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President's Message de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

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Who? What? When? Where? Why?

Recently, there have been questions regarding the 'Girl on the World' and the 'Diamond Emblem'; both of which are the recognizable marks of the Young Ladies' Radio League. To answer these questions, I took a little trip back into the past and discovered much memorabilia and treasure troves of YLRL trivia.

Who? Who is That Girl? – 'That Girl on the World' (originally called Young Lady on the World) has embraced YL's hearts before most of us were born and was the result of a YLRL contest seeking members to design an official YL Harmonics' cover page. The winner was Viola (Vi) Grossman, W2JZX, a YLRL founding member and a commercial artist. The sketch was based on the love of DX hunting. In Vi's own words, "Any YL with her license and her equipment is literally sitting on top of the world."

What? 'That Diamond' shaped emblem which is the basic symbol of many amateur radio organizations, including ARRL, caught the eye of Ethel Smith, K4LMB, founder and first president of the YLRL. It was intended to indicate the League's support of ARRL, and the scroll lent itself to the inscription of YLRL. Ethel also chose the League's colors of dark blue and silver. Let's jump back to 'That Diamond.' It is rumored that the diamond symbol represents a rhombic antenna, also known as a diamond antenna. Sounds good to me! Fact or Fiction?

When? Now! Now is the time to start thinking about becoming an officer or a district chairwoman for the 2024/2025 YLRL Board of Directors. As the By-Laws state: The President will appoint a Nominating Chairwoman who in turn will select a committee that will start the nominating process. This is to be done by the second half of my first year as president. Although it seems early, this gives you time to acquaint yourself with the volunteer descriptions and give thought to becoming more involved in the YLRL.

Where? Oh where, oh where has the District 3 Chairwoman gone? Oh where, oh where can she be? Make this melody a reality by becoming the next District 3 Chairwoman. Do I need to harp on this further?

Why? So now you know why 'That Girl' in the petticoat and 'That Diamond' with the scroll became a reality and are here to stay!

33 Rita



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

In my column this time I want to talk about the award certificates offered to YLRL members, as well as any licensed amateur, male or female, in the world. Keep in mind we are an international organization. Currently, I serve as the Certificate and Contest Manager. It seems to me as an organization we don't value enough the certificates we offer. Lack of participation and application for awards tells me this.

Most of our awards are not that difficult to get. Worked All Continents (WAC) requires working and confirming all 6 continents. The South Pacific, which includes Australia and New Zealand, is considered Oceania. Worked All Zones (WAZ) requires only 10 of the 40 CQ Zones. DX-YL requires working and confirming 10 YLs outside your country. They do not even have to be in different countries. YL Digital requires working and confirming 25 YLs on different digital modes, which includes CW. Only one of those certificates has been awarded.

The most popular Certificate is our Annual Award, and this year it is Favorite Vacation Spot. The majority of these awarded gathered the information needed from Echolink YL Nets. Nets using Internet access is allowed only on this award. Already 13 certificates have been given out in 2022. We will continue that annual award, and every year a different theme.

Now to our three most difficult-to-earn Awards, the YL-WAS (Worked all States), YLCC (100 YLs anywhere worked and confirmed) and of course, YL-DXCC (100 different YLs in 100 different countries). YLCC was last earned in 2015. I earned the YL-WAS in 2021, and before me, it was in 2013 that the last one was earned. A lapse of 8 years. YL-Worked All States is a very difficult award to earn. Why? Mainly because so few YLs in some states are active on the air. Also, few are on CW. No doubt more hams are on digital modes, such as FT8, but it is hard to recognize a YL on the digital modes, which includes CW. You must look for clues, such as a YL suffix in their call. Look them up if you think they may be a YL. I have looked up calls with JEN and KIM in the call and found a YL operator.

Without a doubt our hardest to earn award is **YL-DXCC**. I believe it to be up there

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Kurt Wetter from Switzerland, HB9AFI, latest winner of YL-DXCC.

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with the toughest in the world to earn. 100 different YLs in 100 different countries/entities. Having said that, let me introduce you to our latest winner of that prestigious award, Kurt Wetter, HB9AFI, from Switzerland. His application and log were just submitted to me and his Certificate awarded. ***Congratulations to Kurt Wetter.*** He has been a ham for 58 years and has been on several DX-peditions. He has also worked all 340 countries on the ARRL Approved Country List, and some others in the deleted list. He is a top-notch operator without a doubt.

His submitted list of YLs is most intriguing, with YLs in remote places you've barely even heard of. For example, St. Barthelemy, Sierra Leone, Burundi, Juan Fernandez. It is remarkable that he found an active, on-the-air YL in some of these places. May he be an inspiration to us all.

Check your QSL cards and your LoTW credits to see if you qualify for one of our awards. Then download the logs and applications provided to you on our website yrl.net.

From the Archives



Anne, WB1ARU, is encouraging all YLs to give HF a try on Wednesday evenings at 0100 on 20 m - 14.288. She is hopeful that this will be a chance for YLs to contact other YLs by calling "CQ YL" beginning at 0100 every Wednesday evening. She does not want it to be a directed net, although she is willing to be somewhat of a net control to get things underway. Here's the plan: listen on 14.288 for other YLs, then call to see if others hear you. Not everyone will be able to hear every station that is on. Rather than having relays to Anne, start up your own conversation. It's fun to chat with each other and get to know one another.

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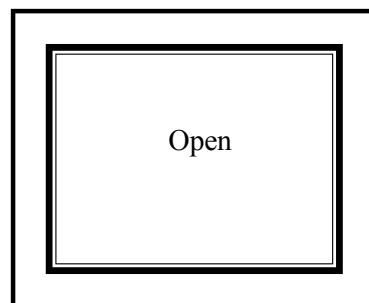
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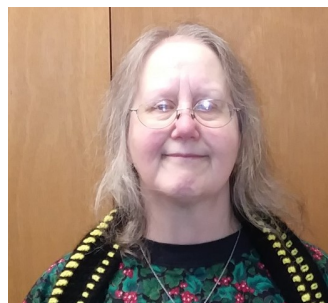
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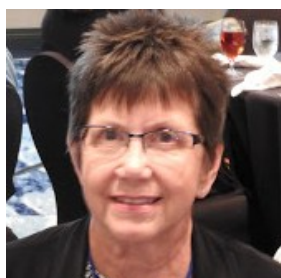


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District News

District 1



It's been a busy summer so far!!

I was one of many in our radio club, Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society (STARS), getting ready for Field Day-I had volunteered to help with set-up and with food. There was a slight set-back in that, the weekend before, I broke my collarbone in a fall and was not able to help with antennas or be able to drive. I walked to my club on the Friday before to give moral support and take photos and then my OM, WB4EJR, was kind enough to drive me and help pick up supplies/food/meals over the weekend. It

was so busy, but we had a great time with everyone, welcoming the public, and having members and visitors make contacts. The Governor of Massachusetts proclaimed June 25 as Amateur Radio Day in the Commonwealth, so we had the privilege and pleasure of having two of ARRL's regional leadership drop by our club (and others) and share a copy of the proclamation. I was pleased to be photographed with Phil Temples, K9HI, Vice Director of the ARRL New England Division with a copy of the proclamation. (see photo)

I enjoyed (and agonized over) the 13 Colonies Special Event at the beginning of July. Thanks to all the operators—I know a number of YLs were part of that group!! I was able to contact 10 stations the first day, but it took longer to get the rest, as I moved between SSB and FT8/4 to try to get some of them. I finally got TM13COL and worked on the paperwork to get my certificate of Clean Sweep plus the bonus stations.

Wishing you all a safe rest of the season!!

Barbara, KC1KGS

I participated in Field Day with the Ellsworth Amateur Wireless Association, our local club. My responsibilities included running the GOTA station.....2 hams made a total of 56 contacts! I also taught some CW to four siblings, two of whom caught on quickly and enjoyed sending and decoding messages. They were able to practice sending code with code oscillators.
73 Joan W1DLC

I've been busy running the weekly 28.333333 net on Thursday nights. I've kept this net going since April 2020.

I introduced a new ham to POTA and helped him do his first POTA activation.

I assisted the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society with Field Day and brought a forgotten, "sleeper" antenna, called a "half-square", for the group to try out. They were amazed at how well this simple antenna performed.

I was an operator for 13 Colonies - K2H Massachusetts. It was a fun challenge to be on the other side of the pileup! It was also a good way to test the propagation of my station on 40M,

with stations from random locations giving me a signal report every 45 seconds.

I also chased the 13 Colonies stations, and using SSB, FT8, FT4 and PSK31, I got them all, including the European bonus stations!

I've been participating in the Winlink Thursday exercises. Not only have I been getting experience sending Winlink messages over HF, but the exercises have been teaching me about many hidden features in Winlink

Leandra, AF1R

Tony and I operated 18 hours of Field Day using his call sign, WA1ENO, as a 1E EMA station. All those Es made for lots of "echos" whenever I made a contact! Our trusty generator perked along in the backyard, while we were comfortably inside. Our QSO total was 1169 combining 15, 20, and 40m. With our bonus points, we have a total score of 2588. Some of the time I was making over 60 contacts an hour! We had to quit in time to get to our granddaughter Isabella's dance recital on Sunday afternoon.

Anne, WB1ARU

District 4

Hello from District 4! Whether it was in their home station, or working in a large club, our ladies were very active this past Field Day. Below are some of the details from women all over the District about their Field Day preparations and adventures.

The Huntsville Amateur Radio Club had an expansive set-up at the US Space and Rocket Center again. This year I worked the 40m phone station on Sunday morning. It wasn't as busy at my early shift, but I'm told the band was more active later in the morning. While I wasn't operating, I strummed my ukulele in the shade of Lynda Bartlow's, WB4TJE, camper. (Our Field Day Coordinator is Laura Morgan, N4CNY, and several other YLs helped and/or operated during the weekend.) I have been able to log 12 of the 13 Colonies this week, which is a big surprise to me. About six weeks ago, my OCF dipole antenna got knocked loose at one end during a storm. I failed to move the loose end out of the way, and my XOM (unlicensed husband) mowed over the downed wire. So I guess I am operating with a random wire sloper right now, which just demonstrates that antennas are magic! Below are some images from the club!

Kelly Johns, W4VPZ, from Huntsville, AL:



Karen Olsen, K4IRS, from Franklin, TN, Our local ARES had planned a big field day event with a commercial generator at a local farm. However, with the high temps, they decided to cancel that part of the plans and use the Emergency Operations building in our county. Part of the original plan was to use RVs to provide air conditioning for the operators at the farm. I bought a nice portable air conditioner, knowing one man uses a portable garage, similar to a tent. I donated it to the ARES group. Not sure if it will get used this year, but I do hope it serves to cool many people in future field day events

Barbara Willis N4EWI, was involved with her local ham club—Cherokee Capital Amateur Radio Society, she was not able to participate in the recent Field Day, but did join in on the 13 Colonies contest!

Nancy Heinrich, N4ZM, spent Field Day Saturday helping operate the SSB station at the Field Day site of her club, Tamiami ARC in Venice, FL.

Ann Finkelsen, WA1S, operated Field Day with the Citrus County ARC - W4F 3F NFL from their Emergency Operations Center. See image below.



District 5

I am not a new ham, but I am a new 5. My husband and I recently relocated to Little Rock, AR from Seattle, WA to be near family and we both got new calls when we moved. I am using my Professional Engineering license at the Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation working with their Power Production group. So far I have been too busy with work and don't get on the air much, but I have been having fun listening to him talking all over the place on 6M. It really is the magic band! We are looking forward to getting involved in the local clubs here and will hopefully have much more exciting radio activities to report for the next issue.

Jessica, W5PIV

I did not participate in Field Day this year. Lately I've been trying to work new DX on 6 meters. I found 5 new countries using FT8. My real love is just rag chewing on CW. I was first licensed in January 1980 and I've enjoyed ham radio ever since. Join us in the TYLRUN Thursday mornings on 3947 MHz at 8:00 a.m. Central Time.

Susan, K5DU

Over the June 25-26 weekend I worked the 2022 Field Day event with my husband, W9BM. We used my call -KA9KUI- and as a team we worked 100 stations. I have participated in past Field Day events as the person who recorded on the dupe sheet---before technology. However, I had never participated as an operator using my call. It was quite fun and exciting. I learned a lot about the propagation of the various bands and how to deal with QSB. I think I might be ready to join in on the YLRL on air activities.
Sheila McNabb, KA9KUI

We've been in Texas almost 10 months now. Married 40 years, June 26th.
Met four inactive hams here in Canadian. Exchanged email with another.
AT&T is down a lot and people complain on Facebook. I commented about ham radio but got no response.
Missed field day due to sickness. Maybe I'll try Winter field day.
I made sure my children's licenses were renewed, now they're on their own. Ages 38 and 35.
Beth, KC5RWW

I saw your message and thought I'd like to greet everyone and talk a bit about Ham radio here in the Bryan/College Station area. Our local clubs, W5AC and W5BCS, worked together on Field Day. We brought our antennas to Bryan Bachmann Park, set up 3 radios and operated 3A. Our tradition is to award door prizes throughout, enjoy a BBQ dinner together, and hold a raffle. VE testing brought us 4 new techs and 5 upgrades. Three were under 10 years old! A good time was had by all - in spite of the record breaking heat. We're already planning to participate in Winter Field Day this coming January.
Our club is a great resource for knowledge, advice, and help! Members of both clubs helped me raise a tower last December. With the tower and antennas up, my reception has improved so much. Both local clubs have female members, but few seem interested in attending meetings or participating in our weekly nets. I would love to not be the only woman in the room! I'm also a member of ARES and currently learning about WINLINK.
73s and good luck!
Lorna KI5FIZ

I am glad you have decided to be the new District 5 chair, and I have noticed your effort this year.
I am sorry I have been so quiet. I have in the past been much more active in YLRL and ham radio in general. My life for the past 3 to 4 years has been a whirlwind of activity associated with radio and online electrical engineering courses and some big personal struggles (related to both radio and school) which have taken me out more than I'd like to admit.
I would like to contribute to the District 5 news on a regular basis. I am doing a lot of work associated with AMSAT this year, hoping it will keep me sharp in the event I resume some classes this fall and winter.
I also want to participate in AMSAT stuff at Dayton Hamvention next year. I'm currently building an AMSAT cubesat simulator and will be manning the AMSAT booth at the Frontiers of Flight museum in Dallas Moon Day activities this Saturday. So I figured I can report on that and include some photos early next week if that is not too late.
I will also try to remember to report anything noteworthy from my ham radio goings-on.
33, Virginia, NV5F

I don't have any photos...but our club Mid-Del ARC held Field Day at a local park in Midwest City, OK. Had a light turnout in participation and contacts, but had a good outcome for our VE Session.

We had 8 come test...6 became Technicians, 1 upgraded to General and 1 as Extra; 2 technicians were minors.

We continue to host VE sessions on the third Saturday of each month at Regional Park. It is listed on the ARRL website and ours www.w5mwc.org.

July 22 and 23rd will be the Ham Holiday at OCCC Oklahoma City Community College in S Oklahoma City. We will have flea market tables, vendors, our ARRL West Gulf Division Director John Stratton N5AUS will be our guest speaker at the Friday night banquet and on Saturday at our forums. Visit the website for tickets, tables and more information

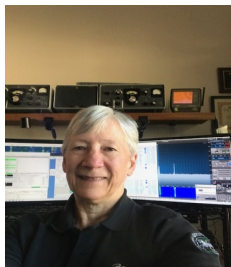
www.hamholiday.com

Our club will also be preparing for the Veterans Day Parade in Midwest City, we stage the entries, in turn partnering with the Fire Department and City Officials making the parade go seamlessly. A club member (myself W3LEO) will have a volunteer role as the Parade Logistics and Planning Coordinator. This will help us know who and where the entries are and placed ahead of time.

Leah Ohse, W3LEO

Mid-Del ARC VP

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How did I get into ham radio? My OM has been a ham for over 60 years.

When he put his station back on the air in 2011, I had plenty of opportunity to listen to him hunt DX. Then in October 2019, he jokingly said to me that he'd signed me up for the Technicians class at Pacificon. I took a deep breath and said, "OK, I can do that." He was joking, but I wasn't. I took the class, passed the test and immediately realized that I needed to get my General and Extra licenses if I was truly going to hunt DX. So, 2 weeks later, I passed my General exam and 2 weeks after that passed my Extra exam - what an amazing amount of knowledge to cram into my head in just 30 days and I'm still learning - such a far cry from my background in finance! Most of my time is spent on FT8 chasing DX. Jim put in a Greyline flagpole vertical last summer so that I could get back on the air. The he ordered a tower from Tasjian last August, it will arrive next week - the concrete base and tower base have been in since last July and we built the antenna last November in anticipation of the tower arriving in December. Since the OM only has 6 more countries to get, I will take second chair to him once the beam is up and running. My next goal is to learn CW. That will take some time.

Best Regards, Wendy, WF8R

Hi from hot, hot Texas where even the swimming pool is too hot for swimming!! I like to talk to my Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net (TYLRUN) friends on Thursday mornings at 8am central time on 3.947. This is a personal invitation to all ladies who can hear us to please check in!! We talk about gardening, radios, our health and much more!! You need at least a General radios, our health and much more!! You need at least a General class license to be on our frequency so this maybe you chance to upgrade if you are not a general class yet!! Summer is the

perfect time to stay inside and study for ham radio tests.

I also like to make quilts. I am currently working on 5 small quilts for a customer whose husband passed. We are putting his shirts with all the stains and dirt in the quilts because that is how she remembers him. These will be Christmas presents for her kids. Shhh! Don't spoil the surprise!!

If you have rain in your area, please send it to the Dallas, TX area!!

33, Judi, W0JJ

5th District Chair

District 7

Great news! Along with her submission for YLH, Barbara, AC7UH, sent me the announcement for the

Women's Ham Radio 'Technician' (beginner) Class that she will be teaching on ZOOM in October. I couldn't transfer the flier, but for questions which will have answers you can contact Barbara AC7UH at byasson@pacifier.com.

33, Robin, KJ7BI

Our local club, the Clark County Amateur Radio Club, goes all out for Field Day. In our first full Field Day since 2019, we returned to our usual site, the overflow parking area at SEH America in Vancouver, WA. We've used the site for several years and enjoy it because it has space and trees for us to put up antennas, space for the monkey huts for radio operations, a few pop-up tents for the GOTA station, the Info Station where everyone checks in on Saturday afternoon when we invite the public in to tour the site, find out about communications and amateur radio. We sent invitations to our usual group of emergency preparedness and public safety organizations for them to join us on Saturday afternoon; unfortunately none of them replied this year. It may have been too close to the pandemic and they may have needed more lead time. Without the other organizations, we still had a YLRL pop-up, the ARES pop-up, a UHF/VHF talk-in station, and the GOTA tent. The mayor of Vancouver visited the site as well as a couple of fire chiefs, and the ARES group sent and received messages. At the end of the weekend the log looked much like it always does with a similar number of points that we usually make. It was good to see a few CW operators out there this year. Margaret Hardwick, AE7MB, and I had the YLRL tent. We had PR materials from Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV, in addition to some local net information. While attendance was down, we had a nice crowd including the club members who were on the air working other Field Day stations. We talked with several ladies who were interested in getting their license as well as some of the club members who we hadn't seen in a while. We weren't able to give away many of the PR materials, so we'll save them for the next time. The PR materials looked good and the ones we had for SeaPac in early June went fast. I enjoyed Margaret's company and hope we can do it again sometime. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to get on the air during Field Day, but did activate W7AIA on 20m for the Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air special event during the first part of June. Propagation was awful, but I found some contacts and really enjoyed myself. The Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air special event was new this year and the first time the local club has done something this big. There were radio clubs from the 16 states Lewis and Clark traveled through. It was pretty awesome to hear the committee's plans and see it work out really well, especially for the first time. Look

Look for Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air next year the first couple of weeks in June. The Technician class for women is gearing up for the October class. Anyone you know who is interested in taking the class for a technician license or as a review while studying for the general, please contact me at ac7uh@arrl.net. Have a great summer!
33 de Barbara, AC7UH

With fuel prices so high, we are still at an RV park in Deming, NM. With the monsoon season here, we are enjoying the rain and cooler temperatures. We enjoy meeting at the doggy playground with our doggy friends and their parents. Our little Marty is social and enjoys playing with any animal he meets... people too. With Monsoon electrical storms, we keep our antenna lowered on top of the RV so radio operation is on the back burner. Our antenna doesn't reach out very far, so HF is limited. We are having our eyes attended to while we are here. One of the lenses from my cataract surgery several years ago is foggy so laser surgery is scheduled for July 5th. Tom, my OM, has cataract surgery for his right eye on August 15th. We leave for Albuquerque on the 12th for my doctor's appointment there, then back to Pahrump, NV, for renewing drivers license and voting. Then we'll travel to our camping location off the grid in the desert of California for the winter. It will be nice to spend another year with our ham radio friends there as we've done for so many years. Life is good for us and I hope it is for you.
Judy, KC7KPG

District 8

Please welcome the following new District 8 YL: **Nancy KD8QNY**

Dawn, KC8SQN wrote: On June 10-12, the Spacecrafters Zoom crafting weekend was held by Nancy, KC4IYD and in attendance were four other ladies and myself. As a special treat, we met for lunch at BJ's Restaurant in North Olmsted, OH, where we sat outside and enjoyed each other's company in person. On June 24, I played bridge with my husband Al, Annette, KC8SQM, and another friend.

I have also spent a great deal of time this month redesigning the Near Earth Asteroid pages on my website: Astra's Stargate.

I am currently working on a redesign and updating content. I also redesign the pages of Astra's Celestial Challenge that allows observers to sample making observations in different categories: solar system, stars, naked eye, and Sagittarius. The challenge also includes a certificate to be used by educators for observers who complete the challenge. Here is the URL of the challenge: <http://www.astras-stargate.com/challenge.html>. As usual, I published a new issue of the What's Up in the Night Sky almanac at Astra's Stargate website describing astronomical events for the month of July. The almanac is located at: <http://www.astras-stargate.com/new-up.html>

Nancy, KC4IYD wrote: I'm so excited to let everyone know that the OM and I finally got our tower and antenna up at our new house!! With the help of a crane, crane operator and several friends on the ground, our Rohn 55FK folder-over tower along with a 10 element tribander (20-17-15m) beam and a 2m vertical on top was installed on July 1. This date also happens to be the date of our 29th wedding anniversary so it was a great anniversary present to ourselves. See the photos of the tower with this article. After the tower and antennas were installed, the OM

put in ground rods and have started routing the cable from tower to the radio room. We hope to be on the air very soon.

Nancy, KC4IYD/8



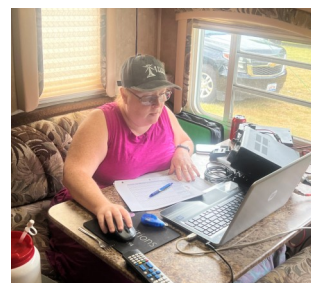
District 9

Field Day was fun. Dave, KC8OBH, and I joined our local club for several hours. We both had some time behind the microphone. In early May, we played in the Indiana QSO party. That was lots of fun as well. Of course, Hamvention was loads of fun. It was so nice to see friends in person again.

Recently, I was contacted by a new YLRL member who happened to live near us. We got together for lunch and had a great discussion.

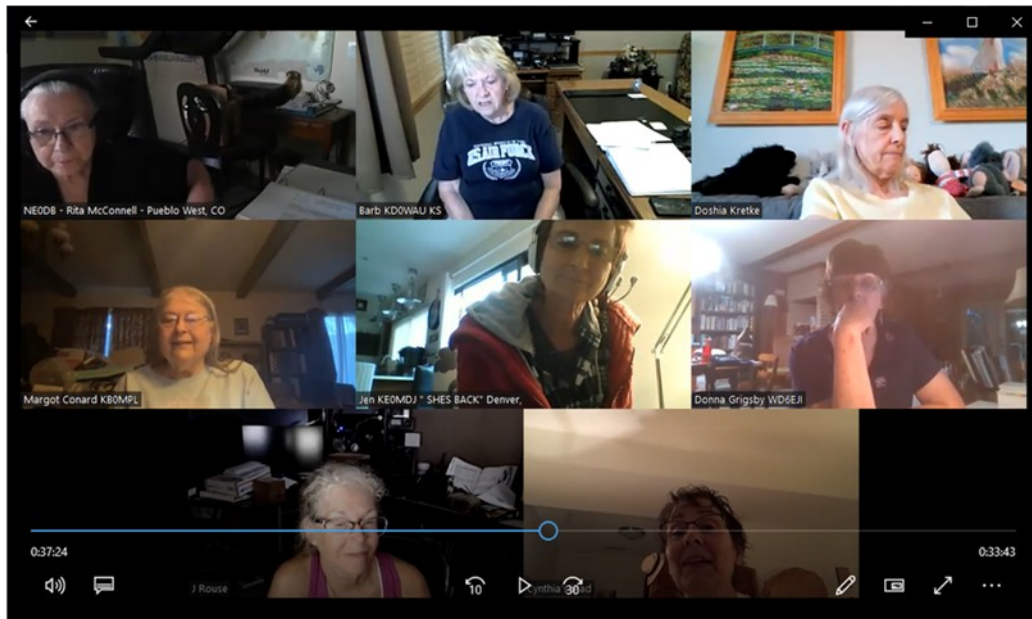
We've been out camping in our travel trailer for a few days in June. Being retired does have its benefits. We can get sites at state parks during the week. It's much quieter than the weekends and less crowded.

Hello my name is Melodie Mitchell, W9MEL. I just recently joined the YLRL. I wanted to share a couple of my pictures that were taken by my husband of me operating my IC-7300 during Field Day for my club. I am the secretary of Vermilion County Amateur Radio Association here in Illinois. I ended up with a total of 186 digital contacts on 40m and 20m bands. Don't worry, I did take breaks. Our weather during this event was not perfect as we had to unplug our equipment a couple of times due to bad weather.



District 10

Barb, KD0WAU – We had a Zoom Meetup this June and eight ladies attended. **NE0DB, Rita** from CO; **KD0WAU, Barb** from KS; **KB0NAS, Doshia** from CO; **KB0MPL, Margot**, from Iowa; **KE0MDJ, Jen**, from FL/CO; **WD6EJI, Donna**, from KS; **K5YL, Jodie** from AR; and **KE0YRU, Cynthia** from IA.



Rita, NE0DB, said her club had a tailgate party and she made a nice profit selling some equipment. Rita went to Old Colorado City and acquired a tower and several other items and turned them around for a nice profit.

Rita lives on the Prairie in Colorado. She said it is more like Phoenix with a lot of dirt and rocks for grass. The greenery is mostly from the shrubs and she's been working on the greenery.

Doshia, KB0NAS, was busy the month of June and not on the radio. She shared the reason she originally got her license. She was in the Peace Corp and used a Ham Radio to talk to her family. Doshia said she needs a new radio. Hers was purchased in 1990 its okay for voice but she wants to take advantage of all the digital activity on the bands today.

Margot, KB0MPL, is clearing out trees on her property. She gets on Nets and keeps herself active. Margot is participating in an 80 meter net on fldigi. She is using a Yaesu FT 450 and doesn't need a Signalink with this radio.

Jen, KE0MDJ, talked about her Web Casting on Shortwave out of Australia. On Field Day from 1800 to 2100 Jen hosted a show on Unique Radio Australia (Shortwave 3210 & 5035 kHz). She reported conditions on the Bands as reported by Ham Operators chatting on the <https://web.libera.chat/> Chat website. She also reported on the weather, propagation, and Field Day equipment with musical interludes. The show was a Special called CARNs (Calling All Radio Nutz).

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Jen moved from Florida to Colorado and celebrated not having any TSA issues while going through the airports with all her electronics. She did however leave her books behind in Florida. She only moved fun stuff and left her general study materials back in Florida. She is melting out now but will be back to studying soon. Doshia and Jodie suggested she use QRZ.com on the web to study for the general exam and to take a lot of practice tests!

Donna, WD6EJI, joined us and said she had to learn code to get her license in 1976. Donna's husband was in the military for several years and she used to talk to him using Amateur Radio while he was away on duty. She moved around the country a lot in the military but now has settled outside of a small town of less than 5,000 people. She has been in Kansas for about 10 years.

Donna attended Hamvention this year. She said the speaker at the YLRL meeting, Catherine Campbell, was amazing. Catherine is a teenager and got her license when she was only 12 years old and started a Radio Club in her school. Donna also attended a Young People's Conference at Hamvention. The young people were 8 to 17 years old and were interfacing radios with satellites and balloons. They were excited demonstrating their projects. Doshia said her local Junior Radio Club (BARC) in Colorado earns enough dollars to send a large group to Hamvention each year. This is great news for the hobby!

Jodie, K5YL, kept us in stitches as usual! She got a used Phantom Drone for her birthday and was excited thinking about how she was going to use it. Of course, she would take pictures of the antenna tower! She also is thinking of getting her drone license.

A side story.....Jodie was a Ham Radio Operator before she got married and had to combine shacks with her Ham Radio Operator husband. Barb and Jodie traded stories of not sharing radios. She said she has gone through a lot of amplifiers and tubes and now sticks to her own solid state radios. She described her husband's huge 4 foot tall "Henry" which keeps the shack warm during the winter! Jodie is still working on getting her antenna up. She has to ground everything. She was sad to miss Field Day. Jodie is looking into a Faraday cage to put her small Kenwood into for EMP protection. This is a topic we will continue to investigate at our Meetups.

Cynthia, KE0YRU, stated she is busy doing life! She is making contacts for Parks On The Air (POTA) at home lately. She says she doesn't hear too many out there to make contact. Cynthia does use the POTA website to see the activity out on the air. She takes her Yaesu FT 891, a Dakota lithium battery and a SOTABEAM (Travel Mast) when she goes portable for POTA. We got an invite from N0VVX, Jennifer in Missouri to a YL Meet Up at the Warrensburg Hamfest on July 16th from 8 to 1. They are trying to get organized to start a net in the metro KC area.

District KL and KH

I'm sorry to say that I have not been particularly radio-active. Part of that is due to incredibly poor propagation up here and part of it is I've just been too busy with gardening and horse training and fishing. So instead I will regale you with tales of what other hams in my neighborhood have been up to.

On field day our club set up on the Homer Spit. Not many contacts were made due to propagation but the weather was nice, jambalaya was eaten and a good time was had by all. My friend AL7JX made a very good contact during field day however. He was listening to the ISS cross-band repeater, called CQ and got answered by NA1SS, astronaut, Frank Bauer. He said he was very good copy. Glen also ended up working another astronaut the next day. Other members of our club had fun working the 13 colonies special event. I am continuing to work on getting our truck ready for portable operation. I ordered a mast from Hustler and resonators for 20, 15, and 10 meters. Ground straps have been made but I haven't put them on the truck. Probably next week I will start with that and figuring out where to run the coax.

33,

Meghan

Youth

Dear fellow YLRL members,

I'm Hannah Rosenfeld, W7HER. I'm a member of YLRL and am going into my junior year at the University of Oregon, majoring in biology with a minor in Spanish. I'm also the president of the University of Oregon ham radio club (Ducks on the Air, N7DUX).

I have noticed that most YL events revolve around in-person meetings typically at conventions and ham fests. While these events are great, I think it would be very beneficial to have online meetings as well, as I live on the west coast and there aren't many events near me.

I think it would be great to meet other YLRL members, and I believe that this would be most readily achieved through the addition of online meet-ups, like Zoom meetings, for example.

I'd be more than willing to coordinate meetings and would like to begin by proposing that we have a scheduled Zoom meeting every first Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. PDT.

I'm open to feedback and I look forward to doing this and getting to meet my fellow YLs.

Please feel free to contact with any comments, questions, or for the Zoom link,

My email is [**hrosenf2@uoregon.edu**](mailto:hrosenf2@uoregon.edu).

VE News

Heather, VE3HQB, writes: Since the last YL Harmonics I've finished and received my certificate for the Favourite Vacation Spot Challenge, thanks to everyone for your help.

I got my flower beds all finished with new annuals, the black mulch really makes the colours stand out. The veggie garden was doing well with lots of green and yellow beans then one night something (groundhog) got in and ate all the leaves off the beans -- Boo Hoo. We had a live trap and caught him, he's gone. The beans continued to grow and new leaves formed. Yah. Had another package of beans so I planted them as well. We've been very dry so I've been watering every morning. Guess what! when I went out yesterday someone (groundhog) ate the leaves again, just have to hope that the last batch I planted will fare better. This is the first time in years that we've had groundhogs. Put the trap out again but he hasn't shown up yet. We even have a fence up all around the garden.

Doug went to Field Day but I was busy at the store so didn't make it.

July 8th is my mother-in-law's 102nd birthday so we'll go to Chesterville for that. She's still doing well just tiring quickly but her mind is sharp. She gets around with a walker and wheelchair when she goes down for meals.

That's all for now. Enjoy your summer and take care.

33 Heather VE3HQB

Val, VE5AQ, writes: Only thing I have to report is Knee surgery. It went very well. Only one knee done, at the moment, and will find out in mid-August if the left knee needs to be done, just waiting. Other than that, nothing new.

We have a Prairie Dust Bowl. Farmers in the area not doing well - far too dry. We got rain yesterday but not nearly enough to even get the brown grass to turn green. Even my perennials are suffering as rain barrels are almost dry.

Maybe I will have more for next issue to let you know how our summer ended. Take care one and all, please stay safe.

33 Val VE5AQ

Helen, VA1YL, writes: She will be going to the UK this coming September. Very likely to visit her daughter, Anne, who lives and teaches at the University in Newcastle. She was busy on Field Day and Canada Day, too.

33 Helen VA1YL

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: Unlike Val, VE5AQ, in Saskatchewan, we on the west coast are having a dull, cool and damp summer. Long range forecast is much the same for the rest of the season. Far better than the appalling heat we suffered this time last year in what they called "The Heat Dome". It gave us extremely high temperatures, set our forests ablaze and destroyed entire towns in the interior of our Province. No forest fires burning on Vancouver Island, thank goodness, and the number that are burning, now, are way below the average for this time of the year.

Been struggling with a new cell-phone. My first !! Finding it a bit confusing but if the "toughest Burmese Bandit" can understand it I am sure I should, eventually, too !!! I have made a couple of phone calls when I actually meant to send a text which my family find terribly amusing.

I hope everyone is keeping safe and enjoying each and every day...

33 Suzanne, VE7IM

DX News

Lizette, ZS6LZT (South Africa)

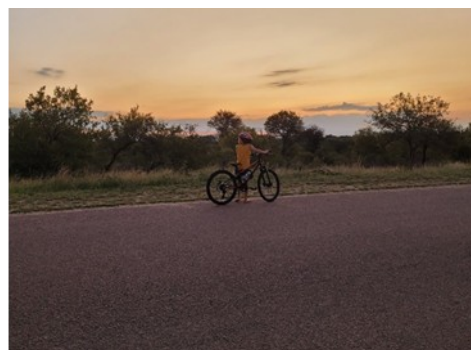
I was born and bred in Pretoria which is quite a large city in South Africa. I completed my schooling and tertiary qualification there after which I met my future husband. He's an aviation fire fighter in the South African Air Force, based in Hoedspruit. After some long distance (500km) dating and engagement, we got married in 2011. We couldn't get him a transfer, so I packed my bags and moved to join him.

Hoedspruit is a small town located about an hours' drive away from the Orpen Gate into the Kruger National Park. It is a popular tourist destination, for nationals and internationals with a wide variety of attractions to visit. There are numerous game reserves situated around the town, some even have open fences towards the Greater Kruger National Park area, making sightings of the Big 5 (lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino and leopard) a regular occurrence. Many of these reserves have accommodation options for the tourists. Then there are the various wildlife estates for permanent residential options. These offer you the lifestyle change away from the busy cities to live amongst plains game and even have walks in the bushveld.

The military residential area where we stay is also nice and quiet, impala and duiker frequently graze on our lawn, while porcupine come out at night to feast on roots and the bark of trees. We are truly blessed to be able to raise our son in an area where he can enjoy nature a bit more than what the city allows for. We can go cycling regularly and even enjoy a nice sunset over the Drakensberg mountains while we're at it.

The initial adjustment from city to town was quite rough and tough... I missed the convenience of having such a huge variety of shops around, but eventually Hoedspruit, the friendly people and the slower lifestyle start to grow on you. And thank goodness for online shopping and delivery for items you might struggle to find. Would I move back to the city permanently one day? Probably not. I would miss the number of trees and the clean air way too much!

Groete en lekker dag / Kind regards and enjoy your day!



Yuki, 7K4TKB (Japan)

My YL club in Japan, JLRS, finally held the 65th General Meeting and Social Gathering Party in early July this year after 3 years' absence due to Covid-19. The venue was located in Niigata Prefecture, about 2-hour super-express train ride from Tokyo. We took possible measures against the virus infection at the venue, and 36 members took part in this special occasion. The General Meeting was live-streamed by Zoom Webinar, so even non-participants were also able to join and enjoy the discussion online.

Our Field Day Journey – AB1OC and AB1QB

New England Division Director Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, and Assistant Director Anita, AB1QB, traveled 900 miles over the Field Day weekend to visit many clubs in New England.

AB1OC Mobile

We made the Field Day journey in our mobile HF station. We enjoyed operating the station during Field Day with AB1OC on the mic and AB1QB logging.



Here is a summary of their travels:

Thursday, June 23rd – Meriden Amateur Radio Club

We were invited to celebrate 75 years of ARRL Affiliation with the Meriden Amateur Radio Club. An ARRL plaque recognizing MARC's 75 Years of ARRL club affiliation will be awarded to club president Ed Snyder, W1YSM, from New England Division Director Fred Kemmerer, AB1OC, and Vice Director Phil Temples, K9HI. Former Section Manager Betsey Doane, K1EIC, also spoke to the group. The event was well attended by members and town dignitaries including Honorable Mayor William Dickinson and Fire Chief Joseph Czentnar.

Friday, June 24th – Rhode Island and Connecticut

Blackstone Valley Amateur Radio Club

Our first stop on Friday was at Chopmist Hill in Scituate, RI, to visit the Blackstone Valley Amateur Radio Club. We had a nice chat with Mike, K1ETA; Lee, K1LRS, Byron, K1CYQ; Jim, K1GND; and Wayne, KA1VRF, who were starting to setup their Field Day Station. We learned about the history of the Chopmist Hill site, which was used as a listening post during World War 2, due to its favorable conditions for radio reception.

Newport County Radio Club

Our next stop was at Glen Park in Portsmouth, RI to visit the Newport County Radio Club's Field Day site. This was a great site and the hard-working Field Day crew had already put up

four towers with antennas by the time we arrived at 1:30 pm. We also enjoyed chatting with Nancy, KC1NEK; Paul, K1YBE; and Willy, W1LY about the Club's field day plans and their activities and educational programs.

SECARS

Our next stop was at the SECARS (Southeastern Connecticut Amateur Radio Society) Field Day Site at the Zagray Farm Museum in Colchester, CT. SECARS was formed only 1 month ago when the Radio Amateur Society of Norwich (RASON) and the Tri-City Amateur Radio Club voted to form a new club. This year is the first Field Day for the new club. We enjoyed talking to Rob, KB1RS; Bob, W1RPQ; and Peter, K1PTO, about how the club was formed and their field day plans.

Saturday June 25th – Massachusetts and New Hampshire

Hampden County Radio Association

Our first stop Saturday morning was at the Hampden County Radio Association field day site at School Street Park in Agawam, MA. HCRA president Larry, W1AST, along with Najm, AB1ZA; Chris, W1TRK; Marc, K8LSB; and Bud, W2BUD, were working hard to set up Field Day before the 2 pm start.

Contoocook Valley Radio Club

Our next stop was the Contoocook Valley Radio Club at AF1T and W1MKY's QTH in Henniker, NH. We enjoyed chatting with Dale, Mickie, and the Contoocook Valley members and tour their site, including their incredible antenna farm! Members included Ed, K2ECR; Claire, KC1PGW; Mickie, W1MKY; Chris, AC1EO; Bob, KB1QV; CVRC President Wolf, KA1VOU; Dale, AF1T; Allen, NS1O; and Nathan, Art, K1BX; and Bill, AA1BF.

Granite State Amateur Radio Association

Our next stop was the Granite State Amateur Radio Association's Field Day site in Goffstown, NH. Steve, N1EZ; and Steve, KC1OSX, were on the 40-meter station.

PART of Westford, MA

Our next stop was at the Concord Rod and Gun Club in Concord, NH, where the PART of Westford, MA club held their Field Day. It was great to visit with our friends at PART, who included Gene, KB4HAH; Geoff, W1GCF; and Rick, W1RAG. We also spent some time at the GOTA station visiting with Andy, KB1OIQ.

Nashua Area Radio Society

Next stop was to visit the Nashua Area Radio Society, our home radio club, at the Hudson Memorial School in Hudson, NH. It was great to visit with the members who came out for Field Day, including, Jamey, AC1DC; Lee, KC1GKJ; Vince, KD2TMJ; Joe, AC1LN; Mike, W1TKO; John, W2ID; Aron, W1AKI; John, W1SMN; and Rick, KB1RGB.

Sunday June 26th – New Hampshire and Maine

Port City Amateur Radio Club

Our first stop on Sunday was at the top of Stratham Hill in Stratham, NH – the Field Day site for the Port City Amateur Radio Club. This club had a great antenna farm, taking advantage of the large tower at the top of the hill. We also had the pleasure of meeting Brayden, KC1KUG, who is getting ready to be part of a youth team at WRTC next year in Italy. We also got to chat with the other members at the site including, Derek, KB1LXX, David, W1DWF; Carl WA3UEN; Gerry, W1VE; Rory, W1ENR; Mark, K1RX; Steve, KC1ILT, William, KB1YJ; Richard, N1AA; Dennis, KC1LLB; Joe, K1JEK; and Barry, KB1VX.

Great Bay Radio Association

Our next stop was the Great Bay Radio Association's Field Day site at Garrison Hill Park in Dover, NH. We were greeted by Les, KC1EOT, who had put together a great Public Information Table. We enjoyed meeting members of the club including Jeff, N1XUQ; Les, KC1EOT; David, N1DOU; Winona, KC1ECM; and Mike, N1AMD.

Wireless Society of Southern Maine

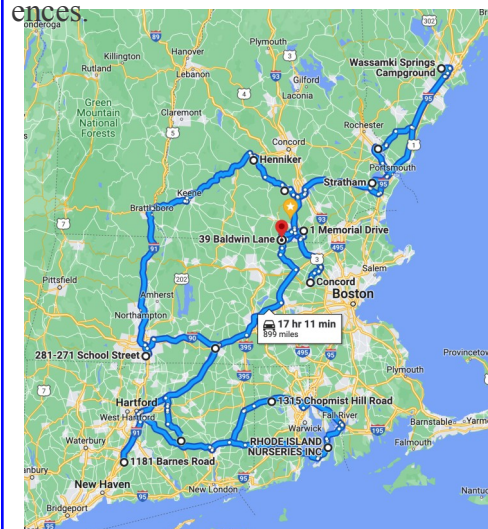
Our last stop was at Wassamki Springs Campground in Scarborough, Maine, the Field Day Site of the Wireless Society of Southern Maine. This was a great site and club members were busy making the last contacts before the Field Day operations ended. We enjoyed touring their site and meeting members Eric, N1RXX; Waylon, KC1HJN; Jason, W1SFS; Tim, KB1HNZ; Stefania, K1GJY; Peter, KC1HBM; and James, KB1SDK.

Our Field Day Journey

Over the weekend we drove a total of around 1000 miles – you can see our trip below. (see photo).

We have been very much looking forward to visiting Field Day sites around New England this year. It was great to see everyone face-to-face and see the many ways that folks approach Field Day. We very much enjoyed talking with folks about their club and their Field Day experi-

ences.



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.