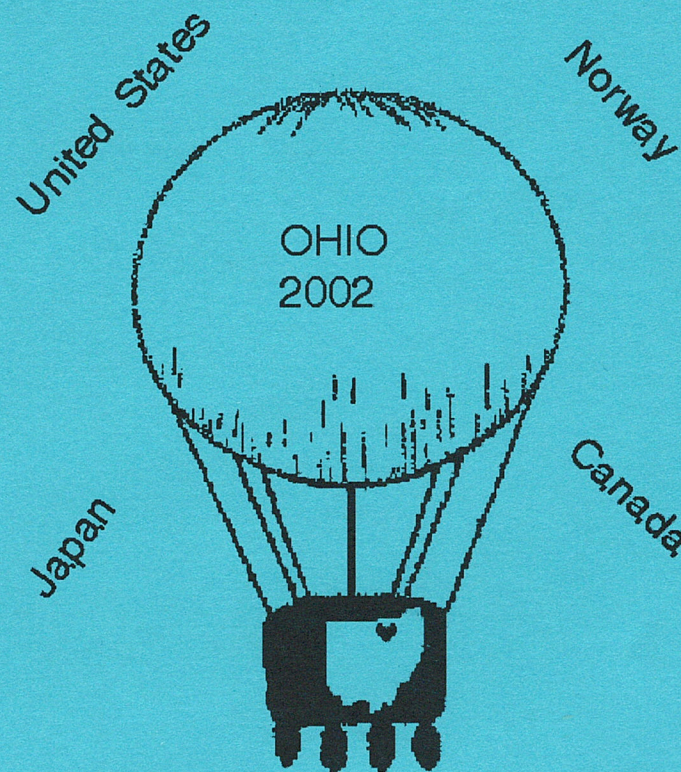


YLRL 15th International Convention



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Aug. 2-4, 2002
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Marjorie, W7GXI, SK

This convention is dedicated to the Ohio YLs who hosted the 4th International YLRL Convention in Columbus, OH on June 19-21st, 1964 including the Buckeye Belles founding mother and 4th International YLRL Convention Chairman, Shirley Rex K8MZT.

YLs United Around the World
In Friendship Through Amateur Radio.
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OUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A big thank you to all of the help received from all our committee members, the Buckeye Belles and Chix on Six and Two YL Club.



Pictured above are some of the members of the YLRL 2002 Convention Committee. Standing from L to R, Jean AA8KI, Jean KB8YHN, Judy KC8BOM, Carol KI8IM, Lois W8FOT. Sitting from L to R, Nancy KC4IYD and May N8MZJ.

Welcome !!

YLRL President

Welcome to YLRL's 15th International Convention! My first YLRL convention was the eighth in Philadelphia, in 1979, and I haven't missed one since. I treasure the friendships that I've made in YLRL and I'm sure we'll all return from Ohio with new friends and with stronger bonds between old friends. I've been licensed since 1969 and a member of YLRL since 1972. This is my second term as President, and I have also served as Vice President; Secretary; Editor; Circulation Manager; Database Manager; Publicity Chairman, and Librarian-Historian. My special interests in amateur radio are DXing and YL activities. I'm a lifetime member of ARRL, QCWA, and QCWW and belong to YL-ISSB; 10-X; ALARA; CLARA; JLRS; WARO; TYLRUN, IRTS, and Mine Creek A. R. C. My OM, Mike W0XM, and I live on a farm in eastern Kansas. My mother has just joined us, and my daughter Caren and her family and my son Bill live nearby. I'm glad you're here and I hope you have a wonderful time!



Kay Eyman, WA0WOF

Convention Chairman

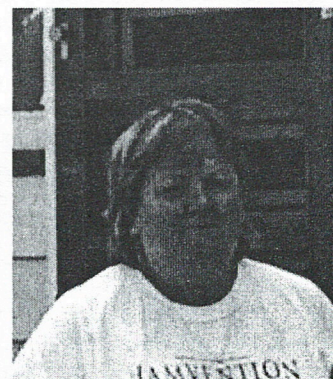
I was introduced to ham radio when my OM and I were both in college. I was licensed in 1989 and upgraded to Extra two years later. My interest include special event stations, operating CW, RTTY, voice and recently, I have gotten involved in kit building. As a Research Scientist at the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, I work with fluid physics experiments that have flown on the Space Shuttle, a Sounding Rocket and soon, the International Space Station. I have a 3 year old daughter named Carol, who is the joy of my life, and also shares my home with my OM Steve, W8HF and 9 year old miniature schnauzer named Max. I am currently the president of the NASA Glenn Amateur Radio Club and District 8 Chairman for YLRL. I am also a past Vice President and past President of YLRL. Some of the other clubs I belong to include Buckeye Belles, Chix YL Club, ARRL, FISTS, CLARA, 10-X and QRP-L. My other hobbies include playing the piano, stamp collecting, collecting and trading customizable card games.



Nancy Rabel Hall KC4IYD

Convention Co-Chairman/ President of Buckeye Belles and Chix on Six and Two

I would to take a few minutes of your time to introduce myself. My name is Jean Ruth. I was born and raised in Wellington, Ohio. I graduated from Wellington High School and from the Practical Nurse School of Elyria. I am employed at Allen Medical Center in Oberlin as an emergency room nurse, and as a paramedic with the Central Lorain County Ambulance District. I am an avid cross-stitcher who also dabble in quilting, and anything related to embroidery. In the 1990s, I went to Pawleys Island, S.C. to learn from teachers Jenny Thompson, Jetta Harboesgaard from Denmark, and many others. In 1995 I obtained my Amateur Radio license. I can help out in emergencies when the power and phone are down, and when there is severe weather, I am one of the eyes for the National Weather Service. At this time, I hold the offices of president of Chix on Six and Two, which is a Cleveland club, and president of the Buckeye Belles, which is an Ohio YL club with members also in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. I'm also president-elect of the Embroiderers Guild of Greater Cleveland, and a member of the Stan Hywet Needlework Guild in Akron, Ohio. I have been happily married for twenty-two years to Bill, who is also an Amateur Radio operator (KB8USZ). We have four furry children: Furby, Teal, and Mischief, who are the boys, and Tribble who is the lone girl (they are cats but think they are human). I also have one niece, three nephews, two step-nephews and three great-nephews.



Jean Ruth, KB8YHN

Master of Ceremonies

Joe Phillips, K8QOE, has been a ham radio operator for 43 years. He was first licensed in 1959. He is a graduate of Youngstown State University (1964) with a master's degree from Miami University (Ohio). In the 70s, he served several Cincinnati amateur radio organizations as newsletter editor utilizing his journalism skills. For seven years, he wrote a weekly newspaper column called "Ham Call" in The Cincinnati Enquirer and also served as host for a cable television show by the same name in Hamilton County. In 1984, K8QOE, was appointed to his first statewide office when selected public information officer for the Ohio Area Repeater Council (OARC). In 1986, he developed the first Ohio Repeater Directory (now in its 17th printing). In 1989 Mr. Phillips was appointed Public Information Coordinator (PIC) for the Ohio Section. In 1992, he organized the first Ohio Section Ham Radio Newsletter Contest (now in its 11th year). He has been the main speaker for ham organizations throughout Ohio and has run forums at the Dayton Hamvention (seven times) and two ARRL National Conventions in 1991 and 2000. In 1998, he was elected Section Manager for the Ohio Section for a two year term. He has been reelected twice. He is married to Donna Fox (WD8OTC) and has three children - none in ham radio. He has eight years experience as a reporter for major metropolitan newspapers (Indianapolis - Dayton-Cincinnati) and 30 years experience teaching high school English (recently retired).



Joe Phillips, K8QOE

Banquet Speaker

ARRL Second Vice President Kay Craigie WT3P has been licensed since 1983, earning the Extra class license in 1987. Originally from Atlanta, GA, she has lived near Philadelphia, PA, for more than 25 years. Her husband is Carter N3AO and her daughter, Jenny KA3WVD lives in Virginia. Kay is an active member of the Frankford Radio Club, a DX contest group, and is the only YL member of FRC to have scored one million points as a single operator. She serves on the board of the Mid-Atlantic Amateur Radio Club and has written its newsletter for 19 years. Kay has been an elected official of the ARRL since 1986. She has been Director of the Atlantic Division for 4 years. In 2000, she became the first YL elected an officer of the League. On the air, Kay enjoys DXing and contesting, and operates CW, voice, and several digital modes. Although most of her operating is on HF, she also enjoys award-hunting on 6 meter SSB and CW. Kay designed the ARRL's new Education and Technology Program, nick-named "The Big Project."



Kay Craigie, WT3P

YL Luncheon Speaker

Diane Ortiz was born in NYC and was first licensed in 1972 as WN2HML, upgraded to General in the late 70s and Extra ten years ago. She loves contesting, especially from DX locations with her OM George N2GA, and is the first YL member of the Order of Boiled Owls Contest club, founded in 1954. Currently she is the Chairman of the ARRL Public Relations Committee, ARRL Public Information Coordinator of the NYC/Long Island Section, ARRL Hudson Division Assistant Director and first YL president of the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club (the fifth largest ARC in the US). Other ham organizations she is a member of include SAYLARC, YLRL, QCWA, QCWW, FISTS, CLARA, BYLARA, ALARA, YCCC, GSBARC and is a life member of the ARRL. Diane has been the YL Columnist for QST for the past four years and also wrote the YL column in CQ Contest magazine. She is also a frequent contributor to other magazines, most recently CQ Magazine (June 2002 - "It's Not a Hamfest - Ham Radio University"). In the working world she is a manager in the Editorial Department of Newsday, a daily newspaper in New York with over 500,000 circulation owned by the Tribune Company. There she oversees the telecommunications, remote bureaus and publishing issues relating to the reporters and editors. In her spare time she is a volunteer with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary and enjoys riding her 2001 Yamaha V-Star 650 motorcycle.



Diane Ortiz, K2DO

Pre-Convention Schedule of Events

Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
12:00 - 22:00	Registration and Hospitality Suite	Harrisburg(169)
17:00 - 19:00	Dinner at local restaurants	Meet in lobby
19:30 - 21:00	Kitbuilding Forum by Joe Eisenburg K0NEB Presentation on the basics of kit-building including a "hands-on" demonstration on how to solder and build a kit at the end of the talk.	Starlight

Convention Schedule of Events

Friday, Aug. 2, 2002

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
9:00 - 21:00	Registration and Hospitality Suite	Harrisburg(169)
9:00	NASA TOUR CANCELED However, there will be a presentation in Hospitality Suite	
10:15 - 14:00	Goodtime III Lunch Cruise Meet in lobby by 10:00 am as the bus has to head downtown.	
14:00 - 17:00	Downtown Sights Tours: —Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame —Science Museum/Omnimax Theatre —Combo pass to Rock 'n Roll Hall and Science Museum —USS Cod If you are going on the downtown sights tours from the hotel, meet in the hotel lobby by 1:45pm. You will have a sheet indicating which sites you will be visiting, where you will be dropped off downtown and where you will meet the bus to return to the hotel. Be sure to check in with your chaperone if you have any questions.	
18:00 -20:00	VE Exams - by all YL VE team	Lancaster (132)
17:00 - 19:00	Dinner at local restaurants	Meet in lobby
19::30- 21:00	YL DXpedition Forum This is an opportunity for you to hear 3 YLs talk about the DXpedition they've been on, how they were selected, and what they did there. It will be followed by an Q&A period from the audience. The speakers are Ann WA1S who will talk about her DXpedition to Kingman Reef, Vicky AE9YL who will talk about her YK9A trip and Jan WA2YL who will talk about her DXpedition to Niue Island.	Grand Ballroom

Saturday, Aug 3, 2002

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
7:00 - 8:30	President's Breakfast	Lancaster (132)
8:30 - 16:00	Registration and Hospitality	Harrisburg(169)
9:00 SHARP	YL Group photo	Gazebo
10:00 - 13:30	OM Tour Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame Science Museum/Omnimax Theatre Combo pass to Rock 'n Roll Hall and Science Museum USS Cod Meet in lobby by 9:30 and be ready to return or go to the Lolly Tour by 13:30.	
9:30 - 11:45	YL Business Meeting	Grand Ballroom
12:00 - 13:30	YL Luncheon and Memorial Service YL Luncheon Speaker: Diane Ortiz K2DO	Starlight
14:00 - 16:00	Continuation of YL Business Meeting	
14:00 - 16:00	Lolly Trolley 2 hour Tour of Cleveland Meet in lobby at 13:30 Be sure to check Hospitality Suite for any changes in schedule.	
18:00 - 19:00	Social Hour - cash bar	Starlight
19:00 - 23:00	Banquet YLRL President: Kay Eyman WA0WOF Master of Ceremonies: Joe Phillips K8QOE, the ARRL Ohio Section Manager will introduce our main speaker Banquet Speaker: Kay Craigie WT3P, ARRL Second Vice President Prizes will be awarded during the evening.	Starlight

Sunday, Aug 4, 2002

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8:00 - 10:00	Farewell Breakfast	Starlight
8:00 - 12:00	Hospitality Suite	Harrisburg(169)

History of the Buckeye Belles



Buckeye Belles Officers: Pres: Jean KB8YHN, VP: Judy KC8BOM, Secretary: Lois W8FOT. Not pictured Treasurer: Annette KC8SQM

March 6, 1961 the Buckeye Belles was begun by founder Shirley Rex **K8MZT** and nine other YLs: Lillian Richardson **W8HWX**; Alice Geib **W8OTK**; Marie Helminski **W8MBI**; Marvel Tyson **W8HUX**; Dorothy Higgins **W8RZN**; Helen Smith **W8SPU**; Dorothy Lemley **W8GSH**; Louise Long **K8HGD**; and Marge Farinet **K8ITF**. Shirley said she felt it would be a good idea for Ohio YLs to get together like the WRONES and Floridoras. Originally, the Belles had a loose-knit organization held together by the enthusiasm of its members and its newsletter. The club had no dues but donations were accepted to offset publication expenses. The club's name and logo found on the pins, stationery, certificate and newsletter were credited to Marge Farinet **K8ITF**. The "Buckeye Burr" (The Bulletin of the Ohio Women Radio Operators) was first published in June of 1961 by Shirley Rex **K8MZT** who said, "Our purpose is to promote good fellowship and develop proficiency in the Art of Ham Radio Operation." Also during the first year, a Buckeye Belle Certificate was developed and designed by Marie Helminski **W8MBI** and Marge Farinet **K8ITF**. The present certificate requirements are: Ohio stations twelve confirmed contacts; other US stations eight confirmed contacts; all DX stations four confirmed contacts.

March 4, 1962 a set of By-Laws was adopted and Marge Farinet **K8ITF** was elected president. No dues were collected, but an annual subscription fee was required to receive the "Buckeye Burr."

June 1962 the one hundred sixty member fledging organization accepted the challenge of hosting the fourth International YLRL Convention held in 1964 to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of YLRL.

July 5, 1964 Buckeye Belle #4, Marie Helminski **W8MBI** became a silent key. To honor Marie, the Buckeye Belles applied for, and received, the Buckeye Belle Memorial Station license, W8MBI. Until recently, the club has operated a Monday morning net at 9AM on 3.950MHz and a Wednesday morning CW net at 10:30AM on 3.726MHz. The Monday net's one and only net control has been Beulah Shelly **W8EKQ** and the Wednesday net's has been Doris Smith **WD8IKC**.

March 1968 annual dues of \$1.50 went into effect.

1969 Nellie Swain **WA8DWL** developed the candlelight service used to install the officers. Lillian Abbott **K8CKI** first used "I'm Proud to be a Buckeye Belle, Aren't You?" in her letters to prospective and delinquent members. Spouses of Buckeye Belles were allowed to become honorary members and became known as the Buckeye Beaus.

1971 the Belles and the Chix co-hosted the Mid-West YLRL convention in Cleveland.

1972 The "76 - God Bless You" poem, written by Eunice Bernon **K8ONA**, first appeared on the Buckeye Burr mailing page.

76 God Bless You
Dear friend of mine there is no way
In which I could address you
With more sincerity of heart
Than just to say God Bless You
My words could wish that all your cares
Would be a little lighter
And I could send you greeting cards
To make your hours brighter
My lips could call good luck to you
Or whisper happy landing
And I could promise you the depth
Of faithful understanding
But I am sure no other thought
Or message would impress you
As lovingly or lastingly
As asking God to bless you
And so I say God bless you, friend
In every good endeavour
And may his guiding grace be yours
Forever and forever

1977 Out-of-state Buckeye Burr subscribers were allowed to become "Associate" members. They were not allowed to vote and did not receive a Buckeye Belle number. The Founders Award, sponsored by three charter members: Dorothy Higgins **W8RZN**, Marge Farinet **K8ITF**, and Shirley Rex **K8MZT**, was approved by the Belles. It was to be presented annually to a woman amateur radio operator, preferably a Buckeye Belle, for outstanding achievement in amateur radio.

Today the Belles number about 100. We have an annual meeting in April, usually near the Columbus area which about central in the state. We also have a picnic meeting in the late summer.

The Belles want to express their personal thanks to May **N8MZJ** for all the help, time and work she has put into the convention. She was president of the Belles until this April when her second 2-year term ended and according to our bylaws, she could not run again. VP Jean **KB8YHN** ran and became President, thereby making sure there was no discontinuity with the convention planning.

We're proud to be a Belle and welcome you all to the Convention!

History of the Chix on Six and Two YL Club



Chix on Six and Two YL Club Officers: Pres: Jean KB8YHN, Treasurer: Carol KI8IM, Secretary: Nancy KC4IYD. Not pictured Vice Pres. Bobbie WA8BWT.

The Chix on Six radio club was started in 1959 by Gerty Maxim **W8OIS** and ten charter members: Helen Baber **W8EFB**, Jackie (Busson) Deprizol **W8WRH**, Harriette Glaeser **K8IGD**, Donna Harlan **K8PSE**, Ann Panzner **K8JQH**, Audrey Phillips **K8KEW**, Jean Posey **K8KKP**, Shirley Rex **K8MZT**, Joye Stanich **W8VLF**, and Marge Weisenbach **W8OVF**. No one seems to remember who came up with the club's name, but they all remembered that six meters was really hot at that time and that they could make contacts with Europe and the west coast. The gals in this club loved to get together on six meters to ragchew and once the group was organized they would meet monthly for various activities. The group had YLs who were interested in several aspects of amateur radio. Gerty enjoyed MARS. Shirley Rex was interested in the low bands. Eunice Bernon ran the Apricot Net and she and her OM had a ham radio store in downtown Cleveland that was a meeting place for many of the area hams. They all enjoyed their hobby and each other and always looked forward to the yearly annual meeting, picnic, and Christmas party. A favorite club activity was hide and seek. A car equipped with a transmitter would hide and everyone would search for it. I wonder if these gals came up with the idea that turned into fox hunting. Occasionally, they would do public service. Vergie Eckert **W8BQG** remembers the group helping deliver the Salk polio vaccine to the various immunization site around Cleveland.

Today, the group has changed their name to the Chix on Six and Two YL Club since most of the members operate on two meters rather than six meters. Our group is a nice blend of young and seasoned YLs, but we all have fun with our common hobby. Our current group still gets together at least four times a year with meetings alternating between the east and the west side of Cleveland. The Chix has a 2m net on Monday night with May N8MZJ as NCS. The YL check-ins are called Chix and the OM check-ins are called Roosters. May N8MZJ is also the trustee for the Chix on Six and Two YL club call which belonged to Carol Iams, W8WRJ, SK. She was an active member in the Chix, the Belles and YLRL.

Convention Attendees

<i>FirstName</i>	<i>LastName</i>	<i>Call</i>	<i>QTH</i>
Doris	Anderson	K5BNQ	OK
Andy	Anderson	W5IWL	OK
Anna	Arnholt	K9RXK	IN
Lynn	Bannister	VE3XON	Canada
Harryette	Barker	W6QGX	AR
Barb	Bender	KA3VXR	PA
Holly	Bevan	N3MB	MD
Jean	Blakeslee	WB8FIC	OH
Cleo	Bracket	K0JFO	NE
Donna	Burch	W8QOY	MI
Carole	Burke	WB9RUS	IN
Al	Burke	WB9SSE	IN
Judith I.	Cerreto	KC8BOM	OH
Robert	Cerreto	WA1FXT	OH
David	Chary	AA9XS	IN
Virginia	Chittenden	WA2BGE	NY
Kay	Craigie	WT3P	PA
Nell	Devitt	N0GO	TX
Hank	Devitt	W5VD	TX
Brenda	Diamond-Rose	KB3ATI	MD
Nancy D.	Dluehosh	KE4RTP	VA
Paul	Dluehosh	N4PD	VA
Martha A.	Edwards	W6QYL	CA
Noel	Edwards	W6IF	CA
Joe	Eisenberg	K0NEB	NE
Kay	Eyman	WA0WOF	KS
Mike	Eyman	W0XM	KS
Marge	Farinet	K8ITF	OH
Verline	Ferris	KI8V	MI
Vada	Gipson	W6CEE	CA
Myriam	Gregg	K8ILN	MI
Lois	Gutshall	WB3EFQ	PA
Jeri	Haines	KB6USX	CA
Vern	Haines	W6KKU	CA
Nancy	Hall	KC4YD	OH
Byrness	Haworth	W8LE	OH
Dr.Christine	Haycock	WB2YBA	NJ
Bobbie	Holton	WA8BWT	OH
Melba	Hoss	KA0BAT	KS
Terry	Hoss	KA0BHO	KS
Dawn	Jenkins	KC8SQN	OH
Marie	Justus		OH
Masako	Kato	JA0CYL	Japan
Sandra	Kimberly	KA1TLP	NH
Alice	King	A18K	FL
Brenda	Krukowski	KB8IUP	OH
Chuck	Krukowski	KB8EXJ	OH
Lois	Lafountain	W8FOT	OH
Ed	LaFountain	WD8PTZ	OH
Carl	Leutzelschwab	K9LA	IN
Sue	LeViness		NY
Les	LeViness	AA2DO	NY

Maria	Lopez-Moreno		CA
Vicky	Luetzelschwab	AE9YL	IN
Anne	Manna	WB1ARU	MA
Tony	Manna	WA1ENO	MA
Betty	Marsh	KL7FJW	AK
Ralph	Marsh	KL7FHN	AK
Caroll	Massie	NV7YL	NV
Jo F.	Melton	W4NKO	TN
Edward	Melton	W4JGF	TN
Norma	Mendel	KC5DDO	AR
Lenny	Mendel	K5OVC	AR
Linda	Metz	KC8PKY	MI
Dave	Metz	KC8OBH	MI
Cheryl	Muhr	N0WBV	CO
John	Muhr	KT0F	CO
Ruth	Nelson	KF6MRO	CA
Ed	Nelson	KC6MLV	CA
Carol	Noack	KK5L	TX
Marvin	Noack	N5COS	TX
Susan	Nordskog	LA0CY	Norway
Mary	Novak		IN
Sr. Alverna	O'Laughlin	WA0SGJ	OH
Diane	Ortiz	K2DO	NY
Jeanie	Parker	WA6UVF	CA
Ruthanna	Pearson	WB3CQN	PA
Joe	Phillips	K8QOE	OH
Blanche	Randles	W4GXZ	MA
Wesley	Randles	W4COW	MA
Linda	Reeder	N7HVF	UT
Jean	Ruth	KB8YHN	OH
Bill	Ruth	KB8USZ	OH
Ann M.	Santos	WA1S	NH
Jan	Scheuerman	WA2YL	FL
Carol	Schmitkons	K18IM	OH
Jim	Schmitkons	K18IL	OH
Geraldine	Scinta	N8GMA	MI
Phyllis	Shanks	W2GLB	AZ
Rosemary	Shook	KD8SC	OH
Ted	Shook	W8TAS	OH
Doris	Smith	WD8IKC	OH
Stan	Smith	WA8NZE	OH
Mary	Sutter		MI
Barb	Taylor	N9CJT	IN
Noel	Taylor	N9DZX	IN
Jean	Tolle	AA8RZ	OH
May	Tomazic	N8MZJ	OH
George	Tranos	N2GA	NY
Marte	Wessel	K0EPE	KS
Annette	Wood	KC8SQM	OH
Jim	Wood		OH
Barbara	Yasson	AC7UH	WA
Phil	Yasson	AB7RW	WA
Lia	Zwack	WA2NFY	NY

PRIZE CONTRIBUTORS

We gratefully acknowledge the following who have donated prizes. We apologize to those who have donated prizes but whose name were not received in time for publication. We will make every effort to announce those names during the banquet.

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Clara (W2RUF) signed "33" even before YLRL days, and it was Adopted by YLRL in 1940. It means "love sealed with friendship and mutual respect between one YL and another YL".

THE BIRTH OF THIRTYTHREE by Bart Pooper, W1HNE



Clara had her ticket
She also had a rig.
Because she was just starting
It wasn't very big.

She slowly tuned the crystal,
And watched the meter drop.
Then tapped the key a couple times
To be sure it wouldn't stop.

Now everything was ready.
She called a short CQ
And received an answer
On thirtysix sixtytwo.

They chewed the fat 'bout stuff and things.
'Bout dresses, work and dates.
They finally called it QRT
The girl sent eightyeights.

Clara thought it mighty funny,
Whether it be miss or mrs.
To end a perfect QSO
By sending "love and kisses".

It sounds too sentimental;
Just a little too much "goo"
To be sending "love and kisses"
To a girl the same as you.

For an entire week she pondered;
Wouldn't even touch the rig.
She pushed her slide rule by the hour,
Employing "logs" and "trig".

She added and subtracted.
What could the answer be?
To reach a happy medium
Twixt eightyeight and seventythree.

Clara finally looked up from her work
All smiles and not folorn.
T'was July in nineteenforty
That thirtythree was born.

There's no real definition
But it's meaning is known well.
It's how a YL says good evening
To another friend YL.

