayed home with only a gas stove and lots of warm clothing. She hopes to go to the SYLRA (Scandinavian YL Radio Amateurs) [Home \(sylra.is\)](#) meeting in Finland in August. Scandinavia is her homeland. We wish her a wonderful trip back home.



You do what you got to do to get on the air!

The following articles were supposed to be published in the September/October 2021 edition, but never arrived to my desk. So better late than never.

News from Dot Timmerman, AC4HH, District 4 Chairwoman

One item I wanted to mention is the QSO Today Virtual Ham Expos that bring over 90 speakers to the Amateur Radio Community. There are many sponsors for these presentations, include The American Radio Relay League (ARRL). I watched most of the Expo that was held August 14-15, 2021, as well as the earlier one in March of this year. If you see these Virtual Expos advertised, you need to check them out. Many, many knowledgeable speakers on ham radio related topics.

News from one of our new YLRL members: Kelly Rose, KI4JAV

Thank you for the welcome. I'm net control for my Club's YL Net. We have it every Tuesday night at 7pm ST on 145.350. Wish we had EchoLink on this repeater. This net was started in January this year. It's small but growing. The other nets you mentioned. I have checked into them a handful full of times. I enjoy when I get to check in. My club, Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club, is working on getting a contest set up for February 2022. We are still in the early stages. Hope we can get everything lined out and I can start sharing it soon!

Thanks again for the welcome! I'm excited to be part of District 4 YLRL!

Kelly Rose, KI4JAV

My local club, Salkehatchie Amateur Radio Society, hasn't been meeting due to COVID concerns, but I'm happy to report that our members have been active in other ways. A special VE Test session was requested for April 14th and was held on a member's patio. We had one person testing, Amanda Plexico. Amanda had been studying for a long time, but had not been able to schedule a test session due to COVID. She was WELL prepared and passed the Technician, General and Extra tests all in one session. Congratulations to our new Extra Class Ham, Amanda Plexico, KY4GS. As per our commitment to successful candidates, she was installed as a new club member at the special test session. You can see her bio at [QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com)

Wanda Handberry

S.A.R.S. Vice-President

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District 7

From Judy, KC7KPG: We are camped at Senator Wash BLM land, CA, our winter spot, along with many other ham radio operators. We participated in the Senators Wash Christmas Parade that takes place five nights before Christmas. It is always great fun for us and the campers watching from their RVs. YLRL member, Rosalyn Rich AE7WT, is camped here too. She was ill for a few days. I made her soup and delivered over the counter meds that she needed. The other hams helped with supplies and she was well in a few days. Hams helping hams.... and non hams. New Year's Eve will probably be a quiet event with rain and high winds forecast. It won't be a good time for gathering around the campfire. Many of the hams will be attending Quartzfest in Quartzsite, AZ, a week of camping with many forums mid January. Mid February is the Yuma Hamfest, a weekend of ham fun. Those of us with vaccinations and wearing masks should be safe to attend. Many of us have missed the last two years. That is our winter off the grid camping and lots of ham radio fun with other hams.

33, Judy KC7KPG

From Barbara, KI7BR: I am keeping busy as usual. Work is going well, and I'm embarking on some big exciting projects to improve accessibility for Deaf and hard of hearing Oregonians to state services. In my spare time, I'm starting the CW Academy the first week of January and will hopefully be able to read

and produce decent CW by the end. I'm having fun with a camera my Dad gifted me for Chanukah (or as he put it, "Happy Chris-mukkah!") and taking many bird photos. Cooking and baking is something I do more during the winter, and I now have a few boozy fruitcakes aging for consumption in a week or so. Like everyone else, I'm writing special dates in my calendar using disappearing ink, because it's hard to say whether the pandemic will lift enough to hold events. My grandmother and I reluctantly canceled her 100th birthday celebration for February 6th given her vulnerability to a breakthrough infection. But I've found a hotel room near the beach for around that time and we'll have a getaway at the ocean -- her happy place (with her favorite casino oh so conveniently nearby). I wish a better 2022 for all of us, filled with joy and good health!

District 8

First, I want to welcome 3 new YLs to district 8: KE8SPB, Maria; W8SLA, Lisa, and KE8LQR, Katie. Next, I received a lot of news from YLs this month. Thank you ladies do read below their news as well as news from me.

As most of you may know, your district chair, Nancy, KC4IYD/8, and my OM moved to a new home in Oct 2020 which has 4.6 acres. We finally are working on getting a tower put up at our new place. We are getting a Rohn 55FK folder over tower and found a local company to concrete in the bottom 9 foot of the tower into the ground for us. The concrete needs a month to cure and then we can install the rest of the tower and antenna. We bought a 10 element tribander (20-17-15m) beam and then will be putting up long wires and verticals for the other bands. We can't wait until this is done as I haven't been on the air in several years and really miss operating HF and all the different modes. So hope to be able to hear some of you on the air.

Sharon, KJ8F, from Elida, OH writes: Hi Nancy, Sorry I been away so long but so many things are going on for way too long like poor band conditions. However, I did score 2nd place for Ohio in the Kansas City QSO party. That made me happy. I love to contest. Best to you and everyone. Have my hotel reservation for Xenia already if Covid allows it.

Kathy, KE8MAH, writes: I do not have interesting news to share, which I suppose can be either good or not so good. :) I did want to respond and thank you for your message. And a big shout out of good job and thank you to the folks who updated the website. I particularly like the calendar! Good luck getting your antenna installed, sounds amazing! Perhaps you might consider an "open shack" someday as it sounds super inspiring! :)

Lisa, W8LSA, writes thank you for the warm welcome! :). I'm not sure what I could share in terms of news, but here is a little about me that you can share with the other District 8 YLs to help them to get to know me better. I didn't grow up around amateur radio, but I've been interested in watching the weather as a hobby for a long time. I've participated in SkyWarn in our region of Michigan since 2011. My husband Dave, KZ8SQL, decided to get his amateur radio license this past summer and when I realized how important amateur radio is to SkyWarn operations in our area, I decided to get licensed, too. I quickly found out what a fun social and experimental hobby amateur radio can be (and thus started my journey down the rabbit hole). Due to the pandemic, my husband and I have had a lot of time to read and study radio-related topics, so we both were able to upgrade to Amateur Extra in December 2021. I am a member of our county amateur radio SkyWarn team and we are also newly-elected officers in the Grand Rapids Amateur Radio Association (W8DC). Both Dave and I enjoy chatting with other hams on

2 meters, digital modes (I am partial to FT8), and we are working on learning CW. When I'm not playing radio, I work as a reading specialist and literacy coach at a middle and high school in Grand Rapids, MI. I also love birding, going on nature hikes, and camping (perhaps a POTA activation will be in my future?). We currently have no children of our own, but we have two extremely spoiled housecats. Thank you for welcoming me to the club! I am looking forward to meeting other YLs and sharing the fun of amateur radio with other women in the hobby. Best regards,

Victoria, K8VSY, writes I'm located in Columbus, Ohio. I volunteer with W8LT, the Amateur Radio & RF Club at the Ohio State University. For Winter Field Day, (<https://www.winterfieldday.com/>), on January 29th, we are planning a trip to a local camp ground with an RV and a generator. We plan to get started at 2 PM, when the event starts. Some of us are planning on spending the night in the RV. I can definitely share pictures with you after the event, but I figured this might be news worthy as an upcoming event/news thing. We are still working out other details, such as whose radio we are bringing, but I'll at least be taking my equipment, and it's an FT-857D and I have a Super Antenna, MP1DXTR80. There will likely be me, the club advisor (Larry), the president (Deep), and at least one or two other students participating throughout the day. Information about the club can be found at, <https://u.osu.edu/w8lt/>

Mary Cappuccilli, WB8RRG, and I (Nancy, KC4IYD/8) had a nice chat about my daughter who graduated from Bowling Green State University and her neighbor, Brenda Krukowski, KB8IUP, who has a granddaughter who is interested in NASA and space.

Ai, AI8AI, had been very sick so hadn't renewed with YLRL, but just recently renewed. Welcome back Ai! Ai also started learning to use the paddle now, and has the Begali HST single lever.

District 10

Doshia, KB0NAS - I have very much been honored by my time as District 10 chair. During this time, I have met some amazing women, and hope to continue to do so, especially when we can get together in person again. I wish I could have kept in better contact with all of you, to find out what you are doing and interested in.

I live in Boulder County, in Colorado. Last year, we had a very wet spring and early summer with high, dense grassland growth, then an exceedingly dry second half of the year. When winds exceeding 100 miles an hour blew off the mountains on December 30th, all it took was a small fire to spread and grow. In under 6 hours, the embers blew along the grass and dry shrubs to houses, and then from house to house. Two towns were evacuated completely, and over a thousand houses and businesses were burned to nearly nothingness. In the middle of not only a pandemic, but the start of a the very steep Omicron spike. Three shelter/evacuation centers were opened, whose staff included amateur radio operators. The power, phone, cell phone and 911 systems were lost to the mountains. Amateur radio operators stood by there and operators were working out of the Emergency Operations Center. For the first time since I joined Boulder-Broomfield County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (BCARES), I was unable to help. Covid prevented it.

The ability to do something to help others is one of the reasons I wanted to become a ham. What are your reasons? What do you enjoy most? I look forward to the day I can see some of you again in person. Take care, all of you.

Amanda, K1DDN - Hello lovely ladies. Well now that winter is here, the camper portable setup has been stowed away and it's time to have fun in the shack again. This has probably been said a 1000 times before, but sharing a shack with the OM is not always conducive to the plans that I actually had, but I always find a way to have fun and say "Hi" on 20m and 40m phone.

The holidays are always my favorite time of year as I get to decorate the house and our business closes for two weeks so that gives me a chance to get on the air... A LOT! And this year has been no different. I probably checked in to at least 20 nets, one on 20 and 40 daily. It's so funny that I still do these award nets. I'm not even sure I've ever applied for an award through any of them, but it's the first thing I did with my HF privileges back in 2009 and I just remember how nice it was to be welcomed with open arms. So now I do the same thing for others. It's just rewarding to exchange signal reports with someone who has just upgraded and has no idea what they stumbled upon or has never heard about such and such net and they get to meet a true ambassador of the hobby.

My other favorite on air activity during vacation: setting up shop for one or two hours and just calling CQ. I always enjoy just making a quick QSO and asking what their setup is and comparing antennas, etc. I can give you a couple of very specific statistics that I've picked up on. 1. There is most certainly a bigger percentage of ICOM 7300's on the air than any other radio. 2. A lot more operators are running 100 watts or less that sound just as strong as someone with an Ameritron. 3. Weather will forever remain the number one topic on SSB. hihi All in all, I had the chance to say hello and talk with about 250 people and truly enjoyable conversations at that.

With the holidays over, it's time to work on 2022. Do any of you make amateur radio New Year's resolutions? I have the same one every year and I break it every year, but this one is worth just trying to keep whether you stick with it or not. My resolution is to answer every CQ that I hear. Sounds easy enough to follow through with, but I almost always break it when it comes to my local repeater chatter. I have met some of the coolest people by just answering an operator looking for someone to talk to for a few minutes. Downside, I've been stuck in a few very longwinded conversations, but again I just really love to talk so I don't mind too much. In fact, I go through a set of 572B's in about a year as well, sigh. ARES and emergency communications are also a big part of the hobby for me. In PC (that's pre-covid) I helped my local emergency manager write a grant to secure money for an amateur radio station for our EOC. When we could finally come together in 2021 to start purchasing the HF/UHF/VHF stations that we had applied for we found that the major chip shortages were also a factor in purchasing the "planned" equipment. Many sacrifices and alternatives had to be made, but all equipment is finally getting installed and should be operational by March of this year.

You ask? What else for 2022? Well, I'm hard at work keeping our show, Ham Nation, going. Have you heard of it? We're a ham radio podcast show that is livestreamed on YouTube every other Wednesday. It's produced by Josh Nass, KI6NIZ, of Ham Radio Crash Course and is sponsored by ICOM. In 2021 we hit a milestone of 500 episodes! We talk about all things ham radio including upcoming events, new products, contests, kit building, SSTV, emergency communications, Amateur Radio Newline, youth activity, audio instructions, etc. We've also had some wonderful YLRL guests on, namely Ria Jairam, N2RJ, and Anne Manna, WB1ARU. There have probably been numerous others that I didn't know were YLRL members. YLRL member Valerie Hotzfeld, NV9L, is also one of our wonderful co-hosts as well. She brings all things DX and contesting to the show. We currently host an all YL show quarterly or so. If any of you have something of interest for the show please reach out because I would love to showcase it. The show was started by none other than Bob Heil, K9EID, and his first guest, Joe Walsh from the Eagles, WB6ACU. From there numerous other fantastic hosts joined in such as Gordon West, WB6NOA; Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF (sk); George Thomas, W5JDX; Don Wilbanks, AE5DW, and our newest addition Dr. Tamitha Skov, WX6SWW, with all things Space Weather (she's literally a rocket scientist).

For the wrap up, I'm really truly ready for 2022 to shed the groundhog day skin of 2020 and 2021 and start getting together and having some great amateur radio fun in person. I might actually go to a club meeting in person again. And if I'm really brave a small hamfest or two. As I write this I know a lot of my ham friends are singing next to the campfire at Quartzfest. On my bucket list of ham radio get-together's.

Rita NE0DB - I celebrated the year-end reaching the plateau of a silver birthday and sharing a traditional New York style cheesecake with Jim, the OM. Yes, 3/4 of a century. I do feel quite fortunate to be 75 and show off my gray hair. Although the body shape has suffered the most, I'm still here. As Doshia mentioned, the horrific wildfire just north of us the end of last year is but a small reminder of how precious life is.

Our area has been experiencing high winds during the last few weeks, but that's not out of norm for this time of year in Colorado. One of antennas could not withstand sustained winds in the 60-70 mph range and an 80 mph gust did the favor and bent the antenna. Jim was disappointed because a CW contest was occurring that weekend. However, he did temporarily switch the G5RV from my station to his station and all was well. I'm really surprised the Yagi didn't become airborne; more surprised the ham cam is still attached and still working along with the weather monitor.

Another milestone I was able to celebrate in December was my one-year anniversary of quitting smoking cigarettes. I quit cold turkey in 2020; the main reason being that if I caught Covid, I would most likely die. After 55 years of smoking, it was difficult. I had little desire to work SSB (my favorite) due to the anxiety created by pile-ups. Little by little, I'm getting back to Special Events (again, one of my favorites), but along the way, I found a new hobby. I had read an article in AARP and my doctor also informed me that coloring just may be a good remedy to avoid the use of medications. Well, she was correct ... here's just one of my many pages I have created during the past six months. I use a variety of pencils, markers, watercolors, and pens depending on the complexity of the picture I choose.



A new adventure starts this year for a two-year engagement as President of the YLRL. If one would have told me five years ago that I would be the 2022-2023 President, I would have said "You must be joking!" Little did I know that 2018 would be a turning point for me in the YLRL. That would have been the year of the last convention held in Oklahoma City. I was able to put faces to voices, did a bit of rag chewing, shared limo rides and dinners and lunches, picture taking with many YLs, and don't forget the wine ... which paved the way to where I am today. In 2019, I was asked to run for Vice President. Now you know how I became the President. It's gonna' be a fantastic trek.

District KL and KH

Robyn, NH7U - Aloha - Amateur radio has been my hobby of choice for more than 68 years. I passed my Novice test in 1954 and the General a year later. Back then, you had to upgrade within a year or lose your license. I dropped the N and became K2HOG. I was a teenage OM.

Over the years, many things have changed, not only call signs but also my change to YL. That story as well as my Naval Academy, MIT, Navy, Navy contractor careers are written about in different venues. In 2010, my OM and I moved to Maui, and I picked up a KH6 call, changing to NH7U through the vanity license program. Several hams wanted the call, but I won out by luck of the draw. Unfortunately, my OM is not a ham. A prolific author, his interests lie elsewhere.

I have varied interests as well, and have always loved contesting.

Years of negligible sunspot activity and the addition of 77 noisy solar panels to the roof of our condo have precluded much contesting, and I am mainly satisfied by FT8 activity.

Starting from scratch when leaving the mainland, I now have WAS and 152 countries confirmed, most by FT8, and several DXCC certificates.

My shack includes a Yaseu FTDX-3000, Ameritron ALS-606 amplifier (limited to 150 watts for FT8), and a WIN 8.1 laptop. The antenna farm (thank you condo association) consists of a Mosley 30 – 10M mini-beam and a 40M OCF dipole.

The beam sits about eight feet above and the wire six inches below solar panels. The only bad antenna is no antenna at all. I joined YLRL about ten years ago. Looking at my QSL card, recently, I realized that my membership had lapsed. So here I am again and don't have to remember dues for another three years. My goal at age 84 is to stay on the air for another 35 or

more years. Come look for me between 1900 and 2100 UTC, mostly on 20M FT8.

Meghan, KL5AF - In December, my older daughter and I put together ten Christmas tree soldering kits to give as gifts. She is studying for her technician license, so this was excellent practice identifying components and learning about circuits. Since she enjoyed soldering so much, Santa brought her an Elenco FM radio kit.



January was K3Y month. I had a lot of fun working almost all of the K3Y areas. As of this writing, I have yet to work any operators in Africa. That would be quite a stretch for this time of year at my QTH. My friend AL7JX was also an operator this year, which made the event more fun. AL7JX and I also put up a 17 meter phased vertical antenna at my station. Previously, I had an inverted V for 17 meters but it wasn't getting good results—there was a ton of noise, likely from being very near the solar panels on our house.



It's been a good winter thus far with more snow earlier in the season than usual. That's a good thing. It means more time for dog mushing, snow machining, wood gathering, and sledding. I hope everyone else is enjoying their winter and looking forward to spring

Sharon, KL2CM – We had high winds and below zero temperatures from January 1 – 4 and power was out for about 7 hours on January 2. Then, a day later, I realized the pipes to my kitchen sink were frozen. I attempted to thaw them with a small heater. By Tuesday morning they thawed and made a mess. Thankfully a friend came to help. I ended up calling my insurance company and they sent people to dry the basement and repair the pipes. Now I'm waiting for them to repair the damaged sheetrock and insulation. On top of all that, My G5RV was damaged. In fact, it was hanging so low over my driveway that it could be tripped over. I managed to tighten it enough to keep it from being taken out by a vehicle driving through my driveway. I'm only one of many hams who are having antenna issues. I've been checking into one of the nets, since it's a roll call net and one needs to check in at least seven times a month.



Morgan KG7SEQ volunteering as mobile bicycle radio at an Anchorage triathlon.

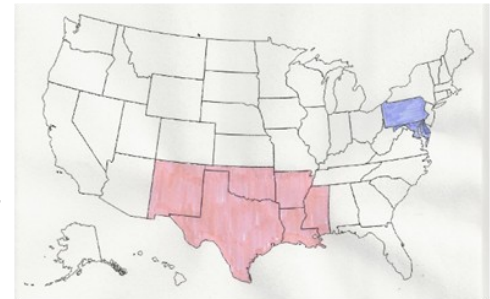
District 3 and District 5

Hello to YLRL members of District 3 and District 5,

With vacancies in District 3 and 5, now is your time to rise and shine. As Covid has become a way of life, why not volunteer some of your extra time in becoming more involved with the YLRL.

Although District 3 has the least amount of YLRL members (19), this does provide a great opportunity to get your feet wet, so they say, by becoming its Chairwoman. Why? Because with only 19 ladies, your job is much easier because you only need to contact 19 ladies for their YLH bi-monthly news. There's never a better time than the present!

Moving on down to the Delta, West Gulf and a tad of the Rocky Mountain sections of District 5, we find ourselves in a tie with District 4 for the highest number of members (57). Within the last few years, this district has proven to be an example of comradery within the League. Surely, there is a YL ready to continue the progress this large District has accomplished. All you need to do is start with a few baby steps and there will be help along the way. You may want to consider a team effort approach in filling this position. If you're one of those YLs in pink, today is your lucky day to embark on a journey you'll remember long after your term of office is history.



In the absence of a Chairwoman, some of you may wish to share your stories and news. You may send your articles directly to our editor, Margaret at ylheditor@ylrl.org **It is important that everyone has a voice in the League.**

Just to refresh your memories, the following excerpts explain the origin of these positions and helps to clarify why those before me and now myself make such an effort to follow proper procedures.

YLRL Procedure Policy – “The organizational divisions of the YLRL shall include one District from each of the ten contiguous United States amateur call sign areas, KH6, KL7, VE, and one District to include all other DX.”

YLRL By-Laws state that “Each District Chairwoman, the Youth Chairwoman and Receiving Treasurer DX shall be responsible for gathering news for *YL Harmonics* and forwarding same to the Editor at appropriate intervals. She shall assist the Vice-President in organizing contests, traffic schedules, nets, and all League activities. She shall serve as a member of the Board of Directors.” ... Further, the By-Laws state “She (the President) shall make all appointments whenever vacancies occur in offices.”

Constitution - ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

Section 1 Officers of the Corporation, shall consist of the following: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Receiving Treasurers, and Disbursing Treasurer.

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

Section 3 Only full, family, or life members who have been members in good standing for at least two consecutive years immediately prior to taking office shall be eligible to hold office as defined in Sec. 1 of this Article, or one year in the case of District Chairwomen Our founders built the YLRL principles from its Constitution and By-Laws which we still follow today. From the principles those 12 ladies envisioned in 1939, together we will keep their vision alive. **33 Rita**

DX News

Angeles EC1YL (Spain)

I launched 3 years ago (this is the 3rd) to give visibility to the YL's from all over the World in our hobby, such as the radio, which is the WOTRA AWARD, and where great radio amateurs from all over the world always participate. I started it in 2018 and in that year, there were many North American YL operators, as well as from Thailand and The Philippines, among other countries ... In the 2nd year (2019), many stations from different countries such as Cuba, Venezuela, Mexico, Argentina, Ireland, England, USA, Czech Republic were incorporated ... and in this 3rd year, we are operators from Serbia, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, Venezuela, Cuba and our dear Laila, HZ1HZ (OE3LZA), that is operational for this great Award from Saudi Arabia. I think that being YLRL a reference in women's radio, you could give this information in your prestigious magazine and association, thus giving support to the YL's around the world that participate in this great Diploma such as WOTRA AWARD. If you need more information about it, I am at your entire disposal to give you any information you need. For now I leave you the link to the AWARD page so that you can see the rules, and the different AWARD categories that there are. <https://wotra.home.blog/> A big hug and I await your response. 73-33-88! Angeles EC1YL

Christine, GM4YMM (Scotland)

Another strange year is nearly behind us and it seems to be continuing to have to adhere to lots of new restrictions. The year started with our 55th wedding anniversary celebrations not happening. Not to dwell on it, we made good use of Zoom and Messenger all year round..between chair Yoga and strength and balance classes and daily walks in the fresh air, we kept "fit". We had RSGB, BYLARA and GMDX group AGM's on line and we learned new ways of keeping in touch.

We had one trip to a forest campsite in June, Aberfoyle, before we got cabin fever. The weather was not great and we left the SOTA hill for another day. But the Queen Elisabeth Forrest is brilliant to take long walks.

I took part in the YL-OM contest in Feb. It always collides with the PACC contest and the Dutch are always very active on contest days; but a certificate arrived to say that I came third.

The family from Largs had 3 birthdays in June and we enjoyed a small celebration for all of them, it was great to see and hug them. Then we managed a camping trip to Melrose in the Scottish Borders, the Eildon Hills were waiting for us. We had a long walk to get to the ridges, the paths were good and the sun was shining. Once you have made 4 QSO's, you can relax and get more contacts into the log to answer all the chasers. On a bench halfway up we found a stone, it was from the Samaritans and said: "You are not alone!" and a helpline telephone number. I hope that it helped somebody in despair!

July ..Our son had booked a campsite near Kidderminster and we met the family for the first time in 20 months. Very hot and sunny weather stayed with us, nobody felt like moving and we enjoyed each other's company, played easy games and took their 2 Labradors for walks. Next to the site is a PUB, and we sat outside for evening meals, no washing up to do!

Our garden needed attention and watering. A serious SOTA activator, Colwyn, invited us to join him to activate Lamberton Hill in the Scottish Borders in September. It was the easiest SOTA we have ever done, as we were able to drive up most of the way and we literally set up the rigs, 5 meters away from the "summit". Glorious views!

Now its November and we drove to Wales for the first time in 2 years. Our son, Magnus, had his 50th Birthday. so we helped to celebrate in style. Ken hooked the Motorhome up to electricity from the garage and we were very comfortable inside. It's like a home from home. Usually, Ken wants to climb one or two of the local hills and activate them, but we didn't it was cold and rainy.

Our GMDX club rotates a special call for members each month and I was busy on several days, had one OM telling me that he had worked me now for the third year running! Ken has booked us again for next year to operate GS8VL. Joined the German YL for a Christmas net online last week and it was good to put faces to names and callsigns.

W1JX, Bobbie, and I have kept the DX-YL net going on a Monday's for a few years now, KB4RM, has moved and joins as well as DL3LG. Thursday's at 6:30 pm is the BYLARA net and conditions are very up and down, lots of continental QRM..

Now it's time to get ready for the festive season, we will have a quiet time and have to wait which of the family are able to come. Time for my Patchwork and radio!

I wish you all a very healthy year ahead!

Take care of each other.!

Christine

Evelyne F5RPB (France)

I am ham since 1991.

On July 1999, I went to the convention of YLRL in Long Beach at the QUEEN MARY where I had the pleasure to meet Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD. She is my sponsor since this time.

I like CW and I am member of the French CW club UFT (UNION FRANCAISE DES TELE-GRAPHISTES.

Since June 2020 we have a new group in the UFT: CVP: "Le Club des Vieilles Pioches" (club of the old Keyers). I have found in our loft an old J-44 from the last war 1939/1945. After soldering, I could connect it to my transceiver: Kenwood TS 570D. Every second Monday in the month we have a QSO: we are 25 OM and me (I am the only one YL!) on 3.545 on 20:00 TU

Every month the list changes, F6AXX is the manager. We receive the list per mail 2 days before and on the evening, another manager is calling every one of the list.

I am old now but my great pleasure is to participate!

Evelyne TERRAIL F5RPB 84 years old

Rosel, DK3KWR (Germany)

I hope you are well and healthy. Hardy and I are well and happy that we can be now again go on "our" holiday island Madeira. We [were] on the air till 26th November as CT9/DL3KWF and CT9/DL3KWR in telegraphy mainly on the WARC bands. Please stay safe and healthy!

33 Rosel DL3KWR

We are well, looking forward to returning to normality soon.

The new variant of Covid, Omicron, is affecting the Canary Islands quite a bit, although luckily most are mild cases. This new variant is being noticed more in children and schools. My daughter is 5 years old and she is doing well, but some classmates at school have been affected by Omicron.

In the Canary Islands it is winter now and temperatures are 22 degrees.

Take care dear and a lot of health for you and yours.

33 de EA8MT, Dunia

Pictures

Photos by Karen Cutler, WE1E



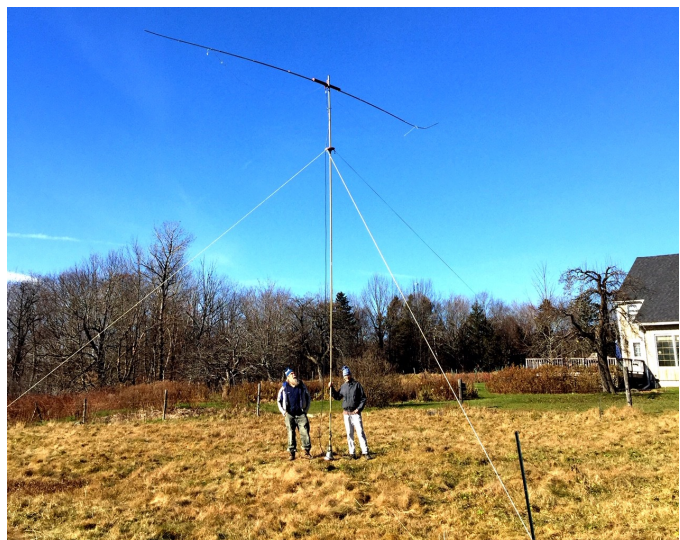
Leandra MacLennan, AF1R



John Colt, NV1Y, and Leandra MacLennan, AR1R
Mast for Off-center fed wire dipole.



Half-Square antenna for 15M



Rotatable 20M Dipole

The Next YLRL Convention

Our last convention was four years ago in 2018 in Oklahoma City, OK. While we traditionally try to do a convention every 3 or 4 years, we understand any attempt to do a convention since 2020 would not have worked too well. We have some reason to be cautiously optimistic about a convention in either 2023 or 2024. A convention in 2024 would be the YLRL 85th anniversary. However, either an 84th or 85th anniversary convention would be a great idea.

Any convention planning would have the support and experience of past convention planners, of which we have several: Anne, WB1ARU; Cheryl, N0WBV; Michelle, W5MQC; Nancy, KC4IYD; and Barbara, AC7UH. You can, also, read about past Conventions on the YLRL Convention page:

<http://YLRL.net/past-conventions/>

A convention planner cannot do it alone and needs a group to help with the details. If you know you have a group of YLs willing to help and a possible location near an airport with venues for YLs and OMs, please contact Barbara at ac7uh@arrl.net, so Barbara and the other past convention chairs can work with you to put the next YLRL Convention together.

YLRL has a convention in its future and we hope one or more of our members want to welcome the rest of us to your local area for a convention.

Correction to Page 14 of Nov/Dec 2021 YLHarmonics

The last part of the District 4 listing should have read:

District 4 (Continued)

W4LRM	Linda	Mison	GA
W4VPZ	Kelley	Vann Johns	AL
W7KOY	Martha	Hatter	FL
WA1S	Ann M.	Finkelsen	FL
WB4RIV	Janice E.	Sturbois	AL
WD4NKP	Martha H.	King	SC
WP4RCG	Reina	Reyes Oquendo	PR
	Ann	Carney	SC

My apologies to the members listed above.

Margaret, AE7MB, YL Harmonics, Editor

AF1R and NV1Y Operation at the 2021 ARRL Phone Sweepstakes
Year 4 at The Shearer Farm B&B
Ver Dec 26d 2021

I own a tiny piece of property in a suburban neighborhood, too small to install competitive antennas. For the last three years, for the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes, I've done a solo portable operation from the Shearer Farm B&B in Vermont, where I've had acres of cow fields available for erecting antennas. This was my fourth year and I tried something different. This year I did the contest with my long-time friend, John, NV1Y, from Williston, Vermont. This put us in the highly competitive, Multi-Op, Single Transmitter class. We knew the competition in this class was tough: we would be competing against home stations with towers and teams of 3 to 6 operators. It would only be the two of us and our entire station: radios, antennas, masts, coax and computers, had to fit in our two cars and be able to be erected in (and taken down) in just a couple of hours.

I have enjoyed operating from the Shearer Farm B&B. It's on a farm, with plenty of room to erect antennas. It's on top of a south facing hill. It's located in "rare" Vermont. I can do ham radio immersion for the weekend as I'm away from home and away from household distractions. And the hosts welcome me back every year and treat me as a family member!

I've known John, NV1Y, for over 30 years, but we have never contested together. For John, the chance to get away, use acres of fields to erect antennas and immediately see how well they work was an experience he wanted to try.

From my past experience, I knew we needed better antennas for the high bands. I used a Off-Center-Fed (OCF) antenna for the last two years. On 80 and 40 it is an equal antenna to the majority of the competitors, but on 20-15-10 we would be competing with stations with beams on a tower. Last year it was tough to wade through 20M and get recognized by any of the running stations. To fix that problem, this year we needed better antennas for 20 and 15. But, the antennas & supports needed to fit in our cars. We set up three antennas:

- The 130 foot wire OCF antenna, the same antenna I used for the last three years, good for 80M to 10M
- A 20M rotatable dipole, which John built out of some old aluminum tubing.
- A 15M half-square antenna which I built in 15 minutes from some scrap wire.

The B&B is on the top of a south facing hill. This is great for RF. But this also means strong winds blow over the property. I got lucky with the weather on Friday morning before the contest when I erected the 30 foot mast for the OCF antenna. The winds were calm and the temperature was 40 degrees. However, the weather changed in the afternoon. When John arrived with his wife, Karen (also a ham) I could see the sky turning dark. A cold wind started blowing. As soon as we took the rotatable dipole and mast out of their car, a snow squall arrived at the B&B. Within 10 minutes snow coated everything in the cow field where we were erecting the antenna and we struggled to get the 25 foot high antenna up in the wind gusts. As soon as the antenna was erected and tied off, the snow stopped and the winds calmed.

The next morning, Saturday, the weather cooperated and made it easy to put up the 15M half square antenna. It was suspended from three 14 foot high portable masts.

In past SS contests I have not had much luck in the first 30 minutes. All of the running stations have monster pile ups which are tough to crack with just 100 watts. We had the same struggle this year. We started on 15M, where we thought we could pick up some of the western states. We started hunting and pouncing on 15M but with no beam on 15M we were buried under the other contestants. Despite our numerous calls, we only made 2 contacts in the first 30 minutes. It was a discouraging start. This was the

first time the two of us had competed together and we were also struggling ourselves to figure out how to do the separate logging and operating roles. But, at the 30 minute mark into the contest, it was just a like a switch was flipped. All of a sudden we were getting recognized by the running stations. In the next 45 minutes we got every station we called on 15 meters and got the tough west coast states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, New Mexico, and the Canadian province Saskatchewan. Unfortunately, the two Hawaii stations we heard at the beginning of the contest disappeared before we could get them. We would need to get Hawaii later.

We had much better luck on 40M and for the next 30 minutes we went up and down the band averaging one contact every 2 minutes, earning 13 additional multipliers. Our rate slowed a bit after the first 30 minutes on 40, and after 35 contacts we took a break for dinner at 6:00 P.M.

After dinner we were raring to get back to the radio. We stayed on 40 for another 2 hours and switched to 80. We worked the Midwest and upper Atlantic states. We got our first (very rare) Atlantic Canada, VY2TT, in Prince Edward Island.

Contact 100 came at 11:00 P.M., and we continued to make contacts every 1 to 4 minutes.

At 2:45 A.M. I found a quiet location on 80 and tried calling CQ. To my surprise, after 2 calls, I got a run going. I worked 17 stations in 20 minutes. The peak rate of 1 contact per minute would end up being our best rate during the contest.

We made a quick jump back to 40, worked 3 stations there, saw little other activity, and jumped back to 80.

After our 200th contact at 3:00 A.M. I went to bed so could I get some sleep and still get up at a decent time on Sunday. John stayed up to see if he could make more contacts. He got Hawaii on 40 at 4:18 A.M. and another 11 contacts before he gave up at 4:30 A.M.

Sunday morning, I got back on the radio at 10:30 A.M. and discovered 20 was hopping with activity. I rotated the 20M dipole to the southwest and made another 10 contacts over the next 30 minutes.

I switched to 15 to see if the band was open, and got W5NQH, in West Texas. He was not actively participating in the contest and was looking for a rag chew, so I took a break for a few minutes to talk with him. During our conversation I realized he could provide a comparison between our 15M antennas. He told me the signal from the ½ square antenna was booming in but could barely hear me on the OCF antenna. I'm glad I made the ½ square antenna and put it up!

We worked our 300th QSO at 7:04 P.M. Sunday night.

We finished at 10:00 P.M. Sunday with 342 contacts and 51,300 points. We worked 75 of the 84 US and Canada sections.

We worked hard, had fun and most important, John and I survived the experience of contesting together. Our new 20M rotatable dipole and 15M half square antennas were an improvement over the OCF wire antenna on these two bands. We both are looking forward to next year when we will have even better antennas!

Total Contacts by Band:

Band	Contacts	%
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80	185	54
40	94	27
20	29	8
15	34	10
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Total	342	100

In the ARRL raw scores, we are first place in Vermont in Multi-Single (we were the only Multi-Single competitor in Vermont) and 4th place in Multi-Single in the 1st call zone.

Leandra MacLennan, AF1R

Certificate Custodian

WAS-YL, YLCC, YL-DXCC, WAC-YL—Carolyn Donner, N8ST

I'd like to say congratulations to everyone who participated in the 2011 FAVORITE COLORS CERTIFICATE. This is the most participation we have had in the annual certificate so far.

Thank you everyone who participated. Those who finished and sent in their logs are ...

Cert#	F.Name	L. Name	Callsign	Date	QTH
1.	Heather	Holmes	VE3HQH	3/23/2011	CANADA
2.	Christine	Dons	GM4YMM	3/29/2011	SCOTLAND
3.	Linda	Harvey	VE1QT	3/30/2011	CANADA
4.	Rose-Marie	Battig	KB4RM	3/31/2011	VA
5.	Christa	Elksnat	DJ1TE	4/1/2011	GERMANY
6.	Martha	Wessel	K0EPE	4/1/2011	KS
7.	Suzanne	Snape	VE17IM	4/1/2011	CANADA
8.	Cheryl	Muhr	N0WBV	5/21/2011	CO
9.	Ann-Marie	Gustavsson	SA6YLQ	10/18/2011	SWEDEN
10.	Darlene	Felder	KE7TQS	10/18/2011	WA
11.	Nancy	Bob	KS2YL	10/18/2011	NY
12.	Joanne	Hurney	KC2QGH	10/18/2011	NJ
13.	Melba	Hoss	KA0BAT	10/18/2011	KS
14.	Josephine	Kondas	WB2IKV	10/18/2011	NJ
15.	A. Germaine	Purcell	VE3HHMHP	10/18/2011	CANADA
16.	Lois	Gutshall	WB3EFQ	10/23/2011	PA

A YL's Lament

By Gloria, WA5PQ

I went in the shack and turned on the rig -
I wanted to work DX.
But soon I had to face the fact
I was operating under a hex!

The QRN on forty meters
Let me hear nothing but noise.
On twenty meters I ran into
A couple of 'good ole boys'.

I wish you could have been there
To hear just what I heard—
They were sending sixty wpm,
I couldn't copy a single word!!

So I QSYed down a few
And slowly sent "CQ DX"
Immediately I was answered by
A dude who called himself "Tex".

I sent, "I was calling for DX
Didn't you copy that, old Pard?"
He sent "Oh, yes, I copied it,
But I need your QSL card".

There must be foreign countries
QRV somewhere out there—
Apparently they all are sleeping
Whenever I'm on the air.

So presently it's e-mails
And LandLines for DX.
(I wonder if a rabbit's foot
Would counteract that hex??)

Notes

Rules for All YLRL Contests

1. Check to make certain you are sending logs to the CURRENT Vice-President.
 2. Logs must be postmarked no later than 30 days after each contest ends.
 3. Scoring:
 4. Phone and CW contests will be scored separately. Separate logs must be submitted for each contest.
 5. One point is earned for each different station worked on each band. The same station may be worked on different bands. In the YL-OM contest only, YLs count OM's and OM's count YLs.
 6. Multiplier will be the ARRL sections and/or DX countries, whichever is appropriate. Canadian provinces are counted individually. Multipliers are used only once on all bands when figuring the score.
 7. Contestants running 5W or less will be considered QRP and earn a power factor of 3. Contestants running 5W to 100W will be considered low power and earn a power factor of 1.5. Contestants running over 100W will be high power. If no transmitter power is listed on logs, no power factor will be given.
- Total scored claimed is calculated by multiplying the points times the multiplier times the power factor.

Logs

1. All logs must show the operator's ARRL section, VE province, or country to qualify for awards. Where applicable, logs must state whether or not the operator is a member of YLRL. For each QSO, logs must also state the power output. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet.
 2. Please type or print. If you print a log from a logging program or photocopy your log book, be sure they include all the required information.
 3. Logs must be signed and show claimed score. No logs will be returned.
- Entries in log must also show time, band, date and transmitter power.

Exchange

Station worked, QSO number given and received, RS(T) given and received, and section/province/country.

Entry categories

Single operator and YL clubs/groups.