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President's Message
de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

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Time and Time Again

If there is one thing certain, it is the fact that the YLRL is continually searching for volunteers. It would be difficult to find a YLRL President who has not asked for volunteers or a Chairwoman who has not pleaded for articles and news for the YL Harmonics. This plea can be traced back many decades. Fortunately, there is a dedicated few that have accepted this challenge. A comradery exists among those few in friendships that will continue long after our tenures end. I urge you to become a part of this great group of YLs … indeed, a once in a lifetime moment that you will treasure time and time again.

We need volunteers! We need a District 3 Chairwoman! We need officers for 2024/2025! We need fresh new ideas! There are many things the YLRL needs to pursue now and for our future. Volunteers are few and far between. Many of the YLRL members' QRZ pages read like the 'Who's Who of Amateur Radio'. Why not funnel a bit of that enthusiasm into the YLRL?

Don't be afraid to ask to be a part this wonderful organization that has stood the test of time and has earned its spot amongst the most prestigious ARRL Affiliated Clubs in the nation due to its dedicated volunteers. Not only are we recognized nationally, we also have a presence and highly respected on the world stage. The world is watching as evidenced by the latest website report. Content is queen; help our webmistress, Michelle, keep the website fresh and current!

Nancy KC4IYD, DC8 Chairwoman, is chairing the Nominating Committee this year. If you are interested in being nominated for an officer, director or chairwoman position, you may contact Nancy. Additionally, even if you do not reside in District 3 but would like to become a guest writer for DC 3 for the remainder of year, please contact me.

As always, if you have comments or suggestions, we'd love to hear what's on your mind.

33 Rita

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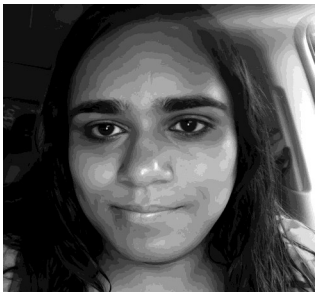

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Eva holds a HAREC A license.

Look for these new members on the air and on QRZ for more information.

District News

District 1

From Anne WB1ARU:
Anne, WB1ARU and OM Tony, WA1ENO spent their annual month long winter vacation in Glenwood Springs, Colorado where they are members of the Ski Country ARC https://www.facebook.com/groups/1085632148189724. They attended a monthly club meeting and the weekly breakfasts while there, as well as skiing and snowshoeing with members of the club who have become good friends over the past 15 years. While driving from Massachusetts to Colorado and back, they were able to operate on 10, 12, 17, and 20m to make the miles go faster. Participating in the daily Activity Nets included contacts with stations as far as New Zealand, Portugal, Ireland, Hawaii, and Alaska, as well as all over the lower 48.

Tony, WA1ENO and Anne, WB1ARU

Sue, N0DBY and Anne, WB1ARU

Spring is here officially. However, with snow still on the ground and more coming this weekend, winter is not quite ready to give up.
The Women Radio Operators of Maine group will be representing Maine YLs at the 2023 Maine State ARRL Convention and Hamfest on March 24-25. The event is being held at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Lewiston, Maine. It will be a great opportunity for us to make our presence known and connect with other YLs.
Deb Leonard KB1DEB, Maine's Assistant Section Manager/Public Information Coordinator, has created a webpage for Women Radio Operators of Maine https://womenradiooperatorsofmaine.org/.
Deb is also activating a new Facebook page for WROM. Fortunately we have Deb, as my social media skills are very limited.
On a personal note, I continue to pursue portable operation activities, the latest being in my backyard. With my home built TR 25 cw rig and ARRL EFHW antenna, I headed to the sauna and set up operations. It is always a thrill to make a cw contact!
I hope this newsletter finds you all healthy and active.
73
Joan Hildreth W1DLC

From Leandra, AF1R
The results for the 2022 September VHF contest were announced.
In my class, Rover Limited (RL), I was first in the New England Division and 6th overall.
Leandra, AF1R

[Congratulations, Leandra. From Barb.,KC1KGS]

From Barbara KC1KGS:
Welcome to spring!
Even though it wasn't terribly snowy in eastern Massachusetts, we did get our share of wintery weather-rain changing to snow and vice versa and some ice in between. Then we had to have a nor'easter, in March!
Anyway, it was nice to do some things inside ….including radio! I spent radio time on nets the last few months.
Great to meet up with a number of people at Winter Field Day, in relatively nice weather outside—here are a few of us YLs enjoying our time at the Field Day dinner.

Barbara, KC1KGS, Kellye, K1SOE, Leandra, AF1R

District 2

Greetings from District 2! Spring is upon us and lots of activity is happening. Heather, KD2VZA, who is a wonderfully accomplished traffic handler has embarked on sending every YLRL YL a radiogram. She is often listed in QST with an average of about 80 Radiograms a month. I have also tried to reach out to all YLRL members in District 2 for newsworthy items by Radiograms and FB pages. So please update your information especially your email address on QRZ.com. QRZ populates its database from the FCC website but does not include email addresses. We would love to connect with you and need to have your email address in order to send you a Radiogram. Technically, it isn't required, however we have heard back from delivering hams that it is preferred to ensure delivery.

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Heather, KD2VZA, has also created a WhatsApp group for all YLs in District 2 (NJ, NY) to contact each other via real time. Contact her or myself for an invite to join. We have a few YLs who have earned their licenses recently and are currently mentoring them as well.

Congratulations to Belinda, KD2BPJ, a Skywarn member who was featured in her club's newsletter, Keuka Lake Amateur Radio Newsletter. You can read all about it at: Klarion Happy New Year 2023 issue_230203_125653.pdf or contact her directly at KD2BPJ@gmail.com. She's happy to share.

And finally from Ria, N2RJ, our District 2 Chair for YLRL and ARRL Hudson Division Director, I quote:
"Well, hello to all of you! As we emerge from Winter to Spring, we are very happy that some YLs here in District 2 have stepped up to help write the news column. We are fortunate to have them on board. Also we are planning for Dayton, so it will be great to meet many of you. Hope to see you there! 33 Ria, N2RJ"

I would like to thank Heather, KD2VZA; Belinda, KD2BPJ; and Ria,N2RJ, for their contributions. Please free to contact me, W2QMI, with items for the next issue!

33, Suzan, W2QMI
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District 5

I set up a table at the Elk City Hamfest in Elk City, OK, on March 4th. It was a small event yet very fun. It was like a family reunion. Everyone just sat around and visited all day. I made connections with about 8 women. I am planning a trip to Dayton Hamvention in May. Hopefully I will meet up with some YLs while I am there.
33, Vonnie Meritt, KE5RKC

I have been busy with embroidery and sewing projects. Not much time to get on the radio.
I received a note from the OKC Ham Holiday on July 18 and 19.
I plan to attend to set upa YLRL table and also host a YL Forum. I am looking for a speaker right now. Any volunteers?
TYRUN (Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net) is held every Thursday 8 am Central time on 3.947. Susan, K5DU, and Sheila, KA9KUI, and I are there every week.
Please come join us. Listen for me, W0JJ calling CQ YLS.

Judi Jaksa, W0JJ
5th District Chair

District 7

I'm thrilled to finally be starting my Ham Radio Journey! I'm signed up for the Beginning HAM Radio Technician Class through Clark County Amateur Radio Club with Barbara Yasson AC7UH, on 2nd March.
I'm having fun learning to take care of carnivorous house plants, sundews, venus fly traps and pitcher plants.
Excited for the light to return so we can get back to our rockhounding field trips with the Cascade Mineralogical Society . Baker Lake, Washington in March if anyone wants to join us. :)
Ananda Cooley (Excitedly getting ready for Barbara's Technician class!)

We're seeing signs of spring here in Independence, Oregon, and looking forward to all it brings. My grandmother (101-years-young) and I enjoyed a "bucket list" cruise to Panama Canal in January and we are considering more adventures later this year. These days, SEA-PAC planning is keeping me occupied, and I feel like it is coming together well. I'm this year's chair, and have a strong, experienced committee working hard to make this year's convention a success. I hope to see some of you at SEA-PAC this June 2-4th in Seaside, Oregon - for more information see seapac.org.
33 de Barbara, KI7BR

Brrr, it's cold, rainy, and snowy (doesn't stick), but yesterday I saw the green growth of hyacinth and crocus in our outdoor planters! I was so excited I told everyone in the dining room. Barbara, AC7UH's Technician class is remaining quite busy and is turning out great new hams!

Robin Resnick, KJ7BI

Rumors of spring are in the air. At least the air temperature seems to be moving in the right direction. I didn't get much operating in over the winter and somehow didn't get around to cleaning up the shack either.
On the other hand, a lot of snow got shoveled (especially in December).
I got myself a 3D printer for my birthday/Christmas so I spent time learning how to use it. This included time spent trying to learn how to design things. I designed and printed a box for the earthquake data collector I've been working on.
I got my earthquake data collector running at the end of January. Now the next step is to learn how to analyze the data. Since there aren't a lot of earthquakes in Pullman, the data should be really dull and boring.
Now that the sun has come out and the weather is getting warmer, it's time to start thinking about ham antenna projects.
33, Elizabeth, KK7VO

District 10

Net Controllers for the Hammettes Net on Tuesdays 8:00 PM Central. Kristl, KR1STL, and Jennifer, N0VVX

Jennifer, N0VVX from Belton, MO has recently founded a YL net they call The Hammettes. Here is her story behind the creation of the net and how you can join the group.

After a couple years of amateur radio events and joining a club, I realized that there were about 5 women in the Kansas City metro that used their license. I was so perplexed. I studied really hard and stressed about it so much- I was going to use it! Women seemed to be there, standing in the shadows helping, but very few were standing out and making noise. If you haven't guessed I am a noise maker or boat rocker as my OM calls me. I took a position on the Raytown Amateur Radio Club, out of Raytown Mo, board. Soon I was president of the club, only after I met the Warrensburg Amateur Radio Club president Kristl Thompson, KR1STL. We have clicked since day one. When I asked if I should be president, she may have done a little dance and said very calmly YES!

Then Covid hit. We changed how meetings and events and our lives went. Grateful that the amateur radio group in the KC metro is just plain amazing. We talked, checked on each other, and kept ourselves from going stir crazy by being on the air with each other. But again, very few metro area women actually got on the air. As I looked around and started digging for more women in the hobby

After learning and pushing the club to come into the new tech age- Echo link and Fusion added to the repeaters, this was an opening to gather the women! The Hammettes were actually out of my head and had lots of talk with my Elmers and ham family. I emailed. We girls had our very first get together in October of 2021. Much encouragement, support, and pushing me later we have had tables at hamfests- given away a Yaesu radio, and now we have a fusion net!

I have had men drag wives to events, and to the microphone to say hello and prove that women do love amateur radio too! The women I have met are simply amazing. Some do things in amateur radio I can only hope to master. There is a group from Sedalia Mo- the Sparklers- they do morse code faster than I can think about it! So many women have run clubs, been VEs. They have probably taught radio to men who now bully other women- booo- but that is the sad part of society. Women are the driving force behind the magazines and a couple podcasts for the ARRL- but the local men's club doesn't normally show that off. This is where the YLRL groups and small fish like me want to change the attitudes. My goal with the Hammettes was to get a few metro ladies together, talk on the air and maybe hang at events with me. My new mission is to get as many women on the air as I possibly can. To educate, support, and encourage

the ladies, young and old. The young, regardless of male or female, are included in that mission. The radio brings me safety when I am out by myself, it's in my Jeep and on my phone, and sometimes a handheld in my bag. It has given me so many wonderful friends and mentors- Elmers. I want to show others this same thing.
The Hammettes are growing and learning, and are always there to help each other- regardless of gender. I invite everyone to stop by our net. I want to hear your radio story and pass it along to encourage the women and young out there who don't hit the PTT button enough!
The Net is on Tuesday night 8pm Central Time

Links to join the Hammettes Net:
Yaesu Wires-X room 28054 (AMERICA-KC-WIDE)
YSF Reflector 32453 (US-KCWIDE)
Brandmeister DMR talkgroup 313136
Facebook- Hammettes of KC
Echolink to fusion net: W0FH-L
Fusion info: www.kansascitywide.com
Youtube link is under Steve Keifer @stevekiefer6622 (yes Youtube! You can listen but not talk!!)

District KL and KH

Meghan Crocker:
Hello everyone. I hope you all are having a great spring. We still have about a three foot snow pack here. Temperatures are getting below freezing overnight and then warming up during the day. These are perfect conditions to tap birch trees. I'll get to that soon.
This fall I started working a moose hide a neighbor gave me. I'm still in the dry scraping stage. Probably after today I will be ready to smoke it. This helps the hide absorb the brains or fat of your choice more readily. Next you soak the hide in the fat solution, work it and then repeat the process several times. The final stage you have to work the skin until it dries completely or it will dry hard. That's about eight hours of continuous work. Then the final smoke to make the hide waterproof.
Also of interest, my daughter Audrey, KL5IX, is going to take the General class exam next week. She's been studying hard and I know she'll do well. She looks forward to being able to work more DX! Speaking of DX, this morning I worked 9X5RU or 20 meter CW. I couldn't believe it. Just 100 watts and a vertical. Needless to say, it made my week!
33,
Meghan
KL5AF

Youth

Hello everyone! Last month, I had the opportunity to present at Carole Perry's youth forum at Hamcation in Orlando, Florida. I got to discuss a young YL's role in STEM (and more specifically amateur radio). I focused primarily on how young YLs could find role models in their peers and mentors, how to increase the presence of YLs in amateur radio, and how YLs can connect with other YLs across the country and even the world.
While I was at Hamcation, I also had the opportunity to connect with many other licensed YLs from across the country which is always very exciting and refreshing. I got to meet up with Carole Perry, WB2MGP; Cyndi Goodgame, K5CYN; both of whom have had huge impacts on my and many other young YL's ham radio journeys.

Finally, if any young YLs have any sort of news that they would like to share, email me and I will include it in the next article! It would be great to hear about what other YLs are doing in the hobby! I hope to hear you on the air or see you at a hamfest sometime soon!

Katie Campbell, KE8LQR@gmail.com

Steve Goodgame, K5ATA, Cyndi Goodgame, K5CYN, and Katie Campbell, KE8LQR

Katie Campbell, KE8LQR, and Carole Perry,WB2MGP

VE News

VE3HAI Ann writes: I am delighted to let everyone know that baseball seems to be over for Dave, WE4THR, now and he will resume his NC spot on Minnie's Echolink Net immediately. The Echolink Net is called "Minnie's Net" because three hams, Minnie, VE3DBQ; Shirley, VK2YL; and Audrey, VE1PK (SK) found conditions on HF difficult and started meeting on Echolink. As I understand it, that was more than 20 years ago. It was Audrey who knew about Echolink and Tim, VA3TJS; and Jim, VE3CTS; hams from London ON, who made it possible for us to meet and take-over their repeater every second Wednesday. So here we are, still chatting every two weeks more than 20 years later.

On a typical Echolink Net, YLs from across Canada, the USA, and Shirley, VK2YL, in Australia check in. Occasionally, an OM will check-in, but we hit the mother-lode when Dave found us. Dave is a retired TV weatherman with a great sense of humour and willingness to help the gals when he can. Yes, I mean he was on The TV Morning Show in Minneapolis for years. In addition to being NC of our Echolink Net, he has edited several of our newsletters. He always has time to help anyone install the App and operate on Echolink. In 2022, CLARA awarded him honorary membership to thank him for helping us, especially through the pandemic. We look forward to the second Wednesday Echolink Net because we know Dave will get us laughing all-the-while doing a very professional job as Net Control.

We were all pleased to hear that his Ft. Myers home was not too badly damaged during the last hurricane. He sent photos to show what happened on his street. A catamaran on a house roof does give you pause doesn't it? However, the latest neighbourhood incident had him being interviewed on TV and radio again when a small plane landed on the back nine of his golf course. Photos of that will be published in the Spring Clarion. I can hardly wait to hear his side of how that happened.
All the best to everyone. Be safe and stay well. 33 de Ann VE3HAI

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: Spring is slowly arriving on the west coast of Canada. A lot of rain, some snow, some wind, some sun and the "Snowbirds" will soon be returning to the Valley. You can never tell what a day will bring but that and the start of Daylight Savings Time means there is change in the season on it's way.
Time to check the supplies in the garden shed and start to plan window boxes and hanging baskets. I don't grow veggies. No need as I live in the Comox Valley and there is a Farmer's Market every Saturday. Lots of fresh veggies, fruit, herbs, honey, jams, bakery goods and a chance to sit on a bale of hay and have coffee and a chat with a friend. All the while listening to a Country & Western band pounding out tunes on a hay wagon for a stage... Talented group and a great way to spend a Saturday morning !!
EchoLink and Skype is keeping me in touch with friends which is so very important for all of us.
Everyone take care and stay safe... 33 de Suzanne VE7IM

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Hope everyone is keeping well and ready for a new season. I just repotted my geraniums that I wintered over for this year. Hope they all live. Not much happening with radio work. did work the YL/OM contest, had fun but not a lot of contacts. The YL Challenge is coming along with only 3 more YL's needed. This has been a very dull and windy year so far, looking forward to lots of sunshine and nice weather. *(Continued on Page 16)*

(Continued from page 15) Get out and take part in field day or other activities, if possible. Our square dancing ends April 27th and then the camping dancing begins. Take care everyone and stay safe. 33, Heather VE3HQH
My new e-mail address is: ve3hqh@gmail.com

YLRL Convention 2024

YLRL has a convention in its future and we hope one or more of our members want to welcome the rest of us to your local area for that convention.
The 2018 Oklahoma City Convention was the 79th Anniversary convention and our last convention. As have most organizations, YLRL took a break between 2018 and this year to ensure our next convention could be held without a pandemic threatening.
The 2024 Convention committee will have the support and experience of past convention planners, of which we have several: Anne WB1ARU, Cheryl N0WBV, Michelle W5MQC, Nancy KC4IYD, and Barbara AC7UH. You can, also, read about past Conventions on the YLRL Convention page: httpw://YLRL.net/past-conventions/
A convention host cannot do it alone and needs a group of 3 to 6 to help with the details. You should be near an airport and have a hotel that will work with you for guest rooms, meeting space, and meals. Find your group of YLs who are willing to help and contact Barbara at ac7uh@arrl.net. Barbara and the other past convention chairs will work with you to put the next YLRL Convention together.
We're looking forward to the 85th Anniversary 2024 YLRL Convention and hope you are able to help.

33 de Barbara AC7UH

DX News

Anette, ZR6D (South Africa)
100 Years of History of the South African Radio League.
The South African Radio League (SARL) President Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL came up with the idea to write down the history of amateur radio. A working group was formed and we started the research in June 2021. At first it was slow because there were few documents to work from. The history of amateur radio in South Africa began in 1910. In 1925, during a meeting, the radio amateurs decided to form the "South African Relay Radio League", kind of similar to the American Relay Radio League. In the years before that, there were already many radio clubs, associations, etc. established across Southern Africa.
The working group requested amateurs to provide us with history in their possession. To name just a few, Rassie Erasmus ZS1YT donated the original constitution of the Radio Society of South Africa Cape Town founded in 1920, the radio society was a group of experimenters who were the predecessors of amateur radio in South Africa. There are also photographs of the Annual General Meeting held in 1926 when the SARL's name was still the South African Relay Radio League.
Fortunately, in the National Archives in Cape Town we found bundles of documents given to them by Koos van der Merwe ZS1AW (SK) and his wife Annie van der Merwe ZS1AZ (SK) for safe keeping. The documents provided us with the necessary information to officially begin the research.
We also found pre-war history in a book published by Mr. Walter Volker which deals with the history of the Signal Corps in SA, about how amateur radio and the Signal Corps were intertwined during the first and second world wars.
Our big breakthrough came when Hans van de Groenendaal ZS6AKV gave us documents containing personal notes of our former presidents and of the first radio amateurs. Among the documents were, among others, original award certificates, rare QSL cards which are priceless. There were also negatives of photographs of the pioneers in broadcasting. Hans also provided us with tape recordings of interviews with amateurs who have already passed away. Among these documents we also found the original FO Nuus which was a bulletin of the SARRL.
We also have the original application and approval of the SARL, as well as the registration of the SARL's first coat of arms in the South African Government Gazette. During my tour of SA we found photos of the SARL's first emblem.
The Cape Town library provided us with the first editions of the Radio Wireless Journal of South Africa, which was a magazine published by the A. S and T Broadcasting Co. Ltd in Johannesburg, and also contained information from the various Radio Societies of South Africa. The SARL';s first magazine the QTC which was published in 1928 before the 2nd World War. We also received some YL Beams which was the YL's monthly magazine. Geoff Levey ZS6C (SK), Dennis Green ZS4BS and Gert Botha, ZS6GC, scanned and indexed all the Radio ZS Magazines that were not on the SARL Web, these magazines were donated to the SARL by some of our radio amateurs. Gary Immelman ZS6YI scanned the old Call books as far back as 1926.
The author of the book has already started with the layout and the first chapter of the book. In fact, all the radio amateurs in South Africa as well as ex-South African amateurs living around the world have helped by providing history.

TERESA, PT2TF (Brazil)

WRONE has continued to sponsor me in YLRL. It has been so for the last many years and I bless in my everyday prayers all WRONE Members wishing them good health and blessings from our Good LORD. I have completed last November 2022, 93 years of age. I am in relative good health considering... My OM Walter PT2TG in his 95s is restricted to bed having Homecare support 24 hours...His condition is considered "stable" by doctors and so it seems... I have restricted my HAM activities to FT8 as weather conditions hardly encourage me to keep PHONE activity, in special DX I began back in 1972...
I trust in a new future, having better propagation get back to such pleasant QSOs we used to have. Best 73, 88 and 33.

Ngaire, ZL2UJT (New Zealand)

Jock White Field Day

We participated in Field Day 25th/26th February at Onaero Domain which is situated about 30kms North of New Plymouth, New Zealand. It is a beach camp and the area I lived at for many years when I was young so the sight was extra special. Our site at the beach front with an unbelievable S0 to S1 noise level on 80M. We put the aerials up on Norfolk pine masts using a bow and arrow and had one 12M mast for one end of the 40M antenna. The batteries were 150 AH Lithium floated on a solar panel and the rigs were a TS-2000 on 80M and an IC-7300 on 40M. We used a couple of (somewhat ambitiously named) 4 person tents to house each station. Our cover was inadequate when the rain came down, nearly horizontal in the howling southerly and it was a great relief when it began to abate during the night.
I did a few sessions during the day and really enjoyed participating. In the afternoon Jill ZL2DBO and Le-ann ZL2TLO came out to join us and one of our members brought along a budding young Ham Tatjana to experience what Field days were all about.
We were all having a lovely BBQ tea in the sunshine when the heavens opened up and the rain poured down. Thank goodness I remembered we had a large tarpaulin in the boot of the car and we grabbed it and erected it over some of the vehicles and tent. Unfortunately, it filled up with water and every time we tried to empty it out it poured over everyone. After about an hour the rain stopped and we were able to continue on with our BBQ tea. A few of the group stayed overnight to do the late shift and early morning. Sunday morning we came out early to do a few sessions then Carolyn, ZL2JP, came out with her OM, ZL2ME so during the weekend we had 4 YLs attend and participate.
Probably the best YL turn out for some years for a field day. We had a good response from our club and altogether had about 20 people turn up to support us.
Field days are fun but hard work and I must admit I was exhausted after the weekend. I suggested to the club we do some of the other contests and awards like lighthouse weekend during the year so we don't get rusty with operating.

Bharathi, VU2RBI (India)
Greetings YLs,
I am Bharathi, operating a ham radio shack from Hyderabad as VU2RBI.
I frequently communicate through various modes, such as VHF/HF, digital modes such as FT8/DMR/D-Star, and also CW and SSB. My radio setup includes an IC7300, a hex beam antenna, an antenna tuner, a 400 W amplifier, a VHF/VHF base station, a CP22E antenna for VHF, and a 7-element VHF/UHF antenna.
I am regularly active on HF radio and have been communicating with the KE5EE station from the USA quite frequently with 59 signals. Additionally, I am in touch with at least 20 hams from India within one hour on 14 MHz along with DX stations too.
Moreover, I am also active on Echolink and have been connecting to all Indian repeater stations, including the India conference. A YL net is organized at 1230 GMT and 600 pm IST, during which 15 to 16 YLs from the USA, Canada, and India participate. We exchange technical, cultural, religious, festival, HF propagation conditions, and contest information. All the YLs in our group have received award certificates from YLRL, USA, some of whom are not members but still received the certificates.
I am proud to inform you that I have received the number one YLRL award certificate from the USA. I am the first YL to receive this certificate and completed my contacts in just one month. I am grateful to YLRL for issuing the certificate.
My next goal is to encourage all Indian YLs to activate on HF, Echolink, and digital communication. Many YLs in our group are now active on digital communication.
Finally, I aim to make contact with 100 YLs on HF radio. I also check in to the ALARA conference on Friday and the KG5BHY net on Tuesday from India in the morning at 730 am. I am delighted to meet DX YLs on Echolink.
You can find my information on QRZ. VU2RBI Callsign Page and wew.vu2rbi.com.
I hope that YLRL informs all DX YLs to join our YL net on Echolink. Please open the Echolink app on your mobile phone and connect to the India conference at 1230 GMT and 600 pm IST.

Amanda, DL4AD/KI5UKQ (Germany)
(Amanda holds US Extra and German Allgemeine (Full) licenses)
KI5UKQ is my radio "maiden name", of sorts - that's the original license I made, and then Germany was kind enough to recognize it and grant me DL4AD and a Full license on that basis :)
I'm mostly active on the digimodes, primarily WSPR, FT8 and VARA so far, and happy to help YLs with computer issues involving these.
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Amanda DL4AD/KI5UKQ

Rosel, CT9/DL3KWR (Germany)
What I have been up to? At first, we have planned in 2023 again a holiday trip to Madeira, of course with amateur radio activity. And so, we are since end of February till 26th March again, on the air: Hardy as CT9/DL3KWF in FT8 and FT4 and I as CT9/DL3KWR in CW.
We can use only the upper bands 20 till 10 meters, because we have in our hotel room a QRM problem with LEDs.
On the 7th of March we could celebrate now a special jubilee:
we both together made 100 thousand QSO from Madeira in all our stays since 1996.
Rosel CT9/DL3KWR

Pictures

Orlando Hamcation 2023

Carol Laferty, K4SAF, and Marilyn Melhorn, AF7MM

Carole Perry, WB2MGP, and Carol Laferty, K4SAF

Carol Laferty,K4SAF, and David Minster, NA2AA

Vicki Zumwalt, N6KLS, and Carol Lafferty, K4SAF

Margie Spangenberg, KK4AGN, and Carol Laferty, K4SAF

Katie Campbell, KE8LQR

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 OMs and OMs 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.