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President's Message
de Rita McConnell, NE0DB

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It's Autumn

The time of year when aspens quiver … and mornings bring a shiver
The time of year when the sun casts a glare … as smoke permeates the air
The time of year when days illuminate a haze
and sunrises and sunsets are bright orange spheres of glaze.

My message to you … As my tenure of President draws to an end, I look back and think of all the new friends I have met or made QSOs during the past years. I vividly remember my days as a newly licensed amateur radio operator and those Elmiras whose help will be cherished long after my term becomes history. One thing I can say for certain is that: "I will never regret accepting an officer position in the YLRL. So why not follow in the footsteps of those who gone before, and volunteer to become a part of the YLRL for the 2024/2025 term.

Hear Ye! – I appointed Deanna Lutz, K9DID, as chairwoman for District 3. Deanna shared a bit about herself in the July/August YLH. But there's much more about the "DIDs" at www.dids.us.

Creativity - It's a challenge to meet the needs of all the members. Technology is evolving at such a rapid pace and is affecting our everyday lives more and more. Besides the League's basic purposes, new ideas are welcome to enhance and provide additional value to a membership. Another reason why it's so important to become involved with the YLRL.

Zoom – To-date, no one has stepped forward to coordinate the requests from various members for scheduled zoom meetings. Now is the time!

DX/NA-YL Anniversary Contest – SSB/CW/Digital – 1400 UTC October 21 – 0200 UTC October 23, 2023.

Wishing all the best of Autumn – 33 Rita

Vice President's Message
de Carol Laferty, K4SAF

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DX/NA-YL Anniversary Contest

SSB/CW/Digital
1400 UTC October 21, 2023 – 0200 UTC October 23, 2023

ELIGIBILITY
All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate. YL groups/clubs may also may also participate provided the YLs operating are listed at the end of the log. Only YLRL members are eligible for the Corcoran and Hager awards.

PROCEDURE
DX YLs call "CQ North American YL". North American YLs call "CQ DX YL."

OPERATION
All bands may be used except WARC bands. Contacts with OMs do not count. Net contacts and repeater contacts do not count. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks should be shown in the log.

EXCHANGE
Station worked, QSO number, RS(T), ARRL section/VE province/country. Entries in log should also show time, band, date, and transmitter power.3

SCORING
Phone and CW and SSB will be scored as separate contests. Digital contacts (RTTY, PSK31, etc) count as CW. Submit separate logs for each contest.
All YLs within one of the U.S. ARRL sections or within a Canadian province shall score one point for each QSO with another station located within a section or province."
Score two points for each contact with a station not located within an ARRL section or province or on another continent, i.e., DX. (DX stations are defined as those not located within an ARRL section or province.)
Multiply the number of QSOs by the total number of different ARRL sections/VE provinces/countries worked. A multiplier is counted only once in each mode (ie SSB, CW).
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.

LOGS
All logs must show your ARRL section/VE province/country to qualify for awards. Logs must show the station worked, QSO number, RST given and received, ARRL section/VE province/country of the station worked. The time, band, date and transmitter power should also be included. Logs must also state the power output used and the operating breaks taken. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. Remember to file separate logs for each mode. Logs must show claimed score. All logs go to the current YLRL Vice President and must be submitted within 30 days of contest ends.

AWARDS
Highest scoring DX-YL, NA-YL and YL group/club in SSB and CW will each receive a first place cup provided there are at least 10 valid contacts. The second and third place winners in each contest will receive certificates. Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring YLs of each U.S. section/province/country, provided there are at least ten valid contacts on the log.

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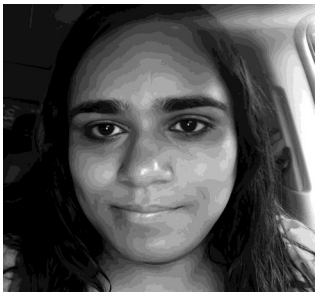

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Look for these new members on the air and on QRZ for more information.

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No donations have been received since the last report.

Contributions to this fund support three annual YL Scholarships in the pursuit of higher education. The Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR) administers the amateur radio-related scholarships including those sponsored by YLRL. Applications are submitted to FAR in April of each year and the scholarship winners are selected in June/ July and announced in the November/ December *YL Harmonics*. Information about FAR can be found at the following web site: http://www.farweb.org

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It is about that time of year to think about paying your dues for 2024. Year 2023 membership dues expire 12/31/2023. It is a little early to collect dues for next year.

An announcement in the newsletter giving you the opportunity to see the expiration date of your membership appears on pages 32 to 34. Read the letter carefully. If you have any questions about your membership, please email me. Please check with me before sending any dues money in.

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Vicky AE9YL
Receiving Treasurer
USA & Canada

Please welcome our new District 3 Chair—**Deanna Lutz, K9DID**

Sara Lyon, AB7PS, became a silent key on September 17, 2023.
Sara was an active member of YLRL and MINOW Net until illness consumed her five years ago.

District News

District 1

Anne, WB1ARU, and Barb, KC1KGS, hosted a YL Meet & Greet and a YLRL booth at the annual Northeast HamXposition in Marlborough, MA at the end of August 2023. Anne entertained a number of YLs (and OMs) at the booth, while Barb was trying to coordinate the HamX volunteers.
At the beginning of the YL Meet & Greet, we honored two silent keys, Deena, KC1QMM, and Sara ("Bean"), KC1MEB, from District One. Their husbands, Len, KC1HLU, and Ant, NU1U, were able to join us, as we remembered Deena and Bean and how they had contributed to amateur radio and to our YL community. It was a touching moment. Afterwards we had introductions and shared what was important to us in amateur radio. To end the Meet & Greet, Anne went through a slide deck that she and Barb had created earlier in the year to present to a Western Mass. radio club. We captured some of the attendees in a group photo. HamXposition has so many forums that attendees find it hard to attend everything they would like to choose. Fortunately, the YL slot was long enough to allow part-time attendance by more YLs than are pictured!

Note from the October 2023 QST (page 61)--The July 2023 QST Cover Plaque Award went to Fred, AB1OC, and Marcia ,KW1U, for their article on the National Traffic System Congratulations!

Meet and Greet at HamXposition

Kellye, K1SOE; Jules, KD2FOU;
Anne, WB1ARU; Barbara, KC1KGS

From Anne WB1ARU-

Anne, WB1ARU, and OM, Tony, WA1ENO, spent two days at the "Big E", New England's version of a state fair. They volunteered at the “Ask Me About Amateur Radio” booth. It was fun meeting folks who were interested in learning about ham radio as well as fellow hams. We also had time to sample some of the food and enjoy a concert, as well as marvel at the beautiful work in the Creative Arts competitions.

From Barbara, KC1KGS
It was a very busy last few months.

I was asked to be the Volunteer Coordinator for the Northeast HamXposition (in August 2023) in Marlborough, MA, as the person who usually did this job was away for several weeks prior, though we corresponded periodically via email so I could learn some of the ropes. Forty people volunteered to help and I spent time organizing their roles (e.g., registration, ticket-taking, direction-finding, start-up and take-down) and trying to troubleshoot issues that came up (with assistance from others!) Thanks to everyone who helped out! The convention was a success and we look forward to next year. Anne Manna, WB1ARU, was a trouper and covered the YLRL booth most of the time while I was trying to sort out the volunteers.

I volunteered at the amateur radio booth at the Big E (Eastern States Exposition) in W. Springfield, MA., one day in September with other members of our radio club (Sci-Tech Amateur Radio Society-STARS). We greeted many visitors and let them know about the fun of ham radio. No time to really go around the fair and eat their famous cream puffs!

From Leandra, AFIR:

I've been busy on HF digital modes, learning about and trying HF packet, VarAC, JS8Call and FreeDV. And I had fun participating in the CQ World Wide RTTY DX Contest on September 23-24. I also enjoy using Hellschreiber and am looking forward to the upcoming Hellschreiber contests.

Leandra, AF1R, and Barbara, KC1KGS at HamXposition

District 2

September is Emergency Preparedness Month and District 2 steps up to the plate. Kymm, KY2MMM, has run a Traffic Training Net for the past 30 years or so. The United Counties Traffic Net meets at 10pm EST and passes Radiogram traffic in and out of the NJ area. Heather, K4DH, is a Monday night net controller and may be heard on 2nd region and digital nets as well. Suzan, W2QMI, runs the net on Saturdays. This is an excellent training net to get some experience on how to pass and receive radiogram traffic. We welcome all licensed amateur radio operators including new hams! This traffic net encompasses almost all of NJ via its various repeaters on VHF and UHF. The most up-to-date frequencies may be found on W2NJR.net and also included Echolink W2NRJ-R and Brandmeister talk group (TG) 313333. We get station check ins from eastern PA, NYC, and Long Island including those operators that are traveling. The net averages 25 to 30+ stations each night. There is also a Facebook page under the name "uctn traffic net" for more information. So do check in!
Many amateur radio operators have also found the time to volunteer for special marathons, races and events as spotters through the months of September and October. Many of the NJ amateur radio clubs are placing importance on reactivating ARES, Skywarn, and other emergency preparedness groups. One such required item is a radio to go kit. In the event of an emergency, some hams may be asked to go to a location, set up and assist in emergencies. This kit should contain a radio for VHF and UHF frequencies with a comparable antenna, a portable power supply for at least 10 hours of operation and a comparable self-sustaining charging unit

such as a solar panel, and don't forget supplies for the operator. The current weather conditions certainly explain the necessity of such a kit.
Not to forget our youth, some of our members are assisting students via STEM to cultivate a love for amateur radio such as Ria, N2RJ. Check out her blog: Ria's Ham Shack.
That's some of the news in District 2 for now!
33, Suzan, W2QMI

District 4

Here is a write-up by John Robertson, KQ4HCB, about Peggy's club, the Zephyrhills Area Amateur Radio Club.
Whiskey One Papa Bravo, Whiskey One Papa Bravo, was heard around the world this weekend from Pasco County Florida, as the local Zephyrhills Area Amateur Radio Club (ZAARC) worked the airwaves during the annual ARRL Field Day.
Around 40 Ham club members and their family met on a small farm to setup using homemade antennas, including throwing wires into the tall Oak trees on the property. The Radios were set up in a camper and contacts were made by Voice, Morse Code, and Computer, we even tried to talk to the International Space Station as it flew overhead. We could hear them, but no contact was made.
Field Day is a Nationwide, 24-hour real-world practice for a Real Emergency situation when normal communications modes are down. Including our antenna problems at 4:00 am, when Mr. Ed (the horse), pulled the antenna wire apart, while running through the pasture. Repairs were made by flashlight at 4:00 am, with Mr. Ed inspecting the repairs.
Rich Kennedy, Club President, and Charlie Nelson, Treasurer, manned the radios for the 24-hour period. The sheep, horses, donkey, and chickens did not seem to mind the attention. Fun was had by all. Mr. Ed, the horse, was not hurt, of course.
Peggy Kennedy, N4PEG

In years past, our club has operated Summer Field Day with the goal to make as many contacts as possible; we ran it like a contest. This year we focused on making the event an educational experience for everyone involved. The event brought together over 50 enthusiastic individuals who gathered for a weekend filled with radio-related activities, camaraderie, and learning opportunities.
One of the most notable achievements of the field day was the active participation of 20 different people who took to the airwaves. It was truly a sight to behold as our members showcased their skills, passion, and dedication to the world of amateur radio. The airwaves were buzzing with lively conversations and exchanges, making for a memorable experience for all involved.
The event also emphasized the spirit of "elmering" within our community. Mentoring newer hams, was at the heart of our field day. The more experienced members generously shared their knowledge, expertise, and insights with those seeking guidance, fostering an atmosphere of growth and learning.

Beyond the technical aspects, the fellowship around the radio was a highlight of the event. It was heartwarming to witness members engaging in lively conversations, building new friendships, and strengthening existing bonds. Field Day created an environment where like-minded individuals came together to celebrate their shared passion for amateur radio, creating lasting memories and connections.
This was the first time I've taken lead on running Summer Field Day with our club. We formed a team that met and planned months in advance for a successful weekend. I have always enjoyed Summer Field Day, but this year was especially special. I really enjoyed seeing so many people engaged and on the radio.
Hilary Ramsey, AB1CD

Summer Field Day was an interesting experience for me.
I decided to operate without commercial power and no amplifier, so 100 watts. Of course, this involved a lot of planning and some purchasing. I had a 12 volt lead acid battery and a small power station, rated for 300 WH (watt hours). My friend brought his 12 volt lead acid battery and also volunteered to log for me. My friend had experience operating radios on battery power but no knowledge of solar power and this was a first for me.
I started off with my Icom 7300. Unfortunately, when connected to the power station, transmit power caused the power station to shut down. I had a lead acid battery powering an external tuner. So, I switched to my Flex 6300. Used a laptop on battery power to provide the necessary computer for this software defined radio. Used the power station to operate the external tuner. The lead acid batteries powered the radio.
The deck at the back of my house faces south and it was fairly easy to move the batteries and power station to the solar setup on the deck as charging was needed. Fortunately, it was a sunny day.
I learned a lot about how to operate a radio on battery power and I learned a lot about using solar panels in parallel and the cables and charge controllers needed to make everything work and to get the batteries charged. I used one 40 watt panel and one 100 watt panel. Fortunately, there was a lot of sun light and everything charged up quickly when connected.
Karen Olsen, K4IRS

Teresa Vantrease, K4TAV, set up a Young Ladies Radio League table at the Greater Nashville Middle TN HamQuest event on Saturday July 22. Thanks to Anne Manna for coordinating the delivery of brochures, postcards and QR business cards to distribute. This event was held at the Wilson County Fairgrounds and for the first time in HamQuest history, all vendors were in the same Air-Conditioned building. With the new facility, the attendance of vendors and visitors was down from 2022, but there is a lot of room for growth as we move forward. There were several ladies and several gentlemen too that stopped by the YLRL table. It was nice to meet each one of them and talk about women in Ham Radio and share a candy bowl. A follow-up email with information for the YLRL website and Facebook page, as well as the ARRL link to

locate a club near you, was sent to 9 individuals that signed the table roster. A lady from the Wilson Amateur Radio Club (WARC) took her Technician test at HamQuest and passed. She told me this weekend that she has already joined YLRL. Also, a gentleman that signed the table roster wanted more information for his teenage daughter. It was exciting to see her with him at the WARC meeting. Looking forward to seeing more ladies joining and getting on the air.

Also, Teresa, formerly KQ4CTY, took her Amateur Extra exam on June 19th and passed. She received her new vanity call sign in July. Congratulations Teresa, K4TAV**,** on passing your AE exam!

Huntsville Amateur Radio Club's Field Day Features a "YL-only" Station
By Laura Morgan, K4CNY
Huntsville Amateur Radio Club (HARC) decided to do something a little differently on one of its four main stations this year - make it YL only.
The idea began with a late-night conversation the Field Day prior about the deplorable state of the port-a-potties. Kelley Johns, W4VPZ; Lynda Bartlow, WB4TJE; and I, (HARC's Field Day Coordinator), agreed that unsanitary port-a-potties made YLs feel unwelcome, but what could we do about it? That's when Kelley and Lynda remembered that the Huntsville Area

Young Ladies Amateur Radio Club (HAYLARC) had some money that was donated to the club by the family of a recently deceased founding member (with a keen sense of humor) and, therefore, they could donate the money to rent a "YL-only" port-a potty. HAYLARC had been trying to recruit me for years, but that conversation sealed the deal. They had my dues in hand within the hour. And that got me to thinking, what else could HARC do to make YLs feel welcome at Field Day?
HARC has a tradition of excellence at ARRL Field Day. In the past 35 years, HARC has scored in the top five in its category every single year. It has scored in the top of the 4A category for nine of the past ten years. "Winning" Field Day is something that keeps the club motivated to develop its operating and technical skills throughout the year. So the pressure was on. It just so happened that one of our four stations—the 80/20 Phone Station—had underperformed throughout my tenure as Field Day Coordinator. While I was thinking about how to make YLs feel more welcome, I also was thinking about what I could do to revitalize the 80/20 Phone station. And then it hit me! When you need something fixed, ask the women!
In 2022, the 80/20 Phone Station was run by a husband-wife team, so I discussed the issue with them and Jessica Molo, KN4JJA, was immediately on-board. ,Jessica and I then got to work encouraging the women in the club to work on their phone operating skills to get ready.

HAYLARC got more deeply involved, too. They provided a bright red flag with the HAYLARC logo for the tower and a banner outside of the station so that visitors could easily find it. And I would be remiss not to mention the overwhelming support of the OMs in the club—not just the ones who were trying to make their YLs happy, :) hi hi—who saw the strategic advantage of having a station bolstered by YL voices in a contest. They provided the station all the support that the YLs couldn't provide themselves, such as getting the tower and antennas in place.

In the end, the station was a soaring success. We had YLs visit us from up to 100 miles away. We contacted local media and WHNT sent meteorologist, Jessica Camuto. She did two on-air stories about our Field Day and interviewed Jessica Molo about the importance of women in amateur radio. And the part that made the OMs happy? The YL station made over 1,000 contacts, more than the 80/20 phone station made in the past two years *combined*. ARRL Alabama Section Manager, Roger Parsons, KK4UDU, visited the station and asked what he could advise clubs who are trying—and failing—to welcome YLs as well as we do. "Don't guess what women want and hope you're right," I suggested. "Ask them what they want to do, then give them a green light and let them do it."

Oh, and the Mary Wheeler, WA4AXA, Memorial Porta Potty?

The ladies of HAYLARC collaborated to make it a suitable work of art for such a dear friend. The outside was brightly decorated so nobody would overlook the "YLs (and women in general) Only" sign. The inside was decorated with flowers in the urinal and a surprisingly effective floral sachet on the wall. If women can make a porta potty a pleasant place to be, they truly can do anything!!

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The Mary Wheeler WA4AXA Memorial Porta Potty.
Photo Credit: Lisa Shier N3WQL

Don't water these flowers!.
Photo Credit: Lisa Shier N3WQL

Jilly, KR4EE, will be on the air with a special event station N4A on October 10, 2023, for "Ada Lovelace Day 2023".
Ada Lovelace Day is an international day celebrating the achievements of women in STEM - science, technology, engineering and math. https://findingada.com/
Since Ada Lovelace was the first computer programmer, the N4A special event station will operate on that day exclusively with digital modes PSK31, FT8, FT4, Olivia. A special QSL card will be available to operators who work N4A: SASE to home call or DX stations via BURO. http://www.arrl.org/special-event-station

District 5

I just got my technician license at the beginning of summer this year so I'm very new. Currently I only have a HT. Studying for my General and interested in learning CW. Am I too ambitious? It's all so fascinating. I enjoy reading the old issues of Harmonics; I started with the oldest issues and working my way up!
73 - KJ5BHH Jennifer Bates

This is is ex-KE5DDZ (for 15 years). Now KZ5YL.
I stayed within the safety of the "Technician Class" license from Nov. 2004 until upgrading to General in August 2014. I *thought* I'd be done testing at that point, but several of my Extra Class friends cajoled me into trying for another upgrade. I resisted for a while. I have NO electronics background and was told in high school by a math teacher that I sucked at math. I thought the prospect of trying for Extra was. . . ridiculous.

Let's just say, my friends were convincing. They even had me try a go at the Extra test when I passed my General. Of course, I didn't pass Extra then, I'd not studied for it (yet). But they were impressed at how many I'd gotten right (without studying for Extra). I thought they were a little crazy.
In 2019, I attempted what *felt* potentially impossible--I went for the Extra Class upgrade. I was fortunate enough to be in Frank Warren's last Extra Class license prep class. Thanks to AB5WJ -SK, Frank's excellent tutelage, I passed the test!!! Holy guacamole! With the testing hurdle cleared, I decided to take on an Extra Class *call sign* but wanted to keep my beloved **Z**.
I looked into a special call sign ("vanity call sign" sounds so unnecessarily. . . vain).
After much research, spreadsheet creation, deliberation, and feedback, I settled upon KZ5YL.
Who IS This "KraZy" YL?
Although I've lived here and there, now and then in my adult life, I'm a native New Mexican, born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA. Interested in gadgets and photography since I can remember, I gravitated toward this stuff. The eerie sounds of the airwaves at night always fascinated me. My step-dad is Don Wood, W5FHA, and he set such a great example with his involvement in amateur radio, I decided to go for my Technician Class license in 2004.
Discovering an Unknown Treasure
During the summer of 2023, I learned of an amateur radio organization that had been around

since 1939, and yet, I'd not heard of it until August 2023. How is this even possible? I don't know. This is when I discovered the YLRL--the **Young Ladies Radio League**. Being an organization that supports women in amateur radio, I promptly joined!

Joining was Deeply Personal--Here's Why

Some might argue that women don't "need" a special organization of their own. But I disagree. Because I faced vehement **dis**couragement from a high school math teacher back in the late 1970s, regarding *any* involvement in science or math, I feel a deep need to ENCOURAGE girls and women into the sciences and math. Amateur radio falls into those categories.

The math teacher I mentioned told me, "You suck at math. You need to drop this class and stay away from math and science, forever. You're just a girl and you'll only grow up, get married, and have a bunch of babies anyway. You won't need math or science." I left his office in tears, as usual.

I needed that math class to graduate. At that moment I felt an aching pit in my heart and stomach. "*So girls. . . just don't matter?*" I wondered. *"How could that be? That can't be right."* I wanted to scream or cry, or. . . I felt so lost and awful about myself. I wandered through the school hallway, head drooping in shame. Due to the embarrassment of potentially having to go back into his class after that last encounter--I went to the administrative office and immediately dropped the class. I'd figure out the graduation thing. . . later.

I was only 16 years old and apparently, virtually worthless.

This abusive encounter (really a series of after-school encounters for weeks) stayed with me *for years*. It negatively impacted the way I saw myself and what I *thought* I might be capable (or not).

This situation was SO wrong, and I understand crap like this is still happening to some gals. It took many years to gradually overcome this heavy burden--which was never truly mine to bear. It was the sloughed-off burden of an insecure bully of a teacher, without enough supervision. But I didn't understand that for a very long time.

That is why I believe an organization like the YLRL matters! They support women and help us grow. This is so important, and empowering, more so than many can possibly understand. Most guys, generally, don't encounter this kind of discouragement.

That's why I joined this treasure of an organization--who helps and supports girls and women who are interested in upgrading their knowledge. This also upgrades their self-esteem.

It's also what I do, too (only as a coach)--help people grow their mindset, and their knowledge in just about anything.

So, yeah. . . I am a proud member of the YLRL.

Family:

My stepdad, W5FHA, has been a ham radio operator for over 50 years. While Mom knew him back then, it took Mom a little longer to join the Ham ranks.

My mom (Patricia Wood, aka Pat) heard Don and me on the radio and couldn't *stand* being *unable* to join the on-air conversation. So about a year after I earned my Technician Class license, she studied, got her Tech license in 2005, and became KE5FVS.

You can catch Pat on the SCAT Net on Caravan Repeater frequency, 145.33, on Thursday mornings, when she's Net Control, but sometimes, she switches with Don, W5FHA, as Friday's-Net Control. They're a little tricky that way.

My husband, Danny, is a non-ham at this time. I suspect he will never go for his license--he's so busy. He is a carpenter/handyman/builder extraordinaire. He currently works as such on a ranch near Fort Sumner.

Where the Heck Am I?
After a few years of Danny living and working at the Ranch and me living in ABQ, I've finally moved out to the Ranch, as of January 2023. I'm in the process, as time allows, of reassembling and setting up my station there. I hope to use a similar antenna setup as I had at my old ABQ QTH. It's a work in progress. I look forward to getting back on the air.
I might soon put up a big 30-foot tower out there and experiment with a few antennas.
In the meantime, there is EchoLink, which I enjoy. It just takes time. Oh, yeah, and some money.
On mobile, I use a Yaesu FT-8900 quad-band, when it's in the vehicle.
My Station:
When it's assembled and on the air, I operate on an ICOM 706, and an ICOM 729 with an ICOM AT-160 auto tuner, and a Trapped dipole antenna, (center-elevated 30-feet) in an inverted-V configuration. The tower might soon come into play and change this up a bit.
On mobile, I use a Yeasu FT-8900 quad-band, when it's in the vehicle.
Paula L High-Young, KZ5YL

Not much happening here since the only equipment I have is two HT's. I attended a nearby club meeting a few weeks ago. About 25 people were there so that was encouraging. The president is a YL. They're trying to activate the repeater in my town. They do a lot of work with the Scouts. I hope to have a booth at the local annual festival next month, October, to promote radio. AT&T fails often around here. People complain about it on Facebook and I comment with radio suggestions including links to more information.
I volunteer at the library, church and nursing home. The OM has no interest in radio but he does have his license. My daughter, licensed, is 11 miles away. If the repeater gets fixed, maybe we can use the HT's.
Beth Pearce, KC5RWW

Since I had surgery on Sept 11, I have been down for the count. I am starting to feel better very slowly.
On Sept 23 our Texas Young Ladies Round Up Net (TYLRUN) decided to hold our annual birthday party on Zoom. We met to discuss our business for the year. We chatted and caught up with everyone's news. Since we are all YLRL members, there was even discussion on what is happening in YLRL. One of our members took our picture: 1st row Judi, W0JJ and Linda, AC5QQ, 2nd row Sheila, KA9KUI and Susan, K5DU; Lynda KF5JUO; 3rd row Kay, A0WOF and Beth, KC5RWW. We shared white elephant items that we would have given. Since it is our annual birthday party, we were all prepared to eat our cupcakes!! Since of some our members do not have antennas and miss our weekly net, it was fun to see and talk to each other for 2 hours!!
Our net meets every Thursday at 8am CST at 3.947 for good fellowship. Our group just voted to also hold our net on Saturdays at 8am CST at 3.947 starting Oct 7th. We hope to hear more of you YLs that can't make it during the week.
33, Judi Jaksa, W0JJ, 5th district chair

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Judi Jaska, W0JJ

Linda Hynan, AC5QQ

Sheila McNabb, KA9KUI and Susan King, K5DU

Lynda Tuma, KF5JUO

Janet Kay Erman, WA0WOF

Beth Pierce, KC5RWW

I started my ham radio career almost 30 years ago. I was licensed at age 14 after I met my Elmer, Fred, W0ARC/SK, who passed his wisdom and love of amateur radio on to me. I have held onto my original callsign and have been continuously active since. You can often find me on ten and six meters and on amateur satellites. My favorite aspect of this wonderful hobby is designing and building and restoring vintage ham radio gear. I am an ARRL and W5YI VE and ARRL instructor.
Feel free to ask any questions you may have.

73's Kaylee Lynn , KB0OQJ

District 6

YLRL Forum at the 2023 ARRL PACIFICON District Convention

All girls and women amateur radio operators (YLs) of all ages and allies are welcome to attend the annual YLRL Forum at the 2023 ARRL Pacificon Division Convention. Our forum is scheduled for 2-4 pm, Saturday, October 21 in the Pleasanton/Danville Rooms at the San Ramon Marriott. Debbie Johnson, WB6LVC, will speak on "Participating in and Running a Net." We will discuss our activities and share strategies to promote outreach, mentoring and greater YL inclusion in the amateur community. Attendees will have a chance to take home one of several door prizes! Also, be sure to drop by and greet us at our YLRL booth during the entire convention weekend. www.pacificon.org

Some YL Forum Door Prizes

YL Net Sunday 8pm PT on EchoLink KE6YUV-R or KE6YUV repeater 146.970 MHz (-600), PL 123, in Sac-SF area

Girl Scout Troop 1089 Selected for 2024 ARISS Contact

Congratulations to Sacramento Girl Scout Troop 1089, sponsored by the River City ARCS, for being one of eight groups in the U.S. selected to participate in a 2024 ARISS Contact with Astronauts Aboard the International Space Station. This ARISS program involves STEM education sessions for young people, training in space communication station setup and communications, media outreach and publicity.
For more information see https://www.ariss.org/about-ariss-contacts.html or contact project leader Jen Garland, KI1TTY.

Sunday Night YL Net

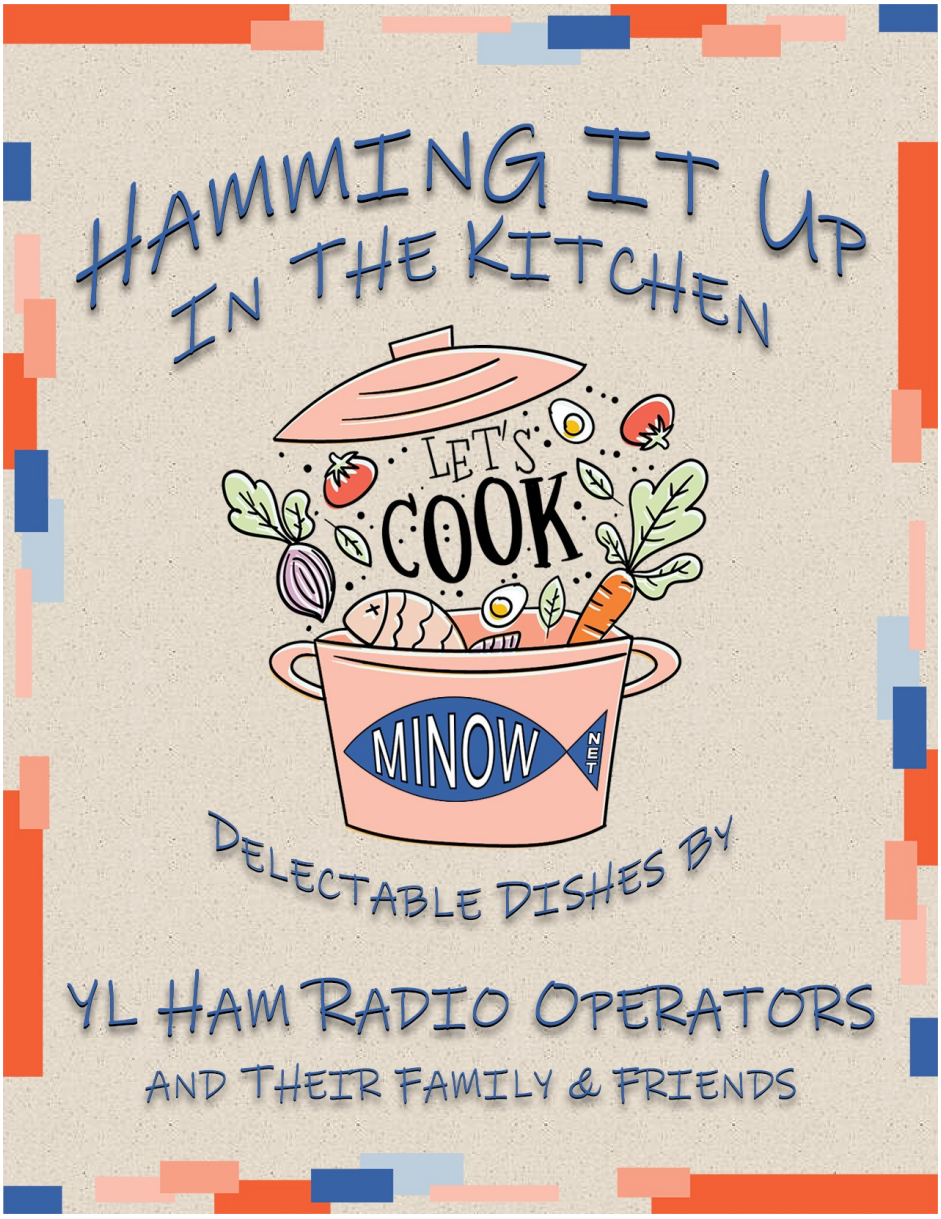
In November 2021, newly licensed Sacramento YLs Noemi Velamar, N3ARP, and Christine Velamar, KV3LMR, accepted a challenge to establish a weekly YL net on the KE6YUV FM repeater on Berryessa Peak in order to help themselves and other YLs overcome their mike fright. Little did they suspect that their net would be going strong two years later, with YLs checking in from all parts of the US, Argentina, India, and Australia through the KE6YUV-R Echolink node! Noemi, Christine and other local YLs will also assist with teaching Girl Scouts in Troop 1089's ARISS Contact program. Join their friendly YL net Sunday nights at 8 pm Pacific Time (11 pm Eastern) via the KE6YUV-R Echolink node or on 146.97 MHz, minus offset, PL 123.0 in the San Francisco/Sacramento area.

Editor's Note: I've been active with the Sunday Night YL Net since its beginning. The ladies on the net are very welcoming and just a lot of fun to be with. I use the Echolink node since I'm not very close to Sacramento and it works fine. Try it out!

District 7

MINOW Net is a group of women from the Pacific Northwest, who have been getting together since the early 1960's.
We are running a fund raiser to help us manage our expenses including our website. The fund-raiser is a cookbook, which includes favorite recipes from some of our members. It even has a section for pet treats and a another section for cleaning!

Check out our fantastic ecookbook at *MinowNet.org/cookbook.html*



District 8

Becca, KE8WOY wrote: earlier this year I attended the SnoDrift rally and was on the course communicating with net control, it was really great experience and I would highly recommend it to anyone with a license. It gives an opportunity to utilize your equipment!

Sylvia Hutchinson, K8SYL wrote that the Auto State Young Ladies (TASYL) enjoyed our picnic meeting on August 26th with 11 members and friends present. During our business meeting we decided to pursue archiving some of our historical documents, photo albums and plaques in Lansing at the Michigan History Center in Lansing. Mary Austin, N8HNP, our Vice President, will be contacting someone from there. Our President Linda Nordstrand, AD8AR, took pictures of what we have collected over the years, including Beverley Stoner's, K8ZJU membership file box, which she kept up to date from 1965 until just before she became "silent key" in 2019. Perhaps we will have this project done by 2025, when we will celebrate 60 years as an ARRL affiliated club. We have gained 2 new members for each of the last 2 years while meeting at the Hudsonville Hamfest for our annual meeting. We may be "old" but we are still growing! Our TASYL net every Thursday at 9 AM Michigan time on 3940 (75 meters) has YLs joining in from Wisconsin and Ohio.

Your district chair, **Nancy, KC4IYD/8,** did a lot of traveling in July and Aug. First, I attended the 2023 Girl Scout Convention from July 20-22 in Orlando, FL. While there I staffed the NASA table where we passed out stickers, patches, had hands on activities for the girls and highlighted Artemis: NASA plan to go back to the moon and Heliophysics which highlighted the next 2 solar eclipses occurring in the US. I also participated in the Mentor Zone, where groups of girls rotated every 20 minutes among several mentors, including myself. I talked to the girls about what I do at NASA and answered their questions. Then from July 29-Aug 3, my daughter Carol, W8CSH, and I were in Chicago, IL. While there we visited Guaranteed Rate Field to see the Cleveland Guardians play the Chicago White Sox (Cleveland won), then visited Wrigley Field where the Cincinnati Reds played the Chicago Cubs (Cincinnati lost) and then went to Soldier Field to watch Chelsea FC play Borussia Dortmund (2 European soccer teams) and they tied. We also did a double decker bus tour of Chicago and my favorite part of the trip was visiting the Adler Planetarium. They had a section on the planets, life size model of the Perseverance Rover and discussion on night time observing.
Nancy, KC4IYD/8

District KL and KH

Hello to everyone. As I write this at the end of September we are just finishing up with moose hunting season. No one in my area got a legal moose. This past winter had a lot of snow and I think it must have been pretty hard on the moose population. The weather has also been unseasonably warm for fall (after a cool summer). During the day it's been in the 50's. Moose just don't move around when it's that hot in the fall because they already have their thick winter coats grown in and can easily overheat. I look forward to being more radio active as we move into fall time as I have fewer other things taking up my time. Back in August I worked a station from Malta on SSB. That's a first for me. It was kind of neat because the station was calling cq for only Alaska stations. That does not happen often. Some of my friends from my local

radio club worked him and then let me know on 2 meters that there was an interesting station on. He was somewhat hard copy. After I worked him, my daughter, Audrey, worked him and then my husband, Jon, did as well. I think he was very happy to have logged so many Alaskan stations. Enjoy your fall and good dxing.
33, Meghan

Youth

Hello everyone! This past month, the third region 2 YOTA (Youth On The Air) camp was held at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. I had the opportunity to attend the week-long camp along with about 25 other campers to learn about all kinds of different aspects of amateur radio and to meet other young licensed amateur radio operators from all over the world.

(Picture id of Grace, KE8RJU, and me activating a park during the POTA session

Throughout the week, we got to learn about satellites, CW, contesting, digital modes, SSTV, Dstar, and high altitude ballooning. We also got to spend some time at a waterpark and operate from the Diefenbunker cold war museum, which was super cool! We got to learn about the history of the building and then make some HF contacts from the station there. Additionally, we got to activate two nearby parks during a POTA session led by one of our fellow campers! It was a great opportunity to get to learn about how POTA works, what the exchange is, and how simple it is to get into!
Throughout the week, I had the opportunity to meet and become friends with a few other YLs from around the world as well as learn about some new aspects of amateur radio from them. All in all, it was a great week! Thank you so much to all of the camp staff and sponsors who made it possible!

If you'd like to learn more about YOTA camp 2023, please visit
https://youthontheair.org/ottawa2023/ !

VE News

Val, VE5AQ, writes: Only piece of news from me is that the CLARA website will be shutting down as of September 15, 2023. All of our news. photos. and other information will be found on our FB page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1292996487382422

More information will follow at a later date. We thank everyone, CLARA members, and other YLs around the world for visiting the site, and look forward to receiving your news on FB. 33
Val VE5AQ

Heather, VE3HQH, writes: Summer is coming to an end, too quickly. I've been making a lot of spaghetti sauce and salsa from my tomatoes. This year
I've had a bumper crop of Roma tomatoes, very large and clean. The green and yellow beans were not good to start with but the last planting was really good and I'm still getting lots to put in the freezer.
Our radio club had its first meeting of the season and they had a good turn out. Apparently, they had a new class over the summer with 11 new hams taking part.
There were 4 YLs who all passed, Basic, with honours. One girl was only 12 years old. Congrats to her. I didn't get her name but I will shortly. That's the first time in a long time that we've had YLs writing the exam, hope this is a new trend.
I was able to complete my log of 12 YLs for your annual award for 2023 by working a YL in the Azores. WOW for me !! HIHI..
So far I've been able to complete all the challenges except the first one because I didn't know about it . Hope you'll have another challenge for 2024.
Enjoy the Fall and get active on the radio, if possible.
33, Heather VE3HQH

Suzanne, VE7IM, writes: Everything is still very dry and we hope our fall rains will come soon. It has been a dreadful summer with most of the Province of British Columbia and the North West Territories ablaze with uncontrollable forest fires. Many thousands have had to be evacuated and many have lost everything to the fires. We all owe a debt of gratitude to the young men and women fire fighters for the work they have done to contain and stop the blazes. 14 hour shifts under hot and very heavy working conditions. Many are heading back to school and university now and we are grateful for their dedicated service. There are still 400+ fires burning in BC, at this time, but the Emergency Orders have been lifted and all but a few are able to return to their homes. A summer to remember.
My grandson, Liam, and Jaling have been here for a holiday and then it will be back to Oxford in the UK to complete his final year of Physiotherapy. We have had a lovely visit and I gave them my car to use. They went off to Victoria to visit with family and friends. Liam said he opened my car up on the highway and it went like a dream. Very likely did the old thing some good as all it does is putter about town. Yes, I did sweep out my garage while I had the chance !!
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33 Suzanne VE7IM

Ann, VE3HAI, writes: My grandson ,who lives in Canmore Alberta, came for a visit this past week. What a treat. He is a surveyor for the leading GIS and surveying company in the west. He also works for Parks Canada, occasionally, and he teaches RCMP recruits how to shoot. And he is 6‘5” !! Not only that but he has great manners and BBQs a fine steak. You wonder if I am exaggerating? Well, as my new mug says, “Granny is my name, spoiling is my game”. I do the spoiling part well.
Tip to the wise from me: Keep your vaccines up to date, get enough sleep, drink lots of water and stay safe. Many people care about you.
33 Ann VE3HAI

DX News

Dot, VK2DB (Australia)

Dot watched the Tour de France. It certainly messed up our sleeping and eating patterns. This year the race began in Spain. The helicopter flew over castles, cathedrals and little old towns with stone houses and front doors opening straight onto the footpath. We are told a lot of history especially of the chateaux and churches. Of course, there are views from the motor bike cameras concentrating on the bikes and exciting parts but it's not all just the back view of men on bicycles. One day they finished in Bordeaux beside the wharf where there is a wide walkway and the 'Miroir d'Eau' or, the Water Mirror. When John and I did a cruise in Bordeaux our ship was berthed right beside it for a few days, so we sat on the top deck and watched the children and their parents play in the water mist. Ah, the wonderful memories. The bikes also raced past the Château de Roquetaillade. I remembered visiting it because it had a dry moat with a goat living in it to keep the grass mowed. I also checked my photos to make sure I was remembering the right château. I was.

[Dot spends time with friends doing puzzles and enjoys art classes] Art classes are doing well although the teacher is trying to push us too fast, I think. We try something new every class and as we are all a bit slower than we were fifty years ago we never keep up. I have started trying to do a sketch almost every night! I'm doing good at getting ideas from other people but no good at "en plein air" too much air, not enough concentration. Seniors Club has been a bit slow. We didn't have a speaker at the last meeting so I said they could either have 'Legs 4 Africa' or 'Cows for Cambodia' - two talks I have ready with a PowerPoint Presentation about charities. Legs 4 Africa is about sending pre-loved prosthetic legs to poor African countries who don't have access to them. Although our legs ache and don't work like they used to, we are all thankful that we have them. August: Well now I'm 80. I didn't think it would affect me but I woke with an elated sense of "I got here!" Decided not to do any housework but to do just what I wanted to do — a jigsaw, some gardening, some art painting and some time on the ALARA radio contest. I did all of them. The jigsaw was 300 pieces on the computer, gardening was in sunny warm weather with the cat by my side, art was relaxing. And, because I had a working aerial I talked on air with a great report from friends in Tasmania and Wagga Wagga. Roger and Ben bought a Chinese dinner and a jam- and-cream-sponge birthday cake to celebrate the night before my birthday so that Roger could drive back to Qld the next day, then the extended family gave me a party on the Sunday, with a casserole lunch and a very rich birthday cake. I'm all caked out!

Hiromi, JJ1CAS(Japan)
I am very surprised and worried about the serious damage at Maui Island, Hawaii, caused by wildfires. I extend my heartfelt concern for this unforeseen catastrophe and I most sincerely hope all YLRS members and their families in Maui Is. are safe.
When I joined the 50th YLRL anniversary Convention in Kauai Island in 1989, all Hawaiian members, people, President Mary Lou and YLRL officers were being very kind to us from Japan during the convention and the trip. It was the great treasure of my family.
I sincerely hope the people in Maui Island will recover from the loss and damage, and return to normal days as early as possible. 33

Evelyne, F5RPB (France)
I am member of SYLRA, Scandinavian YL Radioamateur since the creation August 2003.
On August 19th, 15 YLs and 8 OMs from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Germany, England, France and New Zealand came together in Copenhagen at the Tivoli Park to celebrate 20 years of SYLRA.
We had the pleasure to see the Tivoli Boysband march through the Park and playing music
On September 8 and 9 I was at the Oleron Island for the annual meeting of CDXC (Clipperton DX Club)
Best regards and 88 to you
Evelyne, F5RPB

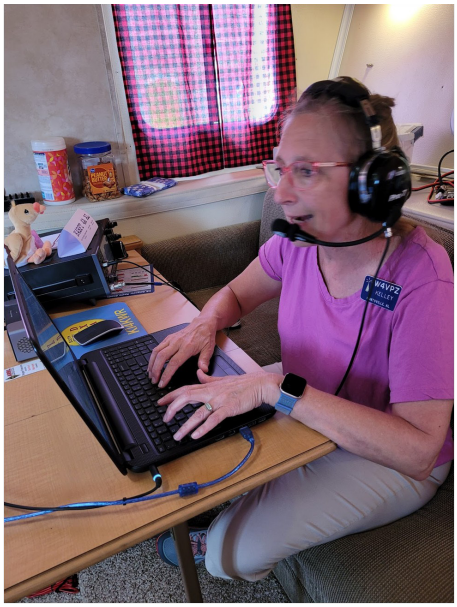
Yukiko, 7K4TKB (Japan)
Excerpts from the recent JLRS newsletter:
"For the past year JLRS has been active in many events such as YL CQ Day, JLRS contests as well as YL awards and activity ranking. We actively make use of the Zoom app for meetings and social gatherings. We also live-streamed our General Meetings last year and this year too.
In the world of amateur radio there have been many changes these days such as how to do QSOs and how to exchange QSL cards. JLRS is willing to bring them in if we think it is necessary and tries to grow as a leading club.
In July 2024, JLRS's 67th General Meeting will be held in Osaka City.
For the JLRS 51st Party Contest in 2022, the total of 378 stations participated: 296 OMs and 60 YLs with 22 checklogs.
JLRS 3.3 Hina Contest was held on March 3, Japan's Doll Festival Day, or Girls Day, and the total of 367 stations took part in this contest:305 OMs and 56 YLs with 6 checklogs.
We are very pleased that larger number of hams took part in this year's Hina Contest than last year.
From July 2022 until June this year we held our once-a-month QSO day called YL CQ Day. A total of 108 member stations called CQs for 30 minutes or one hour and took turns each time.
For the purpose of supporting the operators, LINE app is very helpful to give them advices during their turns for better operations.
In the night of YL CQ Day we had Zoom meetings to exchange impressions on the day and share some episodes during QSOs, or just to have a good time chatting together. This has become our regular fun activity every month."

Merzuke, TA7YLY (Turkey)
I continue to be in the air. CQ WPX SSB results have been declared and I am quite happy. I participated in the contest from Türkiye and Croatia(remote). This was my first time participating in CQ WPX. I am a country record holder in the youth category in Türkiye and Croatia. This achievement was published in the September issue of CQ magazine. I am so happy. (September 2023, page 19)

I've been in the air for a while with the callsign S5/TA7YLY and have passed 100 confirmations on LOTW. It's great to earn DXCC certification from a new country. I keep working. My goal is to reach 100 confirmations in digital mode. I installed my EFHW antenna on the balcony. I'm on the air with 25W power from Turkey with my call sign TA7YLY.
73&88 de TA7YLY Merzuke

Pictures

OMs installing the YL Tower adorned with red HAYLARC flag. Photo Credit: Lisa Shier N3WQL



YLRL Member Kelley Johns W4VPZ made 84 contacts in the last 90 minutes of Field Day, an incredible feat! Photo Credit: Chuck Lewis N4NM

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AA7RX	EXP: 12/24	K1FDL	EXP: 12/24	K9BBL	EXP: 12/23
AB1CD	EXP: 12/25	K1RQ	EXP: 12/24	K9DID	EXP: 12/24
AB1QB	EXP: 12/24	K1SOE	EXP: 12/24	K9DWG	EXP: 12/24
AB4YL	EXP: 12/23	K2DO	EXP: 12/24	K9KMH	EXP: 12/24
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AC1HQ	EXP: 12/24	K3RRI	EXP: 12/23	KA1YL	EXP: 12/24
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AF7MM	EXP: 12/23	K6ZNL	EXP: 12/25	KB5KBE	EXP: 12/25
AG3H	EXP: 12/24	K7ANA	EXP: 12/24	KB8IUP	EXP: 12/24
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AG8GM	EXP: 12/24	K7DUC	EXP: 12/23	KC0EEP	EXP: 12/24
AI7OM	EXP: 12/23	K7GAT	EXP: 12/23	KC1BXB	EXP: 12/23
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K1ACN	EXP: 12/24	K8KVN	EXP: 12/24	KC1TIW	EXP: 12/23
K1DDN	EXP: 12/24	K8SYL	EXP: 12/25	KC2ENS	EXP: 12/23

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CALL	DUES PAID THRU	CALL	DUES PAID THRU	CALL	DUES PAID THRU
KC2JVS	EXP: 12/24	KE5RPI	EXP: 12/24	KI8IM	EXP: 12/23
KC3TJN	EXP: 12/23	KE7CKY	EXP: 12/24	KJ3O	EXP: 12/25
KC3WFO	EXP: 12/25	KE7UBB	EXP: 12/23	KJ4QKO	EXP: 12/25
KC4IYD	EXP: 12/23	KE8CPM	EXP: 12/23	KJ5BHH	EXP: 12/23
KC4PGH	EXP: 12/23	KE8FMJ	EXP: 12/24	KJ6OUY	EXP: 12/24
KC5BOO	EXP: 12/23	KE8FZM	EXP: 12/23	KJ7BI	EXP: 12/25
KC5RWW	EXP: 12/24	KE8GFO	EXP: 12/24	KJ7CMI	EXP: 12/23
KC7KPG	EXP: 12/23	KE8MAH	EXP: 12/25	KJ7NUW	EXP: 12/24
KC8PKY	EXP: 12/25	KE8OKA	EXP: 12/23	KJ7OMO	EXP: 12/23
KC8SQN	EXP: 12/24	KE8RJU	EXP: 12/23	KK7AVJ	EXP: 12/25
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KE5RKC	EXP: 12/24	KI7ZRG	EXP: 12/24	KO4YDX	EXP: 12/22

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CALL	DUES PAID THRU	CALL	DUES PAID THRU	CALL	DUES PAID THRU	CALL	DUES PAID THRU
KO4YLL	EXP: 12/25	N5IMW	EXP: 12/24	W1JX	EXP: 12/23	WB4RIV	EXP: 12/23
KO4YMT	EXP: 12/25	N5KUO	EXP: 12/24	W1LGU	EXP: 12/24	WB5NNS	EXP: 12/24
KP4MD	EXP: 12/24	N6KLS	EXP: 12/24	W1LRD	EXP: 12/24	WB6LVC	EXP: 12/23
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KS2YL	EXP: 12/25	N8EEG	EXP: 12/23	W5DX	EXP: 12/23	WD8KUR	EXP: 12/24
KS4VJ	EXP: 12/23	N8FE	EXP: 12/24	W5KKM	EXP: 12/24	WF8R	EXP: 12/24
KV3LMR	EXP: 12/25	N8LTG	EXP: 12/24	W5MQC	EXP: 12/24	WJ3RI	EXP: 12/30
KW1U	EXP: 12/25	N8TLK	EXP: 12/24	W5PIV	EXP: 12/24	WK5AT	EXP: 12/25
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KZ5YL	EXP: 12/23	NF9O	EXP: 12/27	W7SAF	EXP: 12/23		
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N2RJ	EXP: 12/23	VE3FEB	EXP: 12/23	WA1S	EXP: 12/24		
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N5DAH	EXP: 12/25	W1DLC	EXP: 12/25	WB3KRN	EXP: 12 23		

YLRL 2024/2025 BALLOT

This year you will have the option to mail in your ballot or fill it out online. The email with the link to vote online will be emailed on Oct 15th, 2023.Voting closes Nov 15th, 2023.

If you are interested in an open position, please email president@ylrl.org

This ballot is for those mailing in their vote.

YOUR INFORMATION

First Name: Last Name: Call Sign:

Current address:

City: State: ZIP Code:

Email:

OFFICERS (VOTE ONE PER OFFICE)

President

☐ Vicky Zumwalt, N6KLS (Late add 10-15-2023)

Vice President

☐ Diane Ortiz, K2DO

Secretary

☐ Anne Manna, WB1ARU

Disbursing Treasurer

☐ Judy Cox, KC5BOO

Receiving Treasurer US

☐ Vicky Luetzelschwab, AE9YL

Receiving Treasurer DX

☐ Lorna Flansburg, KI5FIZ

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES (VOTE FOR YOUR DISTRICT ONLY)

District 1

☐ Barbara Irby, KC1KGS

District 2

☐ Suzan Colon, W2QMI

District 3

☐ Deanna Lutz, K9DID

District 4

☐ Audrey McElroy, KM4BUN

District 5

☐ Judi Jaksa, W0JJ

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District 6 (choose1)

☐ Dawn Biocca, KB6LHP

☐ Debbie Johnson, WB6LVC

District 7

☐ Robin Resnick, KJ7BI

District 8

☐ Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

District 9

☐ Linda Metz, KC8PKY

District 10

☐ Paige Harper, K0PZH

District KL7-KH6

☐ Meghan Crocker, KL5AF

District DX

☐ Lorna Flansburg, KI5FIZ

VE

☐ Suzanne Snape, VE7IM

SIGNATURE

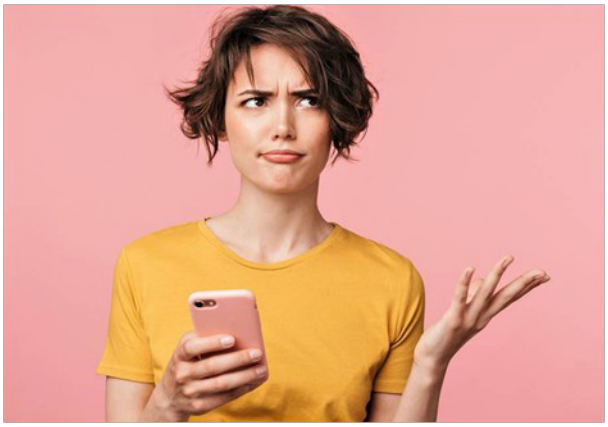
Mail your ballot to:

Anne Manna, WB1ARU
YLRL Secretary
614 Webster St
Hanover MA 02339 USA

Date:

Signature:

09-30-2023



DID I PAY MY YLRL DUES? Now YOU can check!

Your treasurers are as pleased as punch that so many of you have chosen the multi-year option for paying your YLRL dues, but we have found that it's easy to lose track if your dues are current. Well, we hope to have found a way to help that.
In the password-protected, members-only area of the website, we have added a link so that you can check your status with just a few clicks.
Navigate to the Members-Only area of the website: https://ylrl.net/members-only/

On a computer: Select *Members Only* from the *YL Harmonics* pull-down tab, Enter the password (if necessary). Scroll down and click the appropriate button: ***US & Canada Members*** OR ***DX Members*** and you can check your status.
On a cellphone: You will need to click the 3 horizontal lines ('hamburger icon') to access the pull-down menu.

Your dues expiration date will also be posted in the September/October directory issue, but the website will always have the most up-to-date info.
DX Members – The list is in alpha order by SPONSOR. If you pay your own dues that is indicated, otherwise your sponsor's callsign is listed.
Sponsors – please be aware that your adoptees expiration date may be different than your own. You will receive a renewal notice around November 1.
EVERYBODY! You do NOT need to have Dropbox to access these files. Just click through the prompts to ignore. Please be aware that this list will ALWAYS be a work-in-progress and may not reflect payments that you have made recently. As always if you have any questions about your membership status, **please** contact your Receiving Treasurers:
US and Canada members: Vicky AE7YL - rectreasurer@ylrl.org
DX & Sponsors: Anne KC9YL- dxtreas@ylrl.org

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.