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The President's Hello



Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD/8

Hi, Everyone! As I write this, I am also preparing for the Dayton Hamvention. I am looking forward to meeting those friends I haven't seen in a while as well as making new ones.

First off, I want to let you all know that on April 26, I attended the Buckeye Belles' Annual meeting and installation of new officers. Congratulations to May, N8MZJ - President; Judy, KC8BOM - VP; Carol, KB8VYB - Treasurer; and Esther, N8QMV - Secretary. I know you ladies will do a fine job as officers of the Belles for the next 2 years. Many topics were discussed at this meeting, including plans for the 2002 Convention which will be in Ohio.

Well ladies and subscribers, it seems like you must've read my article in the last issue about renewals. I am very happy to say that over 60% of the members in all the US call districts and VE-land have renewed their memberships. Again, district 1 is in first place with 90% renewals, VE-land is in 2nd place with 82% renewal and District 8 is in 3rd place with 81% renewals. For the DX YL sponsors, over 70% of you have paid dues for your DX adoptee. Now for everyone else, if you haven't renewed at Dayton and are reading this now, please send in your dues to the RT based on where you live. Remember, our goal is 2000 members by the 1999 convention in CA. Plus, when you renew, you retain your continuous membership status.

I want to thank all of you who have been sending me lists of the YL clubs in your area. Based on your input and what I found in *YLH*, here is a list of the different YL organization based on districts:

- 1) WRONE
- 2) SAYLARC
- 3) Pens YLs ?
- 4) Treasure Coast YL Group, Southern Belles
- 5) TYLRUN, GAYLARK
- 6) YLRC of LA, LARA
- 7) MINOW, Cactus Keys, Two Rivers YL Club
- 8) Buckeye Belles, Chix YL Club
- 9) ??
- 10) Colorado YL, Sunflower YL Group
- VE) CLARA, Clan
- DX) BYLARA, BYLC, JLRS, ALARA, WARO (NZ)

If I omitted any groups, please let me know.

Well that is all for now. I hope May and June turn into nice months for everyone. I'm looking forward to making contacts with several of you during Field Day in June. 33, Nancy, KC4IYD

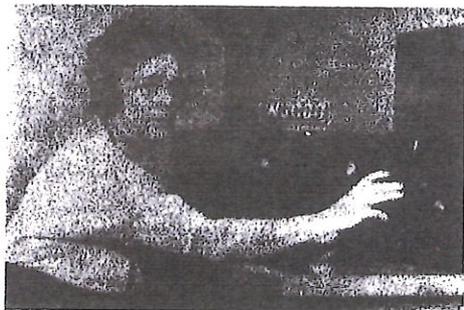
Remembering The OWs Of Early Ham Radio

Part Two

Donna L. Halper

In District 3, there was another noteworthy OW, Elizabeth M. Zandonini (3CDQ, later W3CDQ). "Emzie" was a woman of many talents, including being fluent in Italian, Spanish, French and German (part of her job at the Bureau of Standards was doing scientific translations). Like Edith Rotch, Liz became involved with radio around the time of World War I; with the Public Health Service, she taught radio communication to disabled soldiers in Army hospitals, helping them acquire new skills. The willingness to teach about radio was something she displayed for her entire life. But Liz was more than a teacher. She was an accomplished builder and designer of equipment—at a time when women were not expected to know about engineering (I have numerous articles from magazines of the early 1920s where editors explained that a women just did not have the brain power to figure out such complicated things . . . one editor suggested that if receivers were more attractive to look at, more women would be interested . . .). Like Eunice Randall, Liz wanted to learn as much as she could and she was fascinated by how things worked. She especially enjoyed working CW, and years after most hams had moved exclusively to phone, she stated in her application for membership in the Old Old Timer's Club, "I operate only on CW, and in the 40 meter band." Ironically, when Liz applied for membership in 1965, it was Eunice who was Secretary-Treasurer of the OOTC, proving what a small world it is!

Liz Zandonini was a life-long resident of Washington, D.C., where she



*Liz Zandonini, W3CDQ.
Photo from "CQ-YL".*

was an active member of the Washington Radio Club, and of course she was proud to be an ARRL member, too. An interesting photo of her at her rig appeared in several newspapers in early February of 1925. The caption, which called her a "remarkable young woman" and "one of the most skilled operators in Washington", described the equipment and noted that she had built it all herself. "Her set consists of two 50 watt bottles in parallel, energized by 1500 volts rectified alternate current. The set is

entirely of her own construction, as is also the three tube receiver. She has been heard in England as well as in every part of [the United States]." (A more detailed description of that early rig appeared in an article in the 6 March 1926 issue of "Radio World", and for the fans of older technology, I

would be happy to send them a photocopy of that article.)

As with Eunice Randall's illustrious amateur career, it would take many more pages for me to detail all of the achievements "Emzie" accumulated in her long involvement with ham radio—she not only belonged to the OOTC but also was in the YLRL, the QCWA, and what was then called the IRE (Institute of Radio Engineers). Also, during her years with the Radio Section of the Bureau of Standards, she maintained their museum and showed famous visiting scientists what her department was working on.

A few of the OWs in New York got together in May of 1922 and started what may

"Abby Morrison . . . was also an emissary for helping more young women to become knowledgeable about Amateur Radio . . ."

be the first organization for women in ham radio. It was called the Women's Radio League, and its founders included several OWs whose names you might know. Marianne Clayton Brown (2AOA) held a first class commercial license, and like Mabelle Kelso a decade earlier, Marianne trained to be a marine operator and wanted to serve her country. But Navy too had a policy that prohibited women from serving aboard ships, the same policy that the Marconi company had. Not wanting her training to go to waste, she ended up working at the Marconi factory in Aldene, New Jersey; ironically, her job was testing transmitting equipment for the Navy. Blessed with a sense of humor and the ability to write well, she got several articles published in radio magazines during the early 20s. As for her station, which she of course built herself, it was so impressive that it was named "Station of the Month" by what was then called "Radio Amateur News" in April of 1920—first prize was \$5, which we may assume was a lot of money back then... She was the first OW to win this award.

Among the other founders of the Women's Radio League was Abby Morrison, a young woman with a talent for writing about radio in an understandable style: she clearly had the technical knowledge, but like Marianne Brown, she knew how to get it across to even the novice. Abby contributed articles to such publications as Wireless Age, which referred to her as a "radio expert", and she was also mentioned in "QST" and "Radio News" on several occasions throughout 1922-23. She was the first president of the Women's Radio League, and she was also an emissary for helping more young women to become knowledgeable about amateur radio—because of requests for radio courses that would appeal to women, the YWCA in New York began a series of talks, which included instruction on how to make various types of radio equipment. Abby Morrison was one of the women asked to teach these courses. (It's a mystery that I have not been able to find her calls, although I know she was a licensed ham in the early 20s. If you

know them, please send them in my direction!)

I mentioned how Marianne Brown was the first OW to win an award for her ham station. The next OW to win first prize had been a telegraph operator as far back as the 1880s, and came to the wireless in the late 19-teens. May L. Smith of Manchester New Hampshire (1BAE) won the award for Station of the Month in September of 1920. And as Edith Rotch could attest, ham radio keeps a person young—SIXTY years later, in the 1980s, May Smith could still be found, now as W1BDN, sometimes working phone and sometimes CW.

Earlier in this article, I mentioned a 15 year old who worked from her high school station. Rena Jane Frew did not abandon amateur radio after high school. Like many women in the 1920s, she became a teacher, whose specialties were science and radio courses. I have also read about Elizabeth Bergner in the Chicago public schools and Rachel Thompson in the Boston Public Schools, both of whom did the same; they often spoke at radio shows about the educational benefits of radio, and each ran the station at the high school where they taught. I have read testimonial letters from several of Rena's students, who were inspired by her to become hams. Rena Jane Frew was named "Miss Radio" at the first annual Radio World's Fair in New York in 1925, a prize given to "the most enthusiastic female radio fan"—she won for the large number of stations with which she had made contact, both in ham radio and as a DXer, but perhaps she also should have won for the number of young people who developed a love of amateur radio thanks to her.

I could go on—there are so many other deserving OWs from the pioneering days of amateur radio. In "CQ-YL", it mentions that Emma Candler was a ham as early as 1915, working from station 8NH in St. Mary's, Ohio. In the 1919 QST Call Book, she and her husband were still in St. Mary's, operating 8ER. Perhaps some of you made contact with an OW from the early 1920s whose name I haven't mentioned; if so, I want to know about her. It is my commitment that these pioneers of radio should not be forgotten! (By the way, while this article is mainly about the women of the teens and early 1920s, a word of tribute should be given to somebody who got her start in the 30s, whose efforts on behalf of women amateurs made a major impact—the late Ethel Smith, K4LMB, who founded the YLRL in 1939. Before she became ill last year, she and I spoke at great length, and she told me how she was working on updating and expanding the information in "CQ-YL". She sent some of her files to me, and I promised I would continue that research. I dedicate this article to her memory.)

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To read more about these YLs, see Chapter Eight "LONG-TIME YLs—1915-1925" in CQ YL.

1999 Convention Update

Martha Barron, KA6TYO

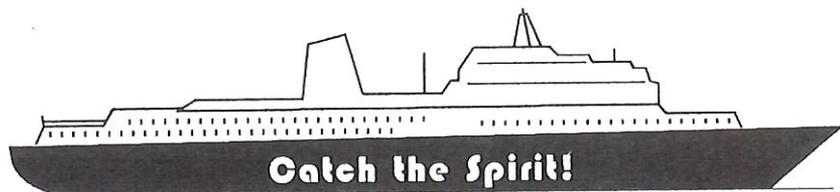
This part of a continuing effort to keep you updated on 1999 Convention plans. As of this writing I have received 88 responses to the survey that was printed in the November/December 1997 *Harmonics*. It is printed again in this issue for those that have yet to send it in.

I just can't emphasize enough how helpful this has been to our planning, telling us not only who will attend, who will stay on the Queen Mary, who will room with a YL and who will attend with their OM, but what programs/speakers you would like. All of this information has been entered into a spreadsheet, so for example, we will know approximately how many rooms we will need, or maybe, how big a bus will be needed to transport the OMs on their "Field Trip" to activities of interest to them.

I think the committee has chosen, and is still working on, speakers and programs that will meet with your approval. Realizing that we won't please everyone, but again using the survey information as a guideline, we are trying to come up with the closest to what your surveys have indicated.

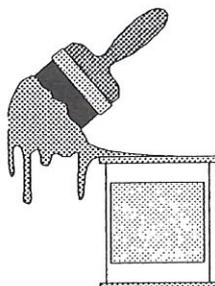
I've had several YLs say they need a roommate for the Queen Mary. Therefore, a list of YLs interested in roommates will be published in *Harmonics*. This list will be printed only as a service and it will be up to each YL to make her own contacts and arrangements. When sending your info to Margaret, please give your name, call, address, e-mail address, and telephone number. Keep those surveys coming and "Catch the Spirit!"

33 Martha Barron, KA6TYO



Did You Know??

After the Queen Mary was brought to Long Beach, 320 tons of paint was removed, making her rise 1½ inches in the water. Then eight tons of fresh paint was applied!! Look for more facts in each issue.



1999 YLRL Convention Survey

This form is also available on the Web at <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Lab/3376/ylrl1999.html>.

1. Your Name: _____
2. Your Call Sign: _____
3. Your Mailing Address: _____
4. Your City, State, Zip: _____
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6. Your Fax Number: _____
7. Your E-mail Address: _____
8. Do you plan to attend the YLRL Convention in 1999? _____
9. Do you plan to stay on the Queen Mary? _____
10. Will you be sharing a room with another YL? _____
Her name and Call Sign: _____
11. Will your OM or anyone not a YL be attending with you? _____
Name and Call Sign, if applicable: _____
12. Please list programs and sessions you would like to see: _____

13. Please list speakers you would like to hear: _____

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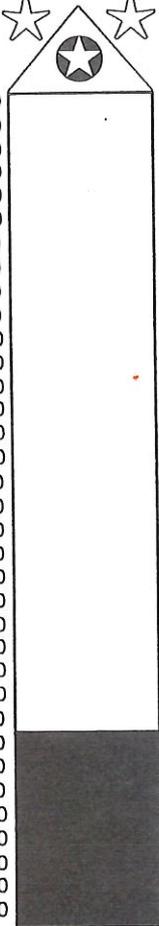
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The following YLs made donations in memory of Esther Given, W6BDE asking that any winnings be returned to the scholarship fund: Irma Weber, K6KCI; Joan McDonell, WA6QKC; Le Henderson, KB6MXH; Marte Wessel, K0EPE; and BAYLARC.

I am so pleased with the way "you" have responded to the challenge. The prize money (\$650) is paid and we have \$124.88 left for any further expenses. We now have \$835.66 towards our final total. "The Sky's The Limit!!!" We are heading for that big star!



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YLRL Scholarship Recipients



Since 1978, there have been 22 scholarships given by the YLRL, for a total of \$17,150 awarded. The first scholarship awarded was for \$300. Our scholarships are now worth \$1500!

I have written to YLRL Scholarship recipients for updates on their lives. So far, I have received four reports. I'm pleased to have received a letter from Elizabeth Riemer, N7IT who was given the first YLRL Scholarship in 1978. I've also heard from Susan Beth Solomon—1982, Carol L. Dunlap—1986-1987-1988, and Patricia Pelczar—1996. Their updates will appear in future issues of YLH.

Elizabeth Riemer, N7IT—1978



*Elizabeth Riemer, N7IT
in 1976 at age 16.*

Dear Marte:

3/17/98

I received your letter today and agree that finding out what has happened in the lives of the scholarship recipients and would make interesting reading.

I was very happy to have received the YLRL Scholarship and used it for my tuition at the University of Washington. My first two years at college were difficult, but I persevered and did eventually get my Master's Degree in Metallurgical Science Engineering, and then in 1989, a Ph.D. in Materials Science Engineering.

I worked for a year as an assistant professor, and then stayed at home to raise two children, Eric who is now eight and Stephanie who is five.

Last year, my husband and I started our own business called SEM Lab., Inc. We do scanning electron microscopy and failure analysis for engineering manufacturing companies.

I am now longer extremely active in ham radio, although I did get my husband interested enough to get his license (KC7BQQ). We use two meters regularly to communicate in our cars.

I look forward to hearing the other recipient stories. If you need any other information, please feel free to contact me. My e-mail address is Eriemer@eskimo.com.

Thanks again to YLRL for making my college possible.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Riemer, N7IT
Snohomish WA 98290



Elizabeth & her family in 1998.

50 Years of Amateur Radio

February 14, 1948 - February 14, 1998

Vi Barret, W6CBA

"I love Amateur Radio. It has been my life."

While still in High School I was bitten by the Amateur Radio bug through my Uncle Ed, W6HMW. I became an SWL with an HQ129X that I bought with my baby-sitting money. Frank Cuevas, W6AOA taught me the code and theory, then my Mom and I went to the FCC Office during Christmas Vacation to test.

I received my Valentine from the FCC on February 14, 1948.

I was on 40 Meter CW with 5 watts, my HQ129X, a Meisner Signal Shifter and my Dad put up a folded dipole antenna for me. After High School graduation, I applied for a clerical position with the FBI Office in Los Angeles, but once they found out about my radio background, I was promoted, and became the first Woman Radio Dispatcher in the LA Office. I retired November 1954.

After I married in April 1954 and our 2 children were in school, I started working for the E. Whittier School District. I worked 22 years, the last 12 years as switchboard/receptionist. I always said I worked to support my hobby, not my hubby.

I upgraded my license to Extra Class in 1974, and became a teacher of CW with an Amateur Radio course at our local college.

My OM Don got his ticket in 1974. We

have been married for 44 years and he has done many installations for me over the years. Currently I am on 10 through 80 Meters, VHF and Packet. I give talks to clubs, schools and organizations on Amateur Radio and Disaster Communications Service. Besides YLRL, I am active with ARRL-life, QCWA-life, OOTC, YLISSB and other clubs to numerous to mention. I am also current president of QCWA Chapter 7.

I love Amateur Radio. It has been my life.



Vi Barret, W6CBA



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Nobuko Yokota, JL1AVD	5	Eileen L. Hostert, WD9HZG	20
Miyako Tamaoki, JR5BBJ	5	Marianne Vander Zanden, AE9X	20
Dorothy Bishop, VK2DDB	5	Marjorie Tiritilli, KB0ZC	20
Joyce Birmingham, KA2ANF	10	Sabina Owen, ZL2AZY	20
Carolyn F. Helm, KG5UI	10	Jean Thompson, K1TVT	25
Leila Henderson, KB6MXH	10	Roberta Newman, AA2JO	25
Pamela C. Follansbee, WM7R	10	Margaret Egerer, WA7RBR	25
Blanche M. Elpers, KA9EIV	10	Marion R. Dixon, WA7TLL	25
Jolene K. Ross, N9MBL	10	Fumi Abe, JA1AEQ	25
Allura M. Sortland, AA0LU	10	Penny Ruth Bonnema, WB4BON	30
Kazuko Araki, JH1H DU	10	Theresa M. Korn, K7JGU	30
Grethe Heiberg, OZ1DXX	10	Connie Bowen, WA0MYF	30
Christine Armstrong, ZL1BQW	10	Madge T. Mason, WA6LWE	35
Melva Malkin, ZL4IO	10	Emelyn Knemeyer, K7SMP	35
Dorothy W. Young, W1TGY	15	Lillian B. Abbott, K8CKI	35
Herminia Batchelor, NB2H	15	Marcia Rast, K6DLL	40
Carol S. Kirk, KA5GIS	15	Jacquelyn van de Kamp, W6YKU	40
Jean M. Baptie, W6ZYD	15		

CORRECTION: Jerrie Stonier, K6INK received her 45 year sticker but was listed with the wrong call sign in the last YLH. So sorry, Jerrie!

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Chartchai, HS1NGR Thailand
Doris, KJ7RF USA (NV)
Akira, JA1SJC Japan
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Mitsuru, JH7DFZ Japan

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Ursula Buerger, DL3LS 1900 YLs
Betty Collins, KC4V 800 YLs
Robert Sherbinin, RV0AM 150 YLs



Corrected Website URL

The YLRL home page URL was not correct
in the last issue. It should be:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~tenmtryl/ylrl/>

YL CONTEST CORNER

Vice President Cleo Bracket, K0JFO

RESULTS OF 1998 YL-OM CONTEST

YLs

<u>SSB</u>	
OZIKLD*	113,424
SV3AGQ*	48,348
DF9YY*	46,926
N8UOO*	45,100
AB7PX*	44,820
WB3EFQ*	43,133
WA1ZZ*	40,737
KI0HF*	33,637
KS4RX*	28,441
KL7P*	17,730
ZP2EHA*	10,920
WA8YPY	9744
K0EPE	8635
KC4YD	6969
WA2NFY*	4489
AB7YL*	3762
YL2QO	3060
IK5MEQ*	2565
K6MCP*	1863
AB7PS	1669
K7MPM/AG	1386
N4ZNO	1057

<u>CW</u>	
Gold Cup	N8UOO 6771
2nd place certificate	DL3KWR* 6696
3rd place certificate	KF6GUH* 234



What an experience—my first contest as YLRL VP! Here are the results of the YL-OM contest. These are the logs I received—not as many as last year. 33 de Cleo, K0JFO.



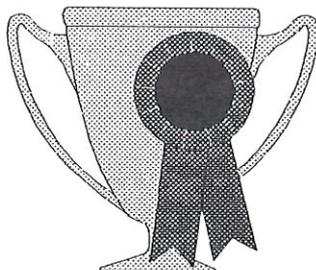
YL SSB Continued

KC7BIP	748
N3TGB*	561
W1JX	399
WA0WOF	352
KA0BAT	144

OMs

<u>SSB</u>	
NY4T*	3321
K2LFG*	1696
K4JRB*	1237
KA0BHO*	495
DL1RA	320
K6RQ	189
RZ3BY	96
VA3IX	60
TA3J	36
SP4LY	30
CT1CR	6

<u>CW</u>	
Gold Cup	K5LH* 6
2nd place certificate	
3rd place certificate	



* denotes certificate winner

In recent months, the YL community has lost several prominent YLs. Here are tributes to three of them.

Clarice Goodman, W7FTX, SK
July 25, 1911 - October 27, 1997

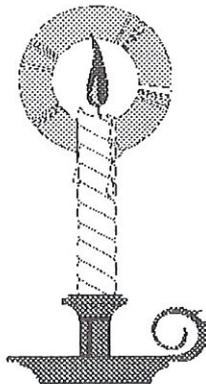
When Clarice Goodman, W7FTX, passed away peacefully in her sleep last month the Bitterroot Valley Amateur Radio Club, many hams around the USA, and around the world lost a very special Friend. Since getting her first license in 1935 (a class "C" ticket in those days) the call W7FTX has been a familiar one in this valley and beyond. In the early days of her 60-plus years as a ham, she worked both phone (AM then) and CW. In later years she preferred sideband, and hers was a familiar voice on a number of nets.

Clarice got her introduction to ham radio from two neighbors who lived near to family in Corvallis when she was about 12 or 13 years old. Later, after she married, she and her husband Ray (now ex-W7FGR) visited a cousin in California where they built a 1-tube receiver. When they returned to the Bitterroot she, Ray, and her brother Delbert (now KC7LTX, ex-W7FDY) studied together for their Class-C ham licenses . That was the highest level of license that they could be tested for here in Montana . Eventually they all took to Seattle, Washington, where they passed the test for the highest amateur license class for those days: the Class-A license.

When Clarice, Ray, and Delbert first got their calls there were only about four other hams in the valley, and three or four in Missoula. There were no local stores where they could buy radio parts, and everything had to come from Spokane by mail. As a young wife with limited financial resources, Clarice picked strawberries to earn money to order parts for her first transmitter, a 160-meter AM phone rig.

Radio was not a only a hobby for Clarice and husband Ray—they both worked at jobs related to radio in one way or another. At one time they ran a radio and TV shop here in the Bitterroot valley. Coincidentally, they had the first television receiver in the valley. They were so ahead-of-the-times that there was no TV station in the state at that time, and they had to depend on the vagaries of signal propagation from two Texas TV stations for reception! During the second world war, they went to Washington to work in the defense industry where Ray worked as a radio engineer. Clarice got a job wiring aircraft at Boeing, and later went to Bendix where she worked on radar equipment and antenna systems. During her years in California she had a second call sign: W6AAX. When she and Ray retired from their work in California, and returned to the Bitterroot Valley, she resumed use of her W7FTX call sign. Throughout her retirement her interest in ham radio remained as strong as ever.

Besides her on-the-air involvement in ham radio Clarice was active in several amateur organizations. She participated extensively in YLRL activities from the early days of that club's existence, was a member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, and a life member of the Bitterroot Amateur Radio Club.



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Esther Given, W6BDE, SK
December 25, 1911 - March 13, 1998

Esther I. Given, 86, died March 13, 1998, in Sebastopol, California, of natural causes. Born in New Jersey December 25, 1911, she was raised and educated in Denver, Colorado. Enlisting in the WAAC in 1942, she became a high speed radio operator. One of only 14 WACs specially trained for and assigned to sea duty, she served as chief radio operator aboard the U.S. Army Hospital Ship "Chateau Thierry" in both Atlantic and Pacific theaters during WWII.

Continuously licensed as Radio Amateur W6BDE since 1946, she was active in Ham Radio activities. From 1983 to 1990, she served as a national director of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, an international organization of Amateur Radio Operators licensed 25 or more years. For many years she served as a columnist for the QCWA Journal and Worldradio, both Amateur Radio publications. In a special ceremony on October 11, 1997, in Kansas City, she was honored with a Distinguished Service Award in recognition of her years of dedicated service as a member of the Board of Directors of QCWA and as editor of the Worldradio QCWA column. Among her many contributions to Amateur Radio she served as radio operator at the Squaw Valley Winter Olympics in 1960, and was always there when needed in many ' emergencies. She did much to further the cause of women in Amateur Radio, both locally and internationally.

She will be missed by all those who knew of her ready wit and her dedication to service in the community, both as a Ham Radio operator and a concerned citizen. At her request, there will be no services. Memorial contributions may go to YLRL Scholarship Fund, c/o Marte Wessel, KOEPE, R.R. #1, Box 73, Liberal, KS 67901-9739.

Iris Colvin, W6QL, SK

The other half of the world-famous Colvin DXpedition team, Iris Colvin, W6QL, of Richmond, California, died February 18 at her home. She was 83. Iris Colvin was first licensed in 1945 as W6DOD. She and her late husband, Lloyd Colvin, W6KG, traveled the world between the 1960s and the early 1990s, operating from more than 100 rare DXCC countries. Lloyd Colvin died in 1993. The couple had been married for 55 years.

The Colvins racked up more than a million contacts over the years and amassed one of the largest QSL collections in the world—more than a half million cards at last count. The collection is said to have occupied an entire room in the Colvins' home.

The ARRL Board of Directors recognized the Colvin's contributions to international goodwill by naming them Amateur Radio Ambassadors of the Decade 1980-1990. The Colvin Award was established in 1994 from the proceeds of an endowment set up by Lloyd Colvin that named the ARRL as a beneficiary. The Award disburses grants to support ham radio projects that promote international goodwill in the field of DX. Among others, the Colvin Award has helped to fund the second World Radiosport Team Championship in 1996 and the VK0IR Heard Island DXpedition in 1997.

Iris Colvin was a Charter Life Member of the ARRL and a life member and past president of the Northern California DX Club. She also was on the DXCC Honor Roll and was inducted into the CW DX Hall of Fame in 1976. From *The ARRL Letter* by The American Radio Relay League.

Ann Santos, WA1S In The News

Ann Santos, WA1S, an Extra Class operator has been prominently mentioned in recent DX articles. Last fall, she was part of a DXpedition to Willis Island off of Australia that made over 42,000 QSOs.

Lest you think she has plenty of time to run off on any DXpedition that comes along, think again! She contests and belongs to the ARRL, the Oceania DX Group, the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, ALARA, WRONE, not to mention YLRL. Her volunteer work includes sorting for the W1 Incoming Bureau, DXCC Field Representative, VE, MARS, and public service.

Outside of Amateur Radio, she works as a General Engineer for the FAA and is interested in travel, alpine skiing, photography, cooking, Star Trek, and the Boston Red Sox. Whew!!

To read more about Ann and her DXpedition to Willis Island, see the May and July 1998 issues of QST and/or visit:

<http://www.sponline.com/hamradio/willisen.htm>.



A Little Birdie Told Me . . .
. . . that our president, Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD and her OM Steve, W8HF are expecting their first little Harmonic this December!

Life's Little Hints

Contributed by Jan Scheuerman, KJ4N

1. If you're bidding on a job for UPS, don't send your bid by FedEx.
2. If your computer says, "Printer out of Paper," this problem cannot be resolved by continuously clicking the "OK" button.
3. If you want your refrigerator's ice maker to work, you need to hook it to a water source. Air doesn't make good ice unless it is mixed with water.
4. No matter how much data you add to your laptop, it will not get heavier.
5. A bad place to store your emergency backup diskette is on the underside of your desk drawer, secured by a large magnet.
6. It's okay to use the Polaroid Land Camera on a boat.
7. When the PC says, "Insert diskette #2," don't do it immediately. Remove disk #1 first, even if you're sure you can make them both fit in there.
8. When your PC says "You have mail," don't go to the company mail room and look for a package.
9. The French version of Netscape Navigator doesn't translate English language web pages into French.
10. If you're in the armed services, and it's April 1st, and you get an e-mail message to call Colonel Sanders for new orders, don't.
11. If you go to the computer store to buy a mousepad, you don't have to specify whether it's for a Windows or a Macintosh.



Spring has arrived in the Northeast! We are enjoying one of the most beautiful blossoming seasons that I can ever remember. The flowers seem well ahead of schedule (taking pollen counts higher than usual). It was an extremely mild winter, except for the terrible ice storm across the three northern states, and so far the spring is warm, too.

WRONE held its Spring luncheon at the Springs Restaurant near Pittsfield, MA on May 2. A small group gathered and had a wonderful time. Unfortunately, several regulars were unable to attend for various reasons. Secret Pals for the past year were revealed.

I was able to check into the Yankee Lassies Net one Wednesday in April. It was good to hear that everyone was doing well. KA2ZKM - Marion and OM - Joe have been busy cleaning up the damaged trees from the January storm. Their neighbors are having an outdoor reception in June, so they have helped too. W1LIO - Arline worked on the Boston Marathon helping with radio communication at a water stop. She also worked on the Walk for Hunger, held a couple of weeks later. WB1ARU - Anne coordinated the communications for the Good Friday Walk again this year. The walk has been held for 26 years, with two walkers being honored for walking 500 miles! Other check-ins on the net included WA1JYO - Vera, W1JX - Bobbie, WB1EHS - Barb, W1TGY - Dot, N1TQY - Dawn, and KA1TAG - Eva.

This news came a while back, but got mislaid. NF1C - Gerry had to move in with her daughter for the winter, but expects to be in a new home in Sheffield, VT by June. She has missed being on the air and is looking forward to operating again once she has moved. She has been able to get on the Killington repeater and check in on the YL Net on Sunday evenings. Her daughter, Holly, has been her "Elmer" for the computer. Her address is GerryNF1C@conriver.net

I guess I managed to mess up KK1C - Linda's old call. She used to be KB1BMO. They sold their house and haven't bought their new one yet. She hopes to be settled into a new home before the summer is over.

I had a call from WA1ZZ - Valorie in RI. She upgraded to Advanced in the fall and changed her call from KA1YKW. It was nice to chat with her.

I hope I hear from a few others before the July 1 deadline for the next issue! If you are going to operate on Field Day, please let me know the call sign you will use and if you will be with a group. Also, get someone to take a picture of you that we can put in YLH! Sending the picture directly by e-mail would let me get it into the next issue! My address that will accept attachments is: enoaru@gis.net. My regular e-mail address remains: wb1aru@juno.com. 33, Anne



Dayton, Here We Come! Oh yes, it is that time of the year once again. Where has the time gone? Glenn and I will be headed off to Dayton on Thursday, May 14th and on our way we will meet up with a group of our Rooster friends at Zinns Restaurant just off the Penna Turnpike at 7:00 AM for breakfast. Then off we go once again, and our next stop to meet and eat with other Roosters will be at 2:00 PM in St. Clairsville, Ohio, at Melhmans Restaurant for our lunch. We will arrive at our Motel in Huber Heights, Ohio around 6:45 PM, where once again we meet up with other Roosters, and you guessed it, off we go to eat! We certainly hope to meet quite a few of you gals from 2-Land sometime during the Hamvention. We will be at the YL/ Buckeye Belle booth from time to time along with other gals.

No doubt you can tell the news is scarce. I hope it is due to programs and projects that you are involved in that has kept you from writing, and not bad health.

I believe that during the war a favorite song was "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition". Well, this morning I found myself singing "Praise the Lord and Thank You for the E-Mail". Without a doubt it is a lifesaver to turn on the computer and find mail!!! Yes indeed I received an e-mail from Minerva-WB2JNL saying how much she enjoys receiving and reading Harmonics. Minerva has been quite busy with company from England this past week. Most of you know Minerva and Len have a really large family, and now their twins are both expecting in July, and on the same day. Their grand daughter is also expecting in July. Guess we all know that she will be a busy lady this summer. Please let us know when "all" those babies arrive, Minerva!

Minerva also informed me that Miriam-AA2DX's OM Bob is in the hospital in Washington having back surgery. We most certainly hope all goes well with Bob. Please keep him in your prayers.

Remember, ladies, the SAYLARC nets on Friday and Saturday mornings at 9:00 AM on 3.945. Surprise them and sign in.

Minerva and Miriam are on 40 meters on Fridays at 8:30 AM and the frequency is 7.245.

A MOST IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE CLOSING THE COLUMN: REMEMBER THE ETHEL SMITH—K4LMB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. The 1999 YLRL scholarship drive now has a donor willing to match our donations, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000.00 in honor and in memory of Ethel. There are now tickets available and donations are \$1.00. I do have some, and if you need any just let me know. The Sky's The Limit!!

Golly, from not having much news we've gotten through another column, so until next time do take care and stay healthy.

remember it's nice to be important, but it's more important to be nice!

Bye Now - 33 / 76 Myrtle - N2AKC



Hello, 3-Land Ladies! What a glorious Spring day today! The temperature hit 76 degrees this, sunny, end-of-April afternoon. The birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming and here I sit indoors at the computer trying to meet the deadline. The OM and I were working outside in the flowerbeds this morning - weeding and transplanting this and that. It sure is good to have "man"-power to help with these chores as I have carpal tunnel syndrome in both wrists and have an appointment with the surgeon the first week in May. "Enough of this 'conservative treatment,'" I told my Doctor. "I have places to go, people to see, and things to do! Let's get the surgery over with!" I have to sew three little bridesmaids gowns for my daughter's wedding in August and hope to be healed in enough time to do this project.

We have a wild Ring-necked Pheasant who made itself at home in the upper corner of our yard near some raspberry bushes. He is brilliant in color and getting braver and braver as he is spotted closer to our house each day. We got some pictures of him with the sun shining on his lovely feathers.

I received some mail from Jeanne Doncaster KA3CEO in March too late to go into the last issue. She reported that she and her OM Dick are doing well. She had breast surgery in September and in October and November, followed up with radiation. In December she had a left knee replacement and is now hopefully recovered. She said Dick was chief cook and bottle washer and did a super job. She hopes to get onto Open House and Tangle again real soon. She loves that e-mail! Her address is: wb3ajc@dmv.com.

I also received e-mail from Bertha Kenas, W3TNP a former Third District Chairwoman! That was a nice surprise and she sent me her congratulations (or was that sympathy?), HI HI! She reported that she and her OM, W3KKN, returned from Florida March 15. They were ready for a new hobby so they got a computer before Christmas and were surprised that computers were so SMART! She said they have a lot to learn! I understand completely! Bertha's e-mail address is: bkenas@sprynet.com. Bertha is also active in PA Army MARS (AAR3GN) and QCWW. She and her OM are both members of QCWA and RACES.

I was happy to receive an e-mail from my Japanese DX YL! Toshiko, JP3DPU, is a teacher from Kyoto and reported that the cherry blossoms were beautiful this Spring. Their classes start in April, unlike ours, which start in Sept. Her e-mail is: dpukyoto@mbox.kyoto-inet.or.jp Welcome to YLRL, Toshiko.

Congratulations to Lois, WB3EFQ, who was reelected President of Horseshoe ARC in Altoona PA. She has done a great job and has enlisted the aid of Tina N3SSG and me KA3VXR to again supervise the food tent at Field Day. She also has a third annual HARC Campout scheduled for Aug 7-9 at

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I extend to each and everyone out there a bright summery hello! It's now summer and time to be outdoors and thoroughly enjoying our Lord's precious gifts of brilliant blue skies, summer's sweet flowers, warm breezes, summer showers, and star-lit nights. Oh how wonderful! Don't you agree?

From here at home, the kids are, as usual, making use of every waking moment riding bikes, playing with friends, and relishing moments spent with me squirting them with the water hose on these hot humid days.

The Birminghamfest was great. There were 18 who stopped by the YLRL table, including three gentlemen. They thought it was nice to have a YL table. (Thanks, Gents!) I enjoyed visiting with Mary, KL7P. She and Tom, KL7Q recently went on a trip to Texas. Their son Thomas, KD4WNA was graduating from USAF Basic Training in San Antonio. She said they had a wonderful trip. Esther Watkins AB4PB, from Fayette, AL won the crocheted doily. Pam Hopson, KF4ANJ was able to pause briefly to say hi. She stayed very busy with tending to the Hamfest activities. Several YLs enjoyed getting more info on YLRL and Peggy Bell, KE4EGB from Huntsville AL signed up.

I've been sending out Birthday Greetings to our District 4 YLs either by NTS or snail-mail. I do hope everyone's message has made it through okay. To Sylvia, KD4KOG in South Carolina: I received your postcard. Thanks! I have started sending out my YL packet net bulletins to YL@WW. This way YLs all over the world can read about what's going on all over the place. I've received nice messages from two YLs in Germany. I heard from Lydia, DF3BN and Marlies, DF5VW. It was such a nice treat to hear from them. There are so many nice people out there!

Before I close for now, don't forget Field Day! Bring your skeeter swatter! 'Til next issue, 33 de Roseann, N4ZNO.

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the Raystown Dam group campsite. Anyone interested in having a GOOD TIME is welcome to join us! Just let Lois know ahead of time as space is limited: loisg@nb.net Lois also reports that her DX YL, Gwen VK3DYL, will be attending the international event in Svalbard! Lucky Lady!! Have a good time, Gwen, and tell all the gals "Hello from 3-Land!"

I hear that with the increase in the sunspot cycle, 3rd District YLs are renewing their interest in DX. New countries such as H4O and FO0 have been contacted. Send me your DX news for this article. Also, send me news about your Field Day experiences this year. You who are going to Dayton, let me know ALL that went on. We would love to hear from all of you.

Thanks to everyone who sent me news this time, I REALLY appreciate it! Hope to meet some of you at various Hamfests this summer. Look for a 3-Land table. Happy Spring, 73/33 de Barb KA3VXR



I can't believe it is May already! Where has this year gone? March was its usual tempestuous self with wind, rain, storms and floods. We even had a 4.2 earthquake in Oklahoma. No one hurt, but it surely shook up a lot of people. Pun Intended!

Our sympathy goes to Joyce, W5MWK, and her OM Jim, W5MWO, in the loss of Jim's niece and his brother. Joyce writes that she and Jim will be going to Houston for a couple of weeks to baby-sit grandchildren while their son and his wife go to Seattle on a second honeymoon. What a challenge! A couple of days does me in! Jim and Joyce have been rebuilding their antenna field and making other repairs at their Gonzales County Ranch. Should see some good operating there!

The Texas YL Round-up Net (TYLRUN) will celebrate its 44th birthday with a party September 29-30 at Cowtown RV Park, just outside of Fort Worth. Accommodations are available at the RV Park or at the nearby Ramada Limited. Planned activities (besides extended eyeball QSOs) include a pot-luck dinner Friday evening, followed by the traditional white elephant gift exchange; breakfast catered by the Volunteer Fire Department; birthday gift exchange; and a light lunch. Doesn't that sound enticing? For more details, contact Ann Beadel, WA5GLM after June 30. Her E-mail address in bbeadel@bwoodtx.com.

Ann and her OM Bob are planning an extended trip in their motor home—first to a rally near Nashville, then on to West Virginia, to Washington and down to Williamsburg where they will be joined by K6ID (their "Elmer" who introduced them to ham radio some 35 years ago and has been a wonderful mentor to them). His wife and grandson will also join them.

Congratulations to Helen, W5LGY. We never cease to be amazed at that gal. She has had another article published in *World Radio*—even though she is in her 90's and in a nursing home. We understand she keeps things shaped up around there, too! What a lady! She gets irritated with the nurses if they bring her breakfast while she is on the TYLRUN net each Thursday.

My OM Andy, W5IWL, is at the moment on a walk to Emmaus team even though he is carrying around a bunch of kidney stones. We're still awaiting the report on the nuclear imaging he had this week and the urologist's intended procedure from this point on. I just hope he gets it all taken care of before our planned departure for Alaska at the end of June.

Guess that's it for now. Have a wonderful summer, y'all and let me know all about it! 33, Doris.





Everyone who has a television has seen what terrible rain El Nino has brought to California. Well, good news! We all survived and it looks like we are back to the gorgeous weather for which our Golden State is so famous.

No one could have asked for a better day than Saturday, April 18th, when the YLRC of Los Angeles held their meeting and potluck at the home of Midge, K6BUS, President, in Calimesa. The 20 members and 6 guests drove in from the Valley, the Desert and the Coast to make this special event. Midge, who insisted on preparing everything but the desserts, had everything ready to go on the table when the last of those expected arrived. It was a feast that all enjoyed, and when it came time to try the desserts that the guests had brought, it was hard to choose. Everyone just had to try more than one. Ha! Ha!

One meeting highlight was when Midge received a phone call from Christina, KA6YGI, who now lives in Las Vegas where her daughter is attending college. She just called to say "Hi" to all the members. This special meeting is an annual event and is always well attended.

Martha, KA6TYO of LARA gave the YLRC members an update on the YLRL 1999 Convention plans. A discussion was held as to the kind of help needed from YLRC of LA. The members were asked to handle the registration and hospitality room because of their experience and knowledge of YLRL as a whole and individual members. (Thanks to Martha, KA6TYO for this information, as I was unable to attend.)

LARA members are looking forward to their White Elephant and Pot Luck meeting on June 6th. It's been years since we had so much fun at the last one. Judy, KA6FBI once again has offered her home for the event.

We will be attending the ARRL Convention in San Diego on August 14-16 and will have a table to help publicize the 1999 Convention. Information will be available at that time.

Another event which the YLs participate each year is the Orange County Fair. Dates this year are July 10 - 26. Members work at the Amateur Radio booth and help in educating visitors about Ham Radio.

On a personal note, Kay, KH6GW performed a piano-organ duet with a professional near her place in the desert that was enjoyed by all. She'll be attending the Jazz Festival in Sacramento. Jean, WA6QKC has returned from 10 days in Israel where she saw many TV antennas, but none for Amateur Radio. And, of course, Vi, W6CBA is still busy planning for her participation in the Baker to Vegas Relay Race, where all law enforcement agencies will be represented. Bobbie, KA6JDO is now assisting with lessons in their computer lab while taking lessons in PhotoShop. Nice work, Bobbie.

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Spring has finally arrived in the Pacific Northwest and it's time to let you know what's been happening in 7-Land!

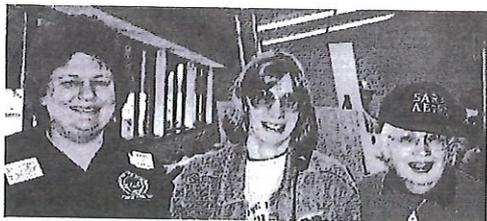


Standing, l to r: Sara, AB7PX; Terrie, AB7PX; Marcie, KC7DAT; Robin, KJ7BI; Cindy, KC7MJL. In front, l to r: Margaret, KC7LXS; Yvonne, Cindy's daughter; Pat, KC7UOO.

The Evergreen Intertie YL Net had their annual table and eye-ball meeting at the Puyallup Mike and Key Electronic Swap Meet on Saturday, March 7th. It's the only time we get together as a group and it's great to see old friends and meet new ones including several members of YLRL who check in regularly on Monday evenings: Robin KJ7BI, Marcie KC7DAT, Mary

W7HPA, Margaret KC7LXS, Sara AB7PS, Terrie AB7PX, Lorraine KA7WGG and Debby N7FL (who checks in whenever work permits). Several, including Mary W7HPA, Marcie KC7DAT and Lorraine KA7WGG, have assisted with Walk-a-thons, parades and other public service events this spring including a disaster exercise that covered a wide area.

The CACTUS KEYS also had a March luncheon – on the 14th of March following the Scottsdale Hamfest. Phyllis W2GLB reports that there were 13 YLs and 7 OMs in attendance. They were especially pleased that Sandie Heyn, WA6WZN, wife of their ARRL Southwestern Division Director joined them for lunch. They have welcomed a new member to the club, Jan Kuhl, KM5MD and are looking forward to their next meeting on May 16th at Anzio Landing.



Also at Puyallup, l to r: Judy, N7NII; Peggy, KC7CLI; & Sara, AB7PS.

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I want to take a moment and thank everyone for their cards, letters, flowers and e-mails during my recent losses. The last couple of months have been difficult with losing two people I care so much about. It was bad enough loosing my Grandmother, but to loose her on Christmas Day made the loss seem greater. Christmas is normally my special time of the year, the time that I like to share with friends and family. Christmas will never be the same again. It will be hard to have as much Christmas spirit as I have in the past. I'm not sure how we'll celebrate this coming Christmas.

While we were in Pennsylvania for my Grandmother's funeral, my husband and I stayed with my Aunt and Uncle (my Dad's baby sister and her husband). My Aunt has always been like a second mom to me. The running joke was that I should have been her daughter because I had so many of her mannerisms. We buried my Grandmother on New Year's Eve and went back to Columbus on New Year's Day. Before we left, we took my Aunt and Uncle out for Brunch and picked up the tab. I even managed to leave the tip and slip the tip my Uncle had put down on the table into my Aunts purse when she was not looking. I felt pretty smug that I pulled one over on them even though I knew they would complain the next time I talked to them!! However, I never got to talk to my Uncle again.

Less than two week after burying my Grandmother, we were back at the same funeral home, in the same room, in the same cemetery section burying another relative. My Dad's baby sister was now a widow. Mom and Dad have moved back to the area to help my Aunt and to take care of my Dad's parents, who are also in failing health.

The only good thing that has happened in the last five months is that my husband and I are building a house. Building the house kind of symbolizes me putting the pieces back together again, knowing that there are some pieces of the puzzle that will never be there again, only in your heart. Ironically, my Christmas message in the Buckeye Burr was about cherishing those around you and letting them know how important they are to you. You never know when you might loose that special person in your life. Remember to make each last memory a good memory.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Dayton. I promise my future articles will be more upbeat. I want to send a special thank-you to Nancy for doing my first two articles for me. I know everyone was beginning to wonder if I really existed or was just a figment of the imagination. I wish everyone a pleasant and happy summer and look forward to meeting all of you at Dayton and the other area hamfests. 33 & 76, Terri, WD8LQH





As I write this, I can hardly believe that April is drawing to an end. It is such a lovely month with everything coming to life again. The dogwood is gorgeous, the flowering crabapple, and other flowering trees are so pretty. It really makes you glad that you are alive.

The YL's Fort Wayne Radio Club are attempting to put together a cookbook to raise money for the club. It is slow going so far, but we haven't given up. We are determined that this will fly. We are also getting ready for the annual Spring Banquet. There's always a lot of good food there. Then the next week is the big event of the year—DAYTON!! It is too bad that the YLRL forum is Friday instead of Saturday, but it will still be good to meet up with other YLs—whenever and wherever. I am going to try to remember to take my camera this year.

I got some wonderful mail this month. Bless you all. First of all there was one from Ann, K9RXX. She wrote that Butch (Doris) Singer, K9IXD, had disappeared for a few years, but Adah, W9RTH, received a letter from her. She wrote that her OM, Cliff, W9SWD became an SK several years ago after a lengthy illness. We are very sorry to hear about this, even at this late date. Also her dachshund, Cindy Q became an SK about 13 years ago, but, she has another named Krissee K. She and her pup live in Waldron, Indiana and is no longer on the air. She had been the first secretary of HAWK when it was organized October 6, 1957. The HAWK's club call is K9BZU with Adah, W9RTH, as trustee. The club call was renewed this past January for 10 more years. They meet on 3910 Saturday mornings following the 8:30 A.M. traffic net. All are welcome. On a sad note, Adah lost her oldest daughter, Florence in October, 1997. Our deepest sympathy, Adah.

Dot, N9ALC wrote again. I am terribly sorry I got your call wrong in the last issue. I guess my fingers had a mind of my own when I typed. Again, I apologize. She is getting all the flower beds ready for planting. Since the weather is still a little iffy in our section of the country, she is putting off putting them in the ground. (I won't put mine in for about another month). She spent a weekend in Antioch to celebrate her sister's 80th birthday. It sounded like they had a great weekend. Dot's OM is still chasing DX even though he has 365 countries! Dot got two new ones H40AA and FO0F, which still haven't been authorized. She says that getting back on the air is still on her list of things to do.

I also heard from Fran, K9ILK. She tells me that Adah, W9RTH, just celebrated a "Big" birthday. I think she is 29 again!! Anna, K9RXX, is Tape Librarian for Harmonics and she makes tapes for 8 YLs each issue. What a great service. Fran, K9ILK, has received a Certificate for 40 years Continuous membership is YLRL. Congratulations, Fran!

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What happens when you put 2500 intelligent children in two schools for a competition? A distinct lack of communication! Recently, 25 hams got together to provide a link between schools for a competition called *Odyssey of the Mind*. Schools from all over the Denver-Metro area competed in a competition

for inventiveness and creative thinking.

Two schools provided rooms for the kids to complete their skits. Each school could reach Control Central on

their own talk in frequency. One school was assigned to 440 and the other to 144, with the command center as their link. Hams were placed throughout the school to monitor when skits were finished, keep those in charge up to date, and get problems fixed throughout the day. The most important question seemed to be, "When is lunch being delivered?" Hi Hi!

The kids were fascinated by the Ham demonstration near the cafeteria. They learned how to talk to other countries, use RTTY and pass images

on fast scan TV. The students seemed to be most in awe over the demonstration by the Edge of Space Sciences group. The kids loved the idea of having their own scientific experiment carried up by a balloon that would travel to altitudes over 100,000 feet. Finding the balloons as they came down seemed to be a neat new form of Hide and Seek, which is now conveniently augmented by Automatic Packet Reporting System (APRS).

Among the hams involved were a number of YLs who gave their all to the project. Colleen Ragain, NOQGH manned one of the rooms to prevent rival teams from spying on their competition. Ann Crawford, KBOBRW tried to walk her feet off following the head of the project to keep her in

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Cheryl Muhr, NOWBV & fast scan TV images.



Colleen Ragain, NOQGH



Ann Crawford, KBOBRW



Spring is well on the way here after a strange winter. The wild berry bushes have bloomed, but frozen, and I can't tell yet if they will survive or not—if the deer don't eat them all, that is. The geese have arrived and the usual squabbling over nesting areas are going on. Robins are singing and the male humming birds are showing up at the feeders. Females should arrive soon. It's still chilly—high 30s in the early mornings, but 50s during the day. The rain, hail and wind hate to give up, but we've had a few sunny days.

Hazel, AL7OT, is back home after being south for the early arrival of a new granddaughter February 15. They had a nice visit and returned home March 27. They still are planning on going back to the Congo in August. Her radio call there is TN70T. We will look for you, Hazel. Have a safe trip.

Linda, AL7OV, has turned into a "snowbird". She and OM AL7E visited in Melbourne, FL with relatives and this year decided to settle there for a bit. Their grown children are still in Fairbanks, so they will probably visit later. Good luck with the move, Linda.

Barbara, NL7OK, is a member in Soldotna that I did not know we had till the directory came this last winter. She has MS but is interested in going on. At present she can't get the wheel chair into the ham shack to monitor the nets. She and OM Larry drove to Paxton on the Richardson Highway, which is between Fairbanks and Valdez, for the Arctic Man Snow Machine contest. The road sounded like the usual way for this time of year, pretty bumpy. She said it was fun seeing 1,000 motor homes and 2,000 snow machines in one area. My son has a cabin at the lake 10 miles north of Paxton, and was there, too. It's a small world. Hope you are rested up and feeling better now. Thank you all three for the news, for sending in the scholarship tickets, and for renewing your memberships in YLRL.

I have heard Cheri, WL7MA busy with the AK-Pacific Net, and several others. Are you planning a trip to New Zealand?

Ralph and I are going to Fairbanks in early May to see our oldest son get his degree in Natural Resource Management at the University of Alaska. It will be a quick trip, but a longer one is planned for July to finally clean out the storage building we filled when we sold the house and lake cabin and moved to the sailboat in 1985. I figure, if it is hasn't been needed before, get rid of it! Also, Ralph wants to get the 1926 Oldsmobile in running shape for the Golden Days Parade in late July. We both still fit into the old fashioned outfits I made for the 1967 Centennial celebration. Amazing! 33, Betty, KL7FJW





The Ontario Hamfest sponsored by the Burlington Amateur Radio Club is being held on 11 July at Milton, Ontario. The annual CLARA Pot Luck lunch is held at this event and we welcome any of our friends to attend who may be on holiday in the area. Please contact Jeanne, VA3WX (rickgowx@aol.com) if you need more information.

The yearly CLARA and Family H.F. Contest was held on March 17th and 18th. The winner of the CLARA trophy in memory of Bobby, VE7CBK was Helen, VE2YAK. High Score Ontario was Minnie, VE3DBQ (2nd place) Tess VE3HIR (3rd place), High Score DX YL is Margaret G0BMQ, High Score Manitoba is Pat VE4PLG, High Score Saskatchewan is Joan VE5TAW, High Score Family Member is Dave VO1NF, High Score OM is Barry VE3DDX. Certificates were issued to the above mentioned.

VE1VAO - Kate's HF has been repaired but she has no microphone yet. Her QTH has had a lot of renovations done including new windows. She and OM Lee hope to attend a hamfest in New Hampshire soon and may do some camping.

VE3HAI - We welcome Ann to YLRL. She is looking forward to reading all the news on YL activities in up-coming issues of *YL Harmonics*. Ann keeps busy with a volunteer job with the Etobicoke Community Care Access Centre.

VE3LQA - Pauline went to a Quilt show the weekend before Easter and saw a design in a quilt she liked so came home and has begun a quilt using the design she saw. She and her OM came down to Ayr, Ontario to spend Easter with her brother Jimmy, VE3FOT.

VA3WX - Jeanne attended the 85th Annual Dinner for the Hamilton District Guides on 18 March. Jeanne has been invited as a thank you for participating with Guides-on-the-air for the last 4 years and she was escorted to the VIP lounge on arrival. She and 20 other VIPs were piped into dinner where there were 350 Guide volunteers in attendance and a lovely supper was served. During the evening Jeanne and the other eight volunteers seated at her table were introduced individually. During April Jeanne had a battle with a kidney stone that took her to bed for a week but she was fortunate in being able to pass it on her own.

VE7LQH - Muriel we hear is keeping well. Much time is being spent on getting the weeds out of her lawn and a kind neighbour has come to her rescue.

Pauline and I wish you a happy spring. We still have frost in the mornings both in North Bay and in Burlington but tulips and daffodils are up and my lilac trees have buds on them. We don't plant until the 24 May weekend here. 33, Pauline & Jeanne



Christina Ronshausen-Terrell, N5YCH

I hope everyone's year has been going well so far. I would like to take this opportunity to again encourage YLRL members to consider becoming DX-YL sponsors, and for our DX-YL members to encourage their friends to consider becoming YLRL members. At this time, only about 150 DX YL members have renewed their memberships. It is not too late to renew your 1998 memberships. I am still receiving a few renewals each week.

I would also like to encourage all DX YL members and their sponsors to contact each other frequently throughout the year (via postal mail or e-mail as well as via the radio). I have received several comments from sponsors that they have had little contact with their DX adoptees.

We have had several new DX YL members. I hope to tell you more about each of them in the future *YLH* issues after I have collected more information about them.

I have received the following letters regarding our DX members:

- 1) Nellie De Lazar, XE1CI, of Mexico City is wishing to contact a YLRL member "on the specific bands of 12 and 17 meters, any afternoon or during weekends". If you would like to set up a contact time with Nellie, her e-mail address is: XE1CI@mail.internet.com.mx.
- 2) Ingrid Burk, DL3SAR (also F5VDO) reports that she went on a trip to Tunisia on her sail boat. She said that she "had a nice time down there in Africa." It was cold and rainy upon her return to Germany but "the birds are singing and therefore we are hoping for spring." Germany, she added, has apparently had little snow this past year (Has "El Nino" reached that far?!)
- 3) Margaret Von Oy, DF8XU, also of Germany planned on using her new 5 element yagi antenna "with the next YL party to North America" (held in April). She added in her letter, "I'm glad to meet many US-YLs and members of YLRL in this contest". Margaret, I hope your new antenna helped you make many US-YL contacts this year!
- 4) Karla Holmes, KQ4IQ, shared with me that her adoptee, Lea Toussaint, LX1TL, of Luxembourg, "is busy with her grandchildren and kids". Lea has plans for some trips for this year, including a cruise through the Mediterranean this summer and the YL meeting in Svalbard, Norway. Lea plans to spend next winter again in Spain. She hopes to come to the YLRL meeting in LA in 1999! Karla hopes to be in LA at that time as well. (Lea, can we trade lifestyles—PLEASE??)

- 5) Elfriede Meissner, DK6FM, also of Germany, writes that she is looking forward to the meeting in Los Angeles next year. She also plans to be in Svalbard at the YLRL meeting in August 1999.
- 6) May Allsop, WB5DVA, forwarded information to me that she received from her adoptee, Bev Gillman, ZL3TCR: "Radio activity has been very little, but back at the WARO Annual General Meeting in June, I was elected to National Exc. as a committee member and am enjoying it too. I'm also on the committee of our local radio club as a minute secretary and general area representative." Bev had surgery in November 1997 and then her father-in-law passed away earlier this year. Our thoughts are with you Bev.

I hope that all of the YL membership enjoys hearing the news about our DX-YL members—I know that I've really enjoyed hearing (and reporting) the news.

I am sorry to report that I have received no pictures since I wrote my last column (rats—pictures, I believe, always add so much to reading the news of our members). So PLEASE keep those letters and pictures coming all year long! Don't worry that what's happening in your world is not very interesting to others—we all want to share in your experiences (ups or downs). It's always good to know that some cares and is thinking about you.

On a personal note, I want to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers for my OM Bill, W5DNE and my mother during their recent health crises, and for my brother following the fire in his house. My OM is doing great and my mother reports that she is feeling better. The doctors have not discussed with her what further therapy will be necessary following her surgery. My brother's home has been repaired. 33 to you all, Christina, N5YCH

the joy you give to others
is the joy that comes back to you.

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And Ann, KE6OIO has 45 confirmed states on CW and has plans for more during the summer at her cabin in Barton Flats.

LARA is again planing to participate in Field Day this year (June 27 & 28). The goal is to exceed the contacts made last year. We hope more members will join in this time around.

Hopefully I will have more news next issue from other YLs in District Six, Sorry, but I don't have a computer but, as previously reported, snail-mail still works and I watch daily to hear from you. 33, Jeri, KB6USX

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Our condolences to the families of

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KC7GV	Marie Yohe, SK on April 27, 1998
VE2PYL	Joan Smith, on the passing of her father Lionel Davis
W5MWK	Joyce Kepler, on the passing of her brother-in-law & niece
W9RTH	Adah Elliott, on the passing of her daughter, Florence , October 1997
WB2FNF	Wilda Robinson, on the passing of her OM Kenneth, WA2ALW

when love and skill work together
expect a masterpiece.

-- John Ruskin --

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NEW CALL SIGNS

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 K6MEZ Judy Mezzapelle, ex-KC6ZEN
 KK1C Linda Robinson, ex-KB1BMO
 W6SCI Maxine Hansberry, ex-WA6AOE
 W7PAT Patsy Barmore, ex-KA7MZZ
 WA1ZZ Valorie Catalano, ex-KA1YKW; upgraded to Advanced

a really busy person never
 knows how much she weights!

-- edgar watson how --

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March 21st was the date of the TWO RIVERS YL CLUB potluck luncheon hosted by Patsy W7PAT of Sandy, Oregon and enjoyed by 10 YLs – Two Rivers members - Patsy Barmore W7PAT, Marti Brutcher W7AYL, Donna Deyoe K6DNG, Sue Jepson KC7ZHD, Barbara Mills KC7KVT, Barbara Yasson KC7KQI, and 3 from the Hoodview Club: Cory Schoch KA7IUG, Lucretia Stinson KB7TSQ and Millie Pilotte W7MIP. Among the subjects discussed were strategies for increasing Morse Code speed and upgrading, and the 1999 YLRL to be held on the Queen Mary. Their next get-together will be May 9th in The Dalles.

MINOW NET is looking forward to the Annual Picnic and Meeting at the home of Anna Skowronnek KA7JYA and her OM Werner at Port Ludlow on May 16 and 17. We welcomed new members Robin Parker-Resnick KJ7BI and Terrie Tenney AB7PX and also Betty Marsh KL7FJW as an auxiliary member. And we were saddened to learn that Marie Yohe KC7GV became a Silent Key on April 27.

May looks like a busy month. Several 7th District YLs are planning to attend the Hamvention at Dayton this year including Marcie Stilwell KC7DAT who is a member of Bicycle Mobile Hams of America and is look forward to their get-together there, and MINOW member Peggy Barchi KC7CLI. Next comes SeaPac at Seaside, Oregon – I'm especially looking forward to seeing some of the Two River YLs and attending the YLRL luncheon. And then comes June and Field Day. I hope many of you are planning to participate this year. Please let me know about your activities and your upgrades!

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33 Sara, AB7PS

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I thought last issue was easy to write, but this one was a dream. Keep up the good work ladies. And see, you didn't hear one thing about my grandchildren! Bless you all and I hope to see many of you in Dayton. Enjoy the beautiful spring. 33, Carole, WB9RUS

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touch with everyone involved. Jan Medley, NOQT kept the kids at the second school in line and answered questions between schools. I got to man the registration table and answer the question, "Which school should I be at right now?"

The project was a big hit and *Odyssey of the Mind* has grown so large that it now takes up two schools. Next year it may be even bigger and more locations will certainly mean more Hams needed! Thanks to all the Hams who keep involved and especially those who help keep children learning. I hope I had a chance to see you at Dayton! 73 and 33, Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

MYSTERY MEMBER: WHO AM I?



This faithful member has made many, many items for convention prizes, starting in the 1950s, and has already started prizes for the 1999 convention, which she plans on attending. She was instrumental in starting recording tapes for our visually impaired members. She is a great-great-grandmother and has just turned 93!

Look for the answer in the next YLH.

Clarice Goodman, W7FTX, SK ----- *continued from page 14*

She was also active in working with the Glacier-Waterton Hamfest for many years. One year she was the President of that gathering and Ray was the secretary-treasurer.

Clarice was a talented and capable individual in many ways. How many of us knew that she set all the concrete blocks in the house which she and Ray shared on Golf Course Road? In measuring that work for levelness Ray found her blocks were laid more true than the work of a professional stone mason that he knew.

Another interesting event in Clarice's life occurred one dark, freezing cold night. Clarice heard a strange, rather mystifying sound which she followed across a vacant lot. There she found that the sound was a small boy's attempts to call for help. The strangeness of the sounds because the child's tongue was stuck to a frozen water pump! The child had slipped after his tongue got stuck so that he was actually hanging by his tongue! In such cold dark weather the boy would have had little chance to survive for long. Clarice ran for help, and her quick action saved the boy's life. Later that child went on to become the owner of an air-express and freight company. He called her years later to thank her for saving his life.

Always one to share ham radio at every opportunity, Clarice has been influential in getting many people interested in becoming hams. For example, as a youth our club president, George Nichols, W710J, hung around the Goodmans' radio and TV shop, and got his early appetite for amateur radio whetted there. Our club program chairman, George Holmes, KC7JPF, was driving in Hamilton when his son, a novice ham, spotted Clarice's beam antenna. George was not a ham then, but they stopped and met Clarice and Ray. This meeting and others which followed, were instrumental in influencing George to get his ham ticket. She also introduced the man that mails our club newsletter out each month, Sam Bailey, KC7EVX, to ham radio. Sam and his wife, Jane, had organized a club for persons with limited vision. Clarice met Sam, and told him about ham radio as a hobby, when she and Ray attended that club.

About five years ago, as my wife and I rolled into Hamilton to settle in the Bitterroot Valley, I gave a call on the repeater to say "hello" to someone in my new home. In answer to my call W7FTX replied with a "Welcome to the Bitterroot Valley" and an invitation to become part of the ham fraternity in this area. Clarice was always ready for a friendly QSO, talking to friends and keeping schedules with nets almost every day right up to the last. It is hard to say the final "73" to you Clarice. You are much missed by many friends.

From The Editor's Desk

Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS



Whatever you do, don't get bronchitis!! I've just spent a good portion of May with the nasty stuff and I'm still coughing stuff up. I did more than I should have while I was sick and it's possible that my recovery has been slower because of that. It's set me way behind on everything, and as you know, I'm just now catching up.

Slowly but surely, I'm working on my upgrade. I took (and passes!!) Element 3b near the end of April, but that CW is still staring me in the face. But leave it to a good QSO to help with motivation. I talked with Doris May, KJ7RF on 10 meters the other day. I'd been chasing her around the band, never hearing her but hearing all sorts of other folks talking with her. It tickled me pink to finally catch up with her. And that's given me a bit of a boost—enough to get SuperMorse up and running without problem through my sound card, after multiple tries with no luck. Now to put my nose to the grindstone. Do ya think it'll get any smaller??

Just a few short months down the road is the Directory Issue. Please make sure all your information (address, packet, e-mail, telephone numbers, etc.) is up to day with our Database Manager, Barbara Yasson, KC7KQI. And I need any information on YL nets. So whip out last year's directory and make sure your net is listed correctly.

That does it for now. Enjoy that summer 'cause the dark days of winter will be here before you know it. Take care of yourselves!

blessed is she who has learned to laugh at herself,
for she shall never cease to be entertained.

-- John Bowell --

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