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President's Message de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

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Ah ... Spring has Sprung! All of a sudden, it has stopped snowing, the days are warmer, the grass is turning green, the trees are budding, and everything seems to have a new life.

As many of you will be attending Hamvention, I remind you to take the time to become acquainted with one another, make memories and take lots of pictures to share in the next issue of YLH. Hamvention is the perfect venue to make eyeball QSOs. An eyeball QSL card is merely a business card, often times a mini-version of your QSL card to exchange with one another. No worries if you do not have an eyeball QSL card; just use your QSL card. The QSO cops are not going to report you for using your QSL card.

Approximately 50 YLs have become new members of the YLRL in the last few months; many of whom may be interested in providing fresh new approaches to the organization and/or envision new directions. Your ideas are always welcomed. It never hurts to look outside the box and embark on new beginnings.

Please remember that members who fail to pay their dues by March 31st shall be considered delinquent, and shall be dropped from the rolls and will not receive future YL Harmonics.

In closing, keep your news coming to your District Chairwoman. We want to hear from you. This is your YL Harmonics and your voice is the backbone of the Young Ladies' Radio League.

33, Rita





Vice President's Message de Carol Laferty, K4SAF vicepresident@ylrl.org

From the Bluegrass State of Kentucky, Hello. This is my first message to you as YLRL Vice-President. We needed someone to step up and fill the empty position, so I had no good reason for not doing that. I am always honored to be a part of the day-to-day operations to keep our unique organization moving forward. Anytime any of you have an idea or suggestion for improvement or enhancement of YLRL, please send it to me or another of our Board Members.

First off, the YL-OM annual contest was in February. I received only **ONE** log entry, in any mode, and that was from Donna Van Blaricom, WB9TFF. Donna's log was for SSB on 20 Meters. She also completed three on CW, but 10 are required for entry. Donna will be receiving her 1st Place SSB trophy soon. She is also an active member of the SKCC, Straight Key Century Club, and is a member of YLRL.

Changes to our Contest formats are obviously needed to regain the popularity that our YL-OM and DX/NA YL Anniversary Party contests once had. If you have ideas about reorganizing our contests, please send them along to me. As VP, contests are part of my responsibilities. Before I became VP, I volunteered to be the YLRL Certificate Custodian. The 2021 Annual Award recipient list for Favorite National Park is on our website. Our theme for 2022 is **Favorite Vacation Spot**. Four YLs have completed that award already and they are all from India. They are VU3IKT, Shruti; VU2DEU, Savitri; VU2MYL, Ramatripura; and VU2RBI, D. Bharathi. Congratulations to the early birds. If you are interested in getting this certificate, check our website for the rules and requirements

Last year 24 YLs were awarded the Annual Award for Favorite National Park, with 13 of them being Indian YLs. The YLs from India obviously enjoy the contest and are an important part of it. Thank you, VU YLs.

I encourage all of you to read through our Awards and Certificate descriptions on our website. You may already qualify for some of them, and it is only a matter of hunting up your QSL cards or LoTW confirmations and filling out the application. Chasing awards is addictive, to which I can personally testify! Get on the air and make the YL presence known and heard. Other amateur operators will welcome you with appreciation. You may fulfill a requirement they have for an award.

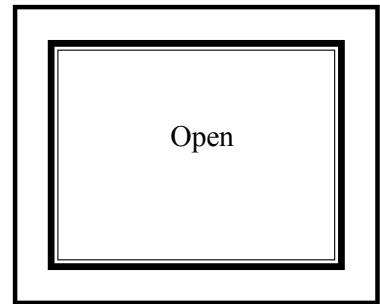
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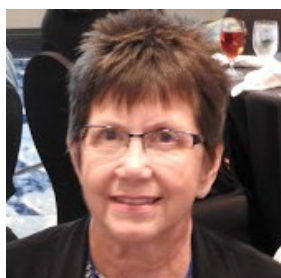


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District News

District 1

From Linda, W1MP

Hi All, The priority right now seems to be seed catalogs but I do have a little amateur radio information and a request.

Wireless Women of Vermont, W1WWV, has been in existence for at least 40 years, possibly longer. I'm not a historian but I'm trying to piece together its history to be added to the new YLRL web site. This has been made difficult by the demise of almost all the members. I feel like last man standing right now.

Of the current members, three of us are still on this earth, Kit Wilson ,WA1WQM, 99 years old, Dot Burden, KA1LDS, and myself, Linda Robinson, W1MP. There may be prior members still here in Vermont.

Members now SK are Deb Clark, NN1C; Andrea Parker, K1WLX; and Julie Cooper KB1APN. The OMs of most of the members participated in all the events and were also licensed, they are now all SK. Bill Burden, WB1BRE, was very active in ARRL, served as New England Division Director. Deb Clark, NN1C, was assistant director during his term. Other OMs also active and on the air were Peter Cooper, KB1AOW; Jim Parker, K1VII; Bob Wilson, WA1TKH; and Mark Robinson, N1MR.

Dot, KA1LDS, was the most active with the club call sign. W1WWV. Maybe there are YLs out there that made contact and exchanged QSL cards. Dot was active with CW and sideband. Even copies of QSL cards received would be welcome. Unfortunately, Dot lost all her QSL cards and radio equipment in a devastating fire several years ago that totally destroyed their home in Strafford, VT.

My request is for any information anyone reading this may have about our group from eyeball exchange or on the air. The group participated and were members of WRONE and attended most of the luncheons back in the day. WWV even hosted a WRONE luncheon at the Norwich Inn, Norwich, VT., although I don't have the date. Maybe somebody even has that. I am trying to glean as much of the missing information as possible.

As you can tell from reading this, putting together a history is not going to be easy, all help is welcome. Please send any information including photos to Barb Irby, KC1KGS, our YLRL District One Chair; Michelle Carey, W5MQC; or Linda Robinson W1MP.

Peace for the new year, Linda W1MP

From Joyce WA1YZV

I'm still off the air. I can listen but something's wrong with transmitting. I'm still very interested!!! Healthwise I'm still improving. I get around with a cane. I definitely can drive but can't walk too far after I get there.

Joy (Joyce) LaGasse, WA1YZV 33

From Barbara KC1KGS

Spring is in the air (sort of) here in New England, as we have alternated snow with 60-degree weather here and there...

Looking forward to reading what others have been up to in the "dark of winter"...thanks to those in District One who have gotten active, stayed active, and stayed in touch!

I am still participating in various nets 5 days a week and I got on FT8 a little when I had some downtime. I am working with a group in the New England Division interested in bringing more diversity into amateur radio---still in the start-up stages---tying in with Assistant Director Anita's, AB1QB, Mentoring and New Ham Development Group.

From Joan W1DLC

Below is my January portable operation setup in Hancock, Maine during the annual "Freeze Your Butt Off" (FYBO) event. Eight QSOs were logged during single digit temps!



(The NAQCC (North American QRP CW Club) promotes low power operation using power of 5 watts or less. Each month NAQCC presents a summary of an historical event from which words and phrases are selected. The challenge is to use letters from the callsigns of QSOs to match all the letters/numbers from the selected words and phrases. It usually takes me most of the month to make the contacts needed to complete the challenge!

For portable operations, KM4ACK offers an EFHW antenna kit that works very well and would make a good project for a club, group, etc. ARRL also makes an excellent EFHW for 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. My beam is down for the winter, so I have been using that ended for 20 meters.

I would love to hear from any Maine YL (joanhild0808@gmail.com). We hope to soon have a Facebook page where Maine YLs can share news and support each other in our amateur radio experiences.

73, Joan, W1DLC, Hancock, Maine

From Anne WB1ARU:

Anne, WB1ARU and her OM spent a month in Colorado skiing. They have gone there every year starting in 2008 with the exception of last year. This year they drove instead of flying. Of course, this meant being able to get on the air during the 6 days each way. Their equipment includes an ICOM 7100 with a Tarheel antenna and a 2m/440 Kenwood. Several contacts were made and they even heard a New Zealand station. The traveling was not bad, one extra day each way due to weather. While in Glenwood Springs, they attended a meeting of Ski Country ARC and joined the club for breakfast on Tuesdays at a local restaurant. Their skiing this year included a couple of days at Ski Cooper, the mountain where the 10th Mountain Division trained in WWII.

Their next trip will be to Hamvention where Anne will help with the YLRL booth and the YL Forum. If you're going, be sure to stop at booth 2505 in Building 2, across from ARRL. The Forum will be on Friday at 2:30 and it's always a good time. After 2 skipped years, the theme this year is "Reunion!"

This year, the New England HamXposition will include our friends from District 2 - New York and New Jersey. Be sure and put August 26,27,& 28 in your calendar and get to Marlborough. There will be a YLRL~WRONE booth and a YL Forum. Tickets go on sale May 1.

District 3

Packet radio is making a comeback on our area of Southwestern Pennsylvania! Many are digging out their TNCs and hooking them up to dusty monitors and getting into the action again. When I first got my Ham Radio license in 1990, Packet was very popular and there were active nodes and plenty of bulletin boards so it was easy to communicate with fellow Hams all over the world. My OM, W3SYY, managed a node and bulletin board and I made daily use of it. Hams left their messages and info on bulletin boards so you just chose who you wanted to communicate with and sent a message.

One of the Hams I communicated with almost every day was Vladimir, UA9CEX, a Russian University student, who didn't have a station in his home and had to go to a central Ham Shack to get on Packet. Not many Russians had equipment in their homes. My other favorite was Ivan, G3EMU, from Canterbury, UK. He was an interesting elderly gentleman who used to go from node to node and ended up in my home TNC nearly every day. He would say "Good Mornin, Dearie. Meet me at 1500 GMT and we'll share a "cuppa". And I did and we just had the most interesting packet conversations! Another favorite was a group of students in Israel who had a packet station, 4X6ES, in their school and would get on every day at 1700-1800 GMT. I also contacted the astronauts on the MIR Space Station on Packet. Packet was such fun. Then along came cellphones and Internet and Packet faded out of fashion.
73 de Barb. KA3VXR

District 4

From Kelly Loyd, KI4JAV

I was recently a co-coordinator for W4T/W4BSF USS Tennessee special event station. My first time ever working a special event. The event took place at the USS Tennessee Museum, which is located on the Scott High School campus in Huntsville, TN. The event lasted two days February 25 and 26. On day one students from the school came and was able to make a few contacts. Day two consisted of interviews with the local radio station (another first for me) and making more contacts across the world. With 3 stations going. We were able to make contact with 10 Foreign Countries and 48/50 USA states for a total of 603 contacts. Being our first ever event, we are over the moon with those numbers. I learned a lot! Most definitely need to upgrade to general and quickly! Looking forward to my club's next event on April 30th for the Big South Fork State Park spring planting festive. We will have a booth set up about our club and ham radio. Will also be activating POTA.

From Ann, WA1S

My husband, WA1F, and I retired in early 2021 and are enjoying our retirement in Florida. We have a TH3 triband beam and 3 element 6 meter beam on top of a foot crankup tower and a 10 through 80 meter Carolina Windom wire antenna up about 25 feet on 2.65 acres. We have been operating in some contests—Sweepstakes, CQWW, Winter field day, ARRL DX and a few others. My favorite mode is CW, but I operate SSB, RTTY, and FT8, also. We attended Hamcation and the YL "Meet and Greet". It was great to see so many friends again in person. We are also planning on attending the Dayton Hamvention in May. We are active in the local Citrus County Amateur Radio Club, ARES and our local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) here in Citrus County Florida. We enjoy getting out in our boat fishing, scalloping and seeing the Manatees. Right now we are in process of putting in an in-ground swimming pool. We hope to put up an antenna for 160 meters later this year. We are looking forward to attending Hamvention and seeing everyone again.

Linda Mison, W4LRM, on behalf of Natasha Mison, DX1MGS

With the onset of the pandemic, the INFEX (International Friendship Exchange) and DXContest was withheld and instead an engaging webinar was in-session during the virtual opening celebration of the World Thinking Day Week, February 17, 2022. Entitled "A GLIMPSE OF AMATEUR RADIO IN GIRL SCOUTING", the webinar sessions were handled by licensed GS Ham Radio operators and adults headed by the MGSC Amateur Radio club founder and adviser Linda Mison, W4LRM and club President Natasha Mison, 4I1BAT, with participation of around 250 Girl Scouts and Adult leaders from all over the Philippines.

The Girl Scouts of the Philippines Scouts Ham Radio Enthusiast for Service (GSP SHARES) with a club callsign DX1GSP, in partnership with DX1MGS, fun things to do with Amateur Radio Satellite, Morse Code, Netcall, Digital Amateur Radio, DXing and Contesting. Via Zoom, the Manila Girl Scout Council Amateur Radio Club (DX1MGS) also featured activities the Girl Scouts have done for almost 5 years of its existence. This webinar very much encouraged every interested Philippine Girl Scouts into learning more about the Ham Radio.

From Gailey Jesko, N4WAE

I design and create QSL cards for friends. I have designed one in honor of Ukraine. I never charge for the cards I make and do it for the enjoyment. I haven't posted them on the Facebook group page because I wasn't sure of any rules I may be breaking. Anyway, for this particular card, I'm asking that anyone who wants the card with their call and info, make a donation to UNICEFFUSA.org for Ukraine relief. I will make, print, and ship one dozen cards each. Here's mine! The only info I would need is if anyone wants a card, is to make sure their QRZ info is correct and email me their call sign. Looking forward to doing what I can to help those in need!

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District 5

I married a life time ham- Dave, W0VX, in 1968. After being a ham wife for several years I decided to become a Ham and was licensed in 1984. We received our "O" calls while we lived in Iowa. With my extra class license Dave has taught me to chase after that rare DX. I now have 150 countries behind the microphone. After moving to Texas in 1988 my history includes participating in many YLRL contests, helping in all YL field day in 1992, being a President of local radio club, holding test sessions, sponsoring YLRL tables at local ham convention. Now I am the net control for our Texas Ladies Round Up Net (TYLRUN) on Thursdays at 8am CMT 3947 kHz. We welcome all YLs to join us. Please join us on Thursday mornings!!

Since no one had stepped forward to be the 5th district chair position in YLRL, I felt it was time to say "yes" and become more involved in YLRL. I am looking forward to "meeting" YLs by collecting the news of all the wonderful activities going on in 5th District and being the 5th District rep on the YLRL Board.

33, Judi, W0JJ





I am a nurse with 30 years in healthcare (23 years as an RN) and I currently teach nursing. I became interested in amateur radio while overlanding throughout the Southwest several years ago then finally became licensed in 2019. I am learning more and more about ham radio all the time. I am currently the Vice President of W5ES - El Paso Amateur Radio Club and Assistant Section Manager for the ARRL West Texas Section. I am also a VE and do weekly online testing along with some in-person testing. Unfortunately, I do not have much time to get on the air but when I do I enjoy the local VHF/UHF nets, D-STAR and Echo-

link. My other hobbies include hiking, photography, quilting and my two German Shepherds.
73, Kelly, KB2RN

Welcome as our chair! My name is Leah Ohse, W3LEO, I live in Wellston, OK. I am currently the YLRL Supplies Coordinator. I am also the current VP of our club the Mid-Del ARC based in Midwest City, Ok. I've had my amateur radio license for 10 years. Our club turned 10 years old last year too.

I am an Extra class, I just turned 10 years old last April lol. My family recently moved last year. In 2020 we purchased 2.48 acres in rural Wellston, north of Route 66. Creating a Homestead. Last year I raised two Tamworth boars for meat; will be doing it again this year, also planning for chickens and a garden. I am married, 21 years, 2 kids....17yo girl, 12yo boy I also love riding motorcycles. I also started a business last year, Homestead Bush Hogging.

Our club does offer monthly testing sessions, participate in Field Day at our local park in Midwest City. Midwest City is a military town, we also partner with the City in special events including the Veterans Day Parade.

Pic is of myself in front of the USS Batfish in 2020 at one of our USS Batfish YL events.

33, Leah, W3LEO



Hello to all YL's. My name is Johnnie Young, KG5CQO, and I am a member of YLRL and I live in District 5. I began my Ham journey in June of 2014 and was able to acquire my Extra Class License by June of 2015. The remarkable thing about this is in June of 2014, I was 65 years old. So, you are never too old to start a new journey. Since that start, my journey has brought me to join two local clubs where I have been learning many aspects of Amateur Radio. I love to help out at events in my community which led me to other groups like ARES and CERT. I also help in my home community with radio communicated info for weather events.

As one grows within the ham community you meet many hams and then more hams through them, which led to



Johnnie, KG5CQO on Field Day

becoming an ARRL Assistant Manager with my focus on YL's. This then led to the development of the ARRLNTX web page about YL accomplishments. Along with 3 other YL's that some of you may know, Michelle Carey, W5MQC, yes, our former District 5 Representative, Allison Hollier, KG5BHY, runs a YL net, climbs towers, etc., and Katherine Forson, KT5KMF, the present ARRLNTX Youth Coordinator; we now have a place for everyone to use as a resource for info about YL's and Amateur Radio needs and concerns.

My interests at the moment are Fox Hunting and learning CW, which I have been working on for about two years. Both are lots of fun especially when you find that elusive fox or you completely understand what is sent in CW. I am very lucky to have all these opportunities to grow in my Amateur Radio journey and to share and help wherever I can.

I hope to get to share some of your journeys on the YL page with your activities so others can see how much fun this hobby is and what a great help it can be to the communities.

Johnnie KG5CQO at Mentor Fest

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My name is Judy and my call is KC5BOO. I live on 30 acres outside of Cleburne, Texas, with my husband of 44 years, my dog and 2 birds. I have been a ham since 2015 and hold an Extra class license. I have 3 children and 10 grandchildren. My grandkids call me "Boo", hence the vanity call. I love sewing, quilting, and just about all forms of handwork. I love ham radio special events and host my own, "Boo to You", on October 31 every year.
33, Judy, KC5BOO



I am new to the wild west (OK) and new to ham radio (thanks to my extra-Elmer husband). Formerly a cheese head (WI), I LOVE it here. Hoping to get our ham station up soon, but delighted to be a member of District 5. My husband is an Army Signal Corps veteran and 100% disabled, so in my semi-retired state, I work from home as a freelance writer (www.reviveshine.com), run an online sewing/embroidery shop (tenshimadeshop.etsy.com) and we're working on starting up this little ranch. Loving the adventure:) 33, Trudi Griffin, KD9KDN

I live in Oklahoma. I have had my license since Spring of 2016. I have an Extra Class License. I am a member of SCARS -South Canadian Amateur Radio Society~W5NOR where I served as both Vice President and President. I am a member of The USS Batfish ARC~WW2OK & WW2SUB, of course the YLRL~ K4LMB. I am the current Webmaster for the YLRL. I work for a software company that provides communication via an app similar to Echo-link. I am getting ready to retire and move. We are not sure where yet, but I need out of my current HOA subdivision, so I can put up a bigger antenna!!! I have 1 daughter and 5 grand kids. The oldest is 20 and has her Technician License and is a member of the YLRL (She passed her test at the last YLRL Convention when she was 16), the youngest is 3.
33, Michelle, W5MQC

Hello! I am a very new ham. I received my ticket on my husband's birthday this year in February. My husband is really into radios and loves them. When he decided to upgrade his license to General, he suggested I study for Technician and take the exam with him. He even bought me a radio in preparation of passing the exam, a Yaesu FT-70DR. Its a perfect size for me and very easy to carry in my bag. My son actually took the test when I did and he passed as well. Now, my girls are studying for the next testing day. Soon, we will be a whole family of radio operators! I don't have a home station yet, but one has been ordered and is being built as we speak ;).

73 y'all! Rhonda Mitchel, W8KJB

I was first licensed in 1980 in New York state and upgraded to Extra Class. Lucky me, I met my husband on the local repeater. When we moved to Texas, I changed my call to K5DU. I've worked almost every mode. Now I work almost solely CW but if there is a DX country I need on 6 meters I will work FT8 or moon bounce. I am a DXCC card checker and have worked every DXCC country on SSB and need only Crozet and North Korea on CW. 33, Susan King K5DU



District 7

From Elizabeth, KK7VO: I retired at the end of 2021 so one would think that I have more time for radio, but I haven't gotten on the air much, so far. It seems that my antenna doesn't work that well on 20m, and there has been too much snow and cold to work on antennae. This reminds me, maybe I should join YLRL.

From Robin, KJ7BI: I would like to complement our new Database Manager, Barbara, KI7BR. She has done a superb job maintaining an accurate and up to date list of member YLs by section. In section 7, we have had quite a few new members in recent months, and Barbara keeps accurate records of new to YLRL YL as well as of those who for some reason chose not to renew their membership. I look forward to occasionally working with you, Barbara, in the anticipated future.

District 8

I want to welcome 2 new YLs to district 8: KC3GFU, Amanda and AG8GM, Ghislaine. Next, I want to remind everyone that there is a "YLRL-District 8" facebook page. We welcome all YLs to join and not just District 8 YLs. This is a great source to get news or ask questions while waiting for the next issue of YLH.

Sharon, KJ8F, wrote I've been off the air a long-time caregiving mom, dad and my husband. Sorry to say, I am alone now and getting back on the air. Into county hunting again and I scored 2nd place For Ohio in the Kansas QSO party this year. And high achievement in the CA QSO party. Look forward to seeing you in Xenia. Have reservation made and ticket in hand.

Nancy, KC4IYD, has been getting together monthly via ZOOM with several of her friends: Dawn, KC8SQN; Annette, KC8SQM; and 3 other ladies where 5 of us scrapbook and the 6th lady quilts. We started this during COVID as we couldn't get together and it has been a lot of fun. We call our group the Space Crafters and our goal is to work each month on completing our UnFinished Objects (UFOs). I would be interested in knowing of other YLs who scrapbook or quilts. Feel free to contact me at kc4iyd@yahoo.com

District 9

From Anne, KC9YL

I am recovering from shoulder surgery, but luckily it was my non-dominant arm, so that hasn't put much of a dent in my CW operations. By the time you read this, the sling should be off, and I should be starting my physical therapy program. Ukulele and pickleball are several months down the road, I am afraid, but I will be back to my Mah Jongg at the Senior Center once I am cleared to drive (6 weeks post surgery). Hamvention is on the calendar and I am looking forward to seeing many of you live-and-in-person! I shouldn't have to spend too much time key-shopping since I just bought an N3ZN single lever paddle and a Begali Blade straight key from some fellow Long Island CW Cub members. Both are a dream to use!

From Donna, WB9TFF

We drove ourselves to Orlando, Florida to be at Hamcation on February 10. We stayed at the Drury Inn in Orlando. It really was nice to have breakfast and dinner at the Drury. We attended the ARRL Convention in Orlando at the Double Tree Hotel near Sea World. There was a seminar hosted by Josh of Ham Radio Crash Course. He talked about RFI. We met a YL there who wants to learn CW through the Long Island CW Club. Later a nice lunch was provided for us. The weekend was spent at the Fair Grounds. It was \$20 per person to attend the weekend event. We had lunch from one of four vendors. There was oven baked pizza, a burger tent, a Chinese plate and a tuna wrap place. We had an opportunity to attend several seminars, be W1AW/4 for 30 mins. (I had 14 phone QSOs), and met our friends at the ARRL booth and SKCC group. I missed the YLRL talk. We went sightseeing at SeaWorld and Cocoa Beach. I finally saw the Atlantic Ocean! A dad was home schooling his four kids on the beach. They caught pompano fish with a couple of rigs and shrimp as live bait purchased at a nearby bait shop. We had our picture taken at "I Dream of Jeanie Blvd". It has a plaque about Larry Hagman filming the program there. We met some Aussie Ladies who said they watch all the reruns. We even sang the theme song! Next was an airboat ride at Wild Florida. The walk through zoo had colorful birds, alligators, a boa snake and manatees. There was a beautiful drive-thru African animal park. I had a very inquisitive emu at my side window. Gil kept lowering the window and the emu kept trying to peak in. One afternoon we operated our portable radio at a nearby park. We had a few QSOs with our 757 Yaesu, hamsticks and bioenno battery.

We enjoyed Florida's warm weather. Back to winter in Wisconsin.

March 13 was the Wisconsin QSO Party. We arrived on Friday in Redgranite, WI, to set up our radio station at a friend's cabin. The area was ice covered. We put up an old, old G5RV antenna in the trees. It had high SWR readings on 20, 40 and 80 meters. We had to sand the copper twin lead wire and used a torch to solder the ends. The temp dropped to 17 F degrees at night. The SWR was still too high. Then the sun came out and we shook the snow off the coaxial cable running into the cabin. All of a sudden the SWR was good. We ran the contest and used my call, WB9TFF. We actually doubled our last year's score.

District 10

Barb, KD0WAU – District 10 started the year with a Meet UP on Zoom. **Amanda, K1DDN**, in the last YL- Harmonics stated she wanted to start getting together face to face in person again. Well, we are pretty spread out here in District 10 so I thought the next best thing would be a virtually Meet Up over Zoom. Many of our ladies were already using Zoom while working from home during Covid-19 so this was a natural. We had 11 ladies meet up out of a total 25 ladies in our District!



Michelle, W5MQC, our Webmaster, attended and gave a great overview of our <https://ylrl.net/> web site. We checked out the links on the site and really enjoyed the little box in the upper right-hand side of the home page. This box is where you can change languages. We clicked on Ukraine and wow the whole website was all in the Ukrainian language. Great for an International Club!!

Barb, KD0WAU, gave a presentation on how to Register your Call Sign in Echolink. We linked to the FCC site to download an official FCC copy of our license. We then went to the Echolink website and uploaded our license file to Validate our Call Sign. We mentioned your Internet router must be set to forward UDP ports 5198 and 5199 on the PC you are using for Echolink. The port forwarding is not needed on a cell phone. Barb hoped this will allow new YLs and our group to join in on the YLRL nets on Echolink.

Kay, WA0WOF, loves DXing and was celebrating, as she just got her CW DX CC Certificate! Congratulations Kay!!!! She promised to tell us a bit about how she managed to acquire the certificate for the YL-Harmonics news.

Jodie, K5YL, a new member of YLRL, is a member of Army MARS. She loves digital communications and amateur radio. She says she has the best of both worlds with MARS and her antenna farm. She just moved to the country. Jodie has been Net Control in the past on a Sunday morning net talking to veterans. She loves to thank them for their service

Cynthia, KE0YRU, was newly licensed in December 2019 and the District 10 Zoom Meet Up was the first time she has connected with YLs! She is acting as a Net Controller with her Radio Club in Ames, Iowa. Cynthia is getting involved in Parks on the Air and has used her SODA beam twice.

Catherine, KE5CEJ, is a new YLRL member. She has been licensed for 26 years! Catherine has been CO-Net Controller for the Tuesday "Ladies on the Air" Net. Sadly, many of the ladies have passed away during the past six years the net was active. Catherine said she would like to encourage new hams and youths into Amateur radio. She has accepted the position as Junior Director for the Wichita Amateur Radio Club.

Jen, KE0MDJ, has been busy as a caregiver for her mom who is in her 90's but as soon as she gets back to the Rockies, she wants to go outside working her radio. Jen is looking for an online class to study for her general. She was appreciative and grateful to talk to everyone at the Meet Up.

Judy, K0UH, said she started out in 1970 with CW and is trying to bring it back. She is enjoying contesting on the radio and wants to be more active.

Doshia, KB0NAS, said she was the previous District 10 Chair. Doshia was sad that many of her Amateur Radio "information ladies" are now silent keys. She met a lot of new lady hams at the Meet Up. She said her antenna suffered a lightning strike and she just replaced it and needs to try the new one out!

Amanda, K1DDN, is co-producer on Ham Nation as Content Manager. She is a very busy lady. She is Regional Emergency Coordinator in Colorado covering 11 counties. She would like to take even more responsibilities but is hesitant as she is afraid there would be less time dedicated to using her radio privileges. Amanda requested any lady who wants to spotlight events or projects just to let her know.

Rita, NE0DB, is our new YLRL President. She greeted old friends and new ones during the Meet Up. We are lucky to have her in our District! Rita encouraged all the ladies to grow our District! She has been working diligently finding Chairs for several districts. We have a good portion of our members who became silent keys and this has had an effect on our club. Rita, asked us to introduce the youth to amateur radio to carry on the hobby to future generations.

When Barb, KD0WAU, learned I was the proud possessor of a brand new CW DXCC Certificate, she asked me to write a bit that might encourage the newer YLs to try this facet of ham radio. I know many YLs in YLRL who are much more accomplished in CW than I will ever be, but I'm happy to help if I can.

I've been licensed since 1969 and worked SSB all that time until about 6 or 7 years ago. I had passed both the 13 and 20 wpm tests, but I just learned the code to upgrade and then never gave it another thought. I've always loved DXing and when I got about 300 countries confirmed on phone, I could see that I was going to have to work CW to make much more progress. I was almost starting from scratch because I hadn't copied any code since 1988, but it was worth it because I do have 330 countries confirmed now and high hopes for the future! I first learned the code at 13 wpm, beginning with just a few letters and gradually adding more. When I was going for 20 wpm, I relied entirely on ARRL's code practice on the air. Today there are several excellent programs available online, such as CW Player, Morse Resource, Learn Morse Code, and Morse Runner, as well as the ARRL code practice, sent Monday

through Friday, at different speeds and times, on different bands. You can also download WAV files from ARRL's website, and the schedule of their broadcasts can also be found there or in QST, when they switch from the winter to the summer schedule.

There are also great CW organizations that are very helpful. FISTS and CW Ops, which even offers a fantastic course, come to mind immediately, and you can always listen on the bands to actual QSOs in progress.

In fact, your best asset may be a local ham friend, a club member, or even a ham friend in another country, who can advise you, encourage you, and give you actual experience on the air. You already have everything you need, except a key which can be found at most hamfest flea markets. I'm just using an old Bencher paddle, and it works fine. Right now I have 104 countries confirmed on CW, with several others worked, and now I'm looking forward to working some of you on the bands. Remember, YLRL was formed in 1939 by CW operators. One of our charter members, Loretta Ensor, 9UA/W0UA, and her brother sent code nightly in Kansas on the low bands during the 30's and 40's and helped thousands of people get licensed.

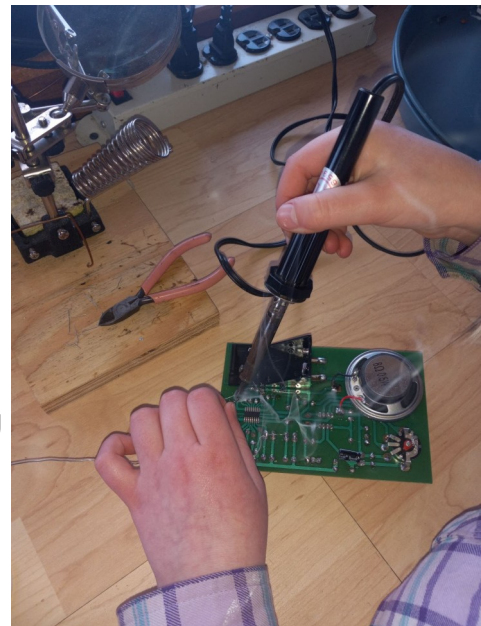
Morse code is in our tradition!

Kay Eyman, WA0WOF

District KL and KH

Hello from Alaska. With K3Y over, I've been working towards my "T" or Tribune level in the SKCC. As of right now, I think I am about 25 contacts away. I've also been practicing with my J-37 leg strap key and my left hand (I am right handed). Why am I bothering with that, you might ask. I have found that when doing a POTA activation it's difficult for me to send, listen and write down call signs. I'm hoping using my left hand to send will free up my right hand to write and streamline the whole process. We will see once the weather warms up. Speaking of which, about mid-February we started having temperatures in the upper 30's to mid 40's. Our gravel road is a mess with icy potholes big enough to swallow up a Volkswagen. Usually, what we call "break up" doesn't happen until April to May. Hopefully, there is enough of a snowpack for the Iditarod which starts this weekend. I'll be rooting for Martin Buser, Brent Sass and Mille Porsild. Audrey and I also finally got around to building her FM radio kit. She did all the work, I just looked over her shoulder occasionally. When we tested it for the first time she felt greatly accomplished. I'm also starting to hear DX again now that we are getting more daylight. That's pretty exciting. Last week I heard F6HKA on 20 meters. He was a true 599. Rarely, do I hear a European station with such a strong signal at my QTH. Happy spring and good DX.

Meghan KL5AF



Youth

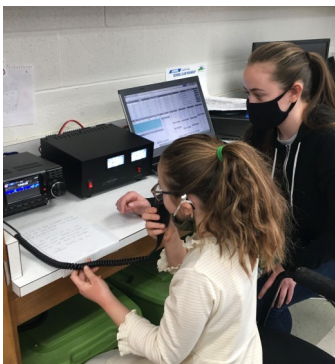


Hello everyone! When the club members get to talk on HF, they hear a wide variety of hams and it is especially exciting when they get to talk to a DX station or a school. Speaking to schools increases the chances of getting to talk to another YL, which can help get YLs interested in amateur radio. If the young ladies get to talk to other young girls and youth who have their licenses, it encourages them to study for their Technician license. The School Club Roundup is also a good way to get to know the members of the club and make friends with them, which is something that you don't usually get to do. Since the February ARRL School Club Roundup recently concluded, I wanted to mention how operating in the School Club Roundups has proven to be very beneficial in getting young ladies interested in amateur radio for my school's club. The ARRL holds School Club Roundups twice a year (In October and February) to increase youth and school activity on HF, and they have really been enjoyable for many of our club members.

My school's club sets up an HF station for the School Club Roundups and usually operates Monday through Friday those two weeks, giving the club members an opportunity to get to operate an HF station while being guided by a control operator. In our setup, we use a G5RV dipole and an Icom 7300 that was donated to our school's club by a local business, Graft Electric. Generally, when my club operates, we are not operating in the contest to get a good score (Although it is exciting when we do well!) but are trying to let the kids have fun and enjoy operating on HF.



When my club operates in the School Club Roundup, by the end of the week, the kids are excited about amateur radio, and are very interested in studying to earn their licenses, so getting a group together and operating during the week is a great way to get girls interested in getting their licenses!



Katherine Campbell, KE8LQR

VE News

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to the land of Ice and Snow. Yep, that is Saskatchewan. We have about 12 inches of snow in the yard and although that is not really that bad, it is the almost the middle of March and I really would like to see it gone, gone, gone. My body is saying, enough already, and I say this as more snow is predicted for this weekend. Whoopie I really should not complain, as we have no floods, hurricanes, tornado, huge forest fires etc. We are pretty safe from most of that. I am just moaning because I can't even get out to go walking as I still have not had my surgery, and so really stuck in the house unless we drive somewhere.

Ok, enough of that. I have not been active on the radio this past winter at all. The radio is in the basement, and at this time, cannot get down to play. So, I stay upstairs and play on the compuer. I am not on EchoLink yet. Really don't know what my problem is, which really is just laziness on my part. One of these days I will get it put on the pc, just don't hold me down to a definite date or year, hi hi.

It has been quiet here in Saskatchewan as the band conditions are terrible, at least that's what my OM Harv tells me. Maybe we should move someplace where there is nothing around us for hundreds of miles....I don't know. I am still waiting for the bands to improve to the way there were when I first got into this hobby 41 years ago, mind you, there were no microwaves, no cellphones, no cell towers, no plasma TV's etc. I know around me within a 2 mile radius, there are 6 celltowers, and we live in an area that still has the power lines, phone lines, cable lines etc, so it does make radio work a balancing act.

So that is the news from Saskatchewan for now. Hopefully the next time, we are into the wonderful warm weather of summer and the flowers are blooming, and the birds are singing, and this COVID crap will be mostly gone, and people can enjoy themselves and do some travelling. I hope that all of you are well and staying safe. I am sending loads of hugs and prayers for those who want them and or need them. Also lots of prayers for our Ukrainians families and friends in Ukraine. Hubby and I are praying for the safely of our distant family members.

Best 33 for now, Val VE5AQ

Carole,VA3WHU, from Hamilton Ontario writes:

I have been on Echolink Monday to Saturday on the India Conference. For me it is 7:30am EST. When the clocks go forward it will be 8.30am EDT which will be nice !

Bharathi is the Net adjudicate but she and I share net control duties if nobody else wants to do it.

It's nice chatting to India whilst we are freezing here. They have 30 degree weather !!!!!

Glad to see restrictions lifting here and getting out and seeing friends again !

Got a new antenna tuner and having fun on HF and DMR also got help in setting up FT8 which is fun.

Brian my OM put up a Carolina Wyndham Antenna last year. It's working well.

Learning to play the guitar in my spare time and studying for my Advanced Licence.

Hope you are well Love Carole xx VA3WHU

****For those of you who might like to join Carole Ann on weekday mornings you can find the India Conference Node on Echolink by: Selecting "Node Types"; Click on "Conferences"; Scroll down the list of Conference Locations until you fine *India* and you are there !!! They would be more than happy for you to join them... Note the times Carole Ann, VA3WHU, is quoting. Daylight Savings Time will soon be with us !! Good Luck and above all have fun****

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: "I can't believe it has been two years since Covid arrived in Toronto. I was on the same subway train as our first known carrier so my doctor thought it prudent that I isolate at home. Well you know the rest of the story.

What you may not know is that my sources told me that this would be long term and probably 2024 until our regular normal returned.

We hams carried on doing the right thing and protecting ourselves and others by wearing masks and washing hands. We kept in touch on Echolink and by radio. Thankfully the bands improved. We learned how to navigate our computers in order to avoid going into stores. We had everything delivered. The ups and downs continued as waves hit us unrelentingly and our hospitals overflowed. Just as shopkeepers were going to open fully, the truckers descended and blocked access so more shopkeepers gave up and declared bankruptcy.

So here we are today, still being careful, but also venturing out more and gaining back our family hugs and enjoying family and friends in our homes.

Covid is not over and won't be any time soon, but we are learning to live with it, and with our anti-vaccine friends. We have learned to agree to disagree with them and pin our hopes on "regular" normal returning in 2024. I certainly hope so. Stay well friends and be careful." 33

Ann, VE3HAI

Helen, VA1YL, writes: Daughter Anne, VE2WHO, is a professor at the University in Newcastle, England. #2 daughter, Margaret, VE2ZOO, is in Santo Domingo. Fred, VE1FA, Helen's OM is on a "wait" list for hip surgery and it is hoped he does not have to wait too long. Echolink is causing Helen problems and that is why she has not checked in to the Nets...

33 Helen, VA1YL

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: Well, THINKING SPRING is working !!! Spring is slowly arriving in the Comox Valley. Spring flowers are beginning to bloom in gardens, ornamentals are budding up and we have had sunny, sunny days. The mountains are still glistening with snow but none is left in the Valley, Wild swans and geese are gathering in many of the fields and I assume will soon be taking off to their nesting grounds in the north. Besides the birds there are also the usual crop of lambs and their ewes in many fields. Nice time of the year.

33 Suzanne, VE7IM

President's Advisory Committee

Anne Manna, WB1ARU; Barbara Yasson, AC7UH; Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

DX News

Good news about 8th of March

Since 1976 the International Women's Day is connected for me always with radio activity. In the GDR (German Democratic Republic) took place on Sunday which was the next to the 8th of March, YL-XYL / OM QSO party on 80 metres in CW and SSB. On this day 24 hours on short wave might also operate YLs with VHF licence. The radio club with a certificate recompensed the participation in the party. In the 3/11/1990 this party took place for the last time.

In the DARC (German Amateur Radio Club) the YLs have met according to her favoured operation kind in two groups: the YL CW net which takes place monthly on the 1st of Tuesday and in March as a YL CW Party. It is to have to thank for untiring management of Roswitha, DL6KCR, for the net and contest.

When I took part on the 5th of March, 1991 for the first time in this party, I was surprised to get a "Rosel" in the log with DL2FCA also. An OM from Friedrichshafen had not dared to his ears and had stroked me "newcomer" again from his log. In November both Rosels could persuade him to the Interradio in Hannover in persona of our existence.

The most amusing party remains the 10th YL party in SSB in the 3/14/1992 for me. Hardy, DL3KWF, was invited to a DARC conference in the near of Bebra. We used the opportunity to visit Rosel and her OM Helmut. Rosel's idea to take part in the party I found well. Thus we both sat in the Shack and pushed over to ourselves alternately the microphone to log all callers.

The 2nd YL activity in SSB takes place always on the 15th of March on 2 m. Both activities become from that 80m-YL-Runde organized which meets every Wednesday morning on the bands.

The latest activity has initiated the YL group DARC which meets every Tuesday evening on 80M in SSB. This year she has organized to the 9th time an international YL activity on the 8th of March on 40M and 80M in CW and SSB. Here I used the YL-Club Call of our District DL0YLV in CW.

As in 2021 so also this year has of the RCWC (Russian club CW) for the time from the 4th to the 10th of March the OMs and YLs to worldwide activity invited. As an incentive the certificate became „8 March - Cherez la Femme“ offered, for the OMs only one QSO need. Preoccupation is to transmit esteem to the women to the 8th of March. As one of 14 YLs of this club I am glad to have brought 102 QSOs in the log.

I think, that all these activities were possible this year, are good news. With this picture on the web page of the RCWC became to all YLs the 8th of March congratulates.

Rosel, DL3KWR



Vjollca, Z61VB (Republic of Kosovo)

Hello and greetings from Republic of Kosovo!

I am pleased to inform you about the radio event that SHRAK (Amateur Radio Association of Kosovo) organized a DX radio event on all of the HF bands on the occasion of the 14th Anniversary of the Kosovo Independence Day.

This was a 24-hour DX radio event that took place on 17 February 2022, under the special call sign Z60ID, whereby around 1000 DX QSOs were made with a worldwide amateur radio stations, including USA, Canada, EU states, New Zealand, African and many, many other HAMs from all of the world as well.

We all appreciated a lot that special radio event and had great fun talking to all of the DX-ers and friends, including few YLs as well.

I was also happy to participate in this radio DX event as a YL from Kosovo.

My personal call sign is Z61VB, and my name is Vjollca.

Please see attached some of the photos from the radio club at the Electrical Engineering University in Prishtina, the capital city of Republic of Kosovo!

Hope you will like them!

73 & 33

From the Republic of Kosovo

SHRAK, an ARRL and IARU Reg 1 Member Society.

YL. Vjollca, Z61VB

President of SHRAK



Back to School with Elmira and Me

Happy Spring! And best wishes for new beginnings...and, in that vein----
**Any YLs interested in starting a monthly YLRL Elmira (mentoring) class?
Or providing resources for the YLRL website for all of us to learn more
about our areas of interest?**

Here's some background and some ideas that were bounced around at a Fall 2021 Leadership Meeting:

Last September at the New England Regional Ham Convention, Secretary Anne Manna, WB1ARU, and District 1 Chair Barbara Irby, KC1KGS, hosted a YL gathering to chat, hear what the group was interested in, and come up with some ideas to help out YLs in their radio journey. One idea raised was to house a list of willing YLs on the YLRL website who could be contacted for help with questions on radio topics, some of which were: CW, POTA, satellites, and that basic one-getting on the air.

Past President Barbara Yasson, AC7UH, chimed in about her club, which had resources for club members on their website on topics such as antennas, beginning contesting, and ham shack set-up.

Web Mistress Michelle Carey, W5MQC, mentioned Elmer/Elmira night at their local club where in-person and zoom sessions were held on various topics... which were then live streamed to their YouTube Channel.

If anyone is interested in participating in any of these activities or has other ideas, please contact “district1@ylrl.org”.

Long Island CW Club



What do some of your fellow YLRL members do in their spare time? They join other clubs! A good dozen of us are also active members of the Long Island CW Club. Established in January 2018 to promote the use of CW (Morse Code) in local Field Day operations, the club now has over 2400 members world-wide. Beginner, intermediate and advanced CW classes are held 70+ times per week on Zoom. Members practice head copy, work on their sending skills and view forums with guest speakers on various topics. Several YLRL members are class instructors/facilitators and members are encouraged to GET ON THE AIR. Straight keys are recommended for learning CW, but members are free to use whatever they are comfortable with. The club began teaching "free kids-only" CW classes when the pandemic forced schools to be shut down and those classes continue today with over 330 "graduates"! There is a membership fee for adults which entitles you to unlimited participation/viewing of the weekly classes and presentation. Here's what some of our YLRL members have to say:

From Flip, KT9X: The Long Island CW Club has become my second home. I spend many hours with my LICW family every day. I lead two classes with my Gud Fists Team and have started several other classes now being led by others. The LICW was pivotal in resolving the CW issues I had and making me a better and more well-rounded CW operator. And, I've made four lifelong friends that I can no longer live without!! I operate almost solely CW now and have for the last two years, barring one or two SSB or FT8 contacts. I have enjoyed the journey so much, that I consider CW and the Long Island CW Club an integral part of my daily life.

From Caryn KD2GUT: This past year has convinced me: Samuel F.B. Morse created the code for friendship and it's a not-so-secret code anymore: I finally kept that long-ago promise to myself to learn CW. Now with memberships in the LICW Club, the Straight Key Century Club and Facebook's Slow Morse Code group, I'm finding I have a key in my hand that opens the door to some incredible experiences: the K1USN SST, the K3Y event of the SKCC and yes, even some random take-your-chances QSOs with folks calling CQ at a speed that doesn't cause my brain's synapses to misfire. For those of us doing it at any speed (including my QRS), this much-loved means of communication carries both a history and a delightful melody. I loved logging QSOs with quite a few YLs during the K3Y event when I operated as K3Y/2. I loved the accomplishment of getting my first basic Clean Sweep. I love discovering "old friends" with new "voices" when they set aside their mic for the night and we all chase one another in the SST. What a year it has been - and what a year it is going to be.

From Cathy W4CMG: Long Island CW Club opened the doors to CW for me! I had studied on my own and learned a lot from outside mentors and other clubs, but still was hesitant to get on the air. I learned about CW protocols, tools to use for off-the-air practice, and most importantly, I received encouragement from the instructors and classmates to GET ON THE AIR!!! I now have my "Daily CW Vitamin" - a QSO (or several) each day. I appreciate the coaching that I receive, the personal and relaxed feel of the classes, where I never feel strange being, at times, the only YL in the class. So many classes are available, and I find myself stopping by - and staying - in many of them! Becoming an instructor for the LICW "Reaching Your CW Goals" has helped others to set goals, and has expanded my goals and CW skills in the process! Life membership has taken on a new meaning, as LICW has changed my life!

From Anne KC9YL: I lead a Monday night YL-only Open House/Forum. I caught the CW “bug” one Thursday night on the YL-Op Echolink net. I heard **Ruth, KM4LAO**, mention that CW was her favorite mode, so I gave it a try and signed up for CWops CW Academy classes. LICW has super-charged my enthusiasm for CW and I enjoy the wide variety of classes available and particularly, the ease of moving from one to another as your interests and abilities change. So, when you’re cruising the bands, looking to make a contact, spin that dial a little lower and you might find a fellow YLRL member calling CQ in the CW portion of the band. We might be hanging around the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) frequencies, or participating in K1USN’s Slow Speed Nets, or the speedier Wednesday CWTs. Come join us! For more information about the Long Island CW Club: <https://longislandcwclub.org/>

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.