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- St. Francis of Assisi



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The President's Letter

de Kay WA0WOF Eyman

YLRL members are especially busy at this time of year. I'm hearing about hamfests and YL get-togethers in all parts of the world. The good news is that you're getting the word out about YLRL and many new members are joining us. Welcome, new members!

It was so good to see everyone at the YLRL Forum at Dayton and we heard two good talks by **Jeanie WA6UVF** and **Cheryl N0WBV**. They both described times they had helped with communications during emergencies and reminded everyone how important ham radio is and that we don't know when we may be called upon to help out. Their advice is to be prepared!

It was fun to make some contacts for the 33 Award at Dayton, and **Jeanie** is sending out lots of certificates. Speaking of certificates, we welcome two new Certificate Custodians to the YLRL working team. **Carolyn N8ST** Donner now has the YLCC certificates and **Rose Marie KB4RM** Battig has taken over the YL-DXCC certificates. If you haven't earned all of YLRL's certificates, it's time to pull out your QSL cards and take stock of who you have and who you need to work to get some nice wallpaper. **Caroll NV7YL** will have the new names and addresses on Page 3 for you, so now is the time to get busy.

I'm ready to leave for the YL meeting in Palermo and am looking forward to seeing many YLRL members there, meeting old friends, and making new ones. **Ruth IT9ESZ** has organized a great meeting and several tours, and it's sure to be a good time. I hope that many of you get to work special event station **IQ9YL**, between June 18 and 26.

It will soon be time for the YLRL Convention in Ohio. **Nancy KC4IYD** talked about that at the forum in Dayton, and she and her committee provided lots of information about the tours and plans they have ready for us. I'm looking forward to seeing you there! We don't have that many chances to enjoy each other's company so make it a point to attend!

It's already time to start thinking of the next group of officers and I have asked **Alma AB5BA** to chair the Nominating Committee. She will be asking two of the District Chairmen to help her find a full slate of candidates to run for office in YLRL for 2004-2005. Please look over all the positions that are listed on Pages 2 and 3 of YLH and see if there isn't a job there that you would enjoy doing. Then you can make Alma's job easier by volunteering to be placed on the ballot. Some of the jobs do take time and effort, but they are all worthwhile and you will be working with many great YLs. I highly recommend serving in YLRL!

This will be my last column for awhile because the next issue will be the Directory issue. **Caroll NV7YL** will be putting it together and she has done a magnificent job of getting the database up to date. Please help her now by checking the label on this issue of YLH and sending her any changes that need to be made. She likes to get an early start on things so the sooner, the better!

Until the next time, I hope to be in touch with you on the air, at the YL meetings, by mail, e-mail, or telephone. I'm always glad to hear from you! 33, *Kay*



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Kindly words, sympathizing attentions, watchfulness against wounding men's (women's) sensitiveness—these cost very little, but they are priceless in their value. - F.W. Robertson

New YLRL Members

de Lois WB3EFQ Gutshall

It is really exciting to be able to report on the following new members to YLRL. Please remember to welcome them when you hear them on air or meet them at a hamfest or meeting. Congratulations to those of you who are "getting the word out." Don't forget to have new members indicate who sponsored them into YLRL.

KG6GGQ Sharon Tisdell

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Birthday: August 29

Welcome to **Sharon** who was licensed in 2001 and holds a general class license. She enjoys bicycle mobile and is joined in the hobby by husband, **KG6GPB**, and father-in-law, **K6UF**.

W6LXL Ruth Hinkle - Rejoined --- Member in Mid 1950s

5725 Scott River Rd, Fort Jones, Ca. 96032-9720

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Birthday: August 15

Vada W6CEE invited her to join after seeing her call on her license plate and it turns out **Ruth** had attended a meeting at her house years ago. **Ruth** was formerly **W9BBQ** in Chicago before moving to California. She has 5 children, one of them a ham and has two "kids" at home, a grey kitten and orange one. She also keeps busy as a volunteer at the Yreka hospital

N7MXA Dorothy Uebele

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Birthday: May 5

Dorothy enjoys clubs and nets and has been licensed since 1989. Her **OM** is **WW7E** and she also enjoys sewing, reading, gardening and cross-country skiing. She is a retired librarian. She and **George** celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary the 22nd of June 2002. She was endorsed by **Caroll NV7YL**. *Ed Note: I'll be bringing a sample of her sewing and machine embroidery handiwork to the Convention -- she does a marvelous job!!!*

KC7KPG Judith A Nurenberg

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Birthday: February 16

Judith has been licensed since 1995 and as a new ham is anxious to get active. She has an Extra Class license and her **OM, Tom, is KC7KPF**. For the summer she will be driving shuttle bus at the Grand Canyon...sounds interesting!!! *Ed. Note: I've been in touch with Judith and she's given us her phone number while they're at the Grand Canyon. Also, if anyone is heading that way -- please give her a call and you might be able to get a personal tour (in her off-duty hours, of course!) They'll be there until November 30 this year.*

KG6AYY/7 Karen Crisp
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Birthday: November 18

According to QRZ **Karen** loves to bicycle and now that she has her general ticket plans to be more active. She currently is involved with the MINOW net, ARES District 4, and serves as net control on Sunday nights. **Karen** holds a general class license.

N9DZX Barbara Taylor
3336 Spruce St, Columbus, IN 47203
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Birthday: March 8

The daughter of **Anna K9RXX** Arnholt, **Barbara** is a teacher and has a number of hams in her family including her mother, her **OM, Noel N9CJT**, and brother, **David W9SIO**.

KC8SXM Barbara M. Buffington
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Barbara holds an Extra Class license and belongs to the Pioneer Amateur Radio Fellowship Club, Restoration Project Net and enjoys ragchewing and Field Day.

KD5DYY Leslie L. Eaton
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Phone: 281-488-0093
Birthday July 2

Leslie is a member of the Johnson Space Center Amateur Radio Club and the Clear Lake ARC. She is an Engineer and is active on 2 meters and 70cm, enjoys DX and contests and is joined in the hobby by her husband, **Bob KD5DYZ**. She was endorsed by **Alma AB5BA**.

KD5REH Judy K. Hall
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Birthday October 22

Judy was first licensed in 2002 and moved from Tech to Extra in three months. She joins her husband, **K5URZ**, in the hobby

KF4TJJ Carol Boehler
101 Masons Lane SE, Leesburg, VA 20175
Phone: 703-777-9427
Birthday: June 17

Carol has been licensed since 1997, and holds a General class. She is recording secretary for Loudown Amateur Radio Group and is involved with fox hunts, telemetry balloon launch and recovery and community and emergency service and events. Her **OM**, Dennis, is **KF4TJI**

KB2VDV Laura Y. Rudin
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Laura has been licensed since 1995 and currently holds a tech license. She is a computer programmer analyst and enjoys walking, fishing and reading

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Birthday: October 12

Shellie holds an extra class license and her previous calls were **KG0QQ** and **N0UAQ** and she is anxious to become more active. Her **OM** is Roger **AD5T** and she is a life **ARRL** member. She was endorsed by Alma **AB5BA**

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Welcome to the family who can have their own radio club. Mother Donna is an Extra class licensee and enjoys Field Day, 2 meters and is a VE. In her spare time she is an RN and apparently a busy mom. Her daughters are Kelly, age 20, Lori, age 18, and Tracey, age 15, and son, Allen **KC8NDW**, and **OM**, **N8GQ** Steven. The two oldest daughters were recipients of FAR scholarships last year.

K7SR Robyn Walters

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Birthday June 6

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Robyn holds an Extra class license and loves DX, especially contesting. She also works some CW and PSK-31. Enjoys 2 meter repeater activity but finds there is less activity in western Washington contrary to Virginia. Working on her **OM** to get his license.

AD5HE Teresa Sipes

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Teresa is a member of the Ft Smith Amateur Radio Club and enjoys nets. She is an Extra class licensee and is VE certified.

KB8IUP Brenda Krukowski

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Brenda belongs to the Toledo Mobile Radio Association. Her **OM** is **Chuck KB8FXT** and she works as a Parish Service Coordinator. She is active on 2 meters and 440. She was endorsed by **Connie N8IO**

KC8NYU Jill Robinson

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Jill has been licensed since 2000 and belongs to CORES. She is a HR specialist and her **OM Joe** is **KC8NHQ**. She holds a Tech license. She was by endorsed **Connie N8IO**

KC8SER Mary E. Cartwright

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Birthday: January 17

Mary is a member of LARK and is a new ham "still learning." She works as a caregiver and holds a tech license. She is endorsed by **YLRL**.

Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you're alive, it isn't. - Richard Bach

KC8TDU Cheryl Ann Walter

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Birthday: August 2

Cheryl belongs to the Buckeye Bells and works as a phlebotomist. She is active on 2 meters and was endorsed by **Connie N8IO**

WD9CNW Carol Toman

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Birthday October 16

Carol works as a programmer and holds the General class license. She is active on UHF and VHF and enjoys Field Day. Other hams in her family are husband, **Tim N9TO**, and daughter, **Pam KB9SCM**

KB9SCM Pamela Toman

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Birthday: November 21

Pam is **Cheryl's** daughter and she is a high school student and a member of the Wheaton Community Radio Amateurs and the Fox River Radio League. She enjoys 220, 2 meters and Field Day.

N9ZKU Janet Maggart

1607 Willistead Place, Ft. Wayne, IN

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Birthday: August 12

Janet was the winner of a membership to **YLRL** at the Dayton Hamvention. She has been licensed since 1992 and previously held **VE3WKT**. She works in customer service.

KCØCIO Virginia Noon - rejoined

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Endorsed by **Cheryl NØWBV** and looks forward to becoming more active. **Gloria** is retired.

N3ZJJ Kathleen Anthony
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Birthday: August 24

Kathleen holds a General class license and belongs to the Fort Armstrong Wireless Association. She has two other hams in the family, **N3DOL Gail**, and **Brad KB3FKB**. She enjoys special events stations

K4LOV Katana Luther
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Katana joined and her **OM, Eric WI4LD**, joined as family members. She is affiliated with the Randolph ARC, Montgomery ARS, Red Cross and ARES. She works as an administrator and contests with the North Carolina QSO party. She holds a Tech license. Welcome to **Katana** and **Eric**.

KO4DI Eileen Benkis
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Eileen is an Extra class holder and a business owner. Is active on the bands, especially DX

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Birthday December 31

Mary has been licensed since 1976 and belongs to **ARRL** and **QCWA** and the Alfred Memorial Radio Club. Two other hams in her family are **Bill AB0KE** and **Paul KF4BML**. She joined at Dayton this year.

My mind is a garden. My thoughts are the seeds. My harvest will be either flower or weeds. - Mel Weldon

KG4IUM Andrea Hartlage
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Birthday April 17

Andrea was also a Dayton recruit and is 13 years old. She enjoys several school clubs as well as ARES and GARS and is active on VHF, UHF, 20, 10 and 80 meters and will participate in contests. She also enjoys camping and has been licensed since 2000 and holds a General ticket.

(Ed. Note: Look for more info on new members in the 6th Issue later this year!)

IN AMATEUR RADIO, EVERY WOMAN IS A YOUNG LADY

August 2-4, 2002 more than 100 of these Young Ladies (YLS) will be attending the Young Ladies' Radio League (YLRL) convention in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. Every three years the YLRL holds a convention to welcome amateur radio operators from around the world. This non-profit organization prides itself on helping women in amateur radio.

The YLRL helps women get their radio licenses, get on the air, meet people from around the world and have fun. They also provide scholarships for women going into the math or science fields, a special version of their bi-monthly newsletter on tape for visually impaired operators, and contests and certificates that both men and women can participate in and apply for.

The women enjoy getting on the air to chat, but are also heavily involved in emergency communications. When emergencies or natural disasters strike, when there is no electricity and phone lines are down, the YLRL members are there to help provide communications.

The last convention, held in Long Beach, California, aboard the Queen Mary coincided with the 60th anniversary of the YLRL. There were more than 120 women representing eight different countries in attendance. If you are interested in finding out more about how women get involved in amateur radio, come visit the convention forums at the Clarion Hotel in Middleburg Heights, Ohio. All women are invited and men are encouraged to bring any Young Lady they know to find out what women are doing with amateur radio. Events include speakers, forums and a fully operational amateur radio station using the designated callsign, **W8WRJ**.

For more information contact convention chairman, Nancy **KC4IYD** Rabel Hall at (440) 327-3832 or via kc4iyd@yahoo.com or contact the convention co-chairman Jean **KB8YHN** Ruth at 440-775-7909 or kb8yhn@arrl.net or visit the YLRL website at www.qsl.net/yldr.
73, de Cheryl NOWBV Muhr

There is a proper balance between not asking enough of oneself and asking or expecting too much. --May Sarton

Continuous Membership

de Cleo K0JFO Bracket

5 year certificate to Jane AF4CP and Hazel AL7OT

45 year sticker to Ruth K8ARA and Janice K6HHD

20 year sticker to Marilyn N8BFI

(Ed Note: Congratulations to all!!!)

Vice President's Views

de Jeanie WA6UVF Parker

Howdy Days Contest

CW & SSB: 1400 UTC, September 13, 2002 to 0200 UTC, September 15, 2002.

Eligibility: All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate.

Procedure: Call "CQ YL."

Operation: All bands and modes of emission may be used. A station may be worked and counted once on each band and mode for QSO points. The maximum power output that may be used at any time during the contest is 750 watts on CW and 1500 watts PEP on SSB. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks must be indicated in the log.

Exchange: YLRL member or non-YLRL member. Entries in log must also show date, time, band, call or station worked.

Scoring: Score two points for each YLRL member worked and one point for each non-YLRL member worked. There are no multipliers.

Logs: All logs must show if operator is a YLRL member or non-member to be eligible for awards.

Awards: Top scoring YLRL member will receive her choice of a YLRL pin, charm, or stationery. Top scoring non-YLRL member will receive a one-year YLRL membership.

Note: All digital mode contacts count as CW, this includes RTTY, PACTOR, AMTOR, PSK31, etc.

Submit logs to: Jeanie Parker WA6UVF, 28400 Vista del Valle, Hemet, CA 92544.

YL Anniversary Party (YLAP)

CW: 1400 UTC, October 9th, 2002 to 0200 UTC, October 11, 2002

SSB: 1400 UTC, October 23, 2002 to 0200 UTC, October 25, 2002.

Eligibility: All licensed women operators throughout the world are invited to participate. Only YLRL members are eligible for cup awards, non-members will

receive certificates. Only **YLRL** members are eligible for the Corcoran and Hager awards.

Procedure: Call "CQ-YL."

Operation: All bands may be used. No cross-band operation. Net contacts and repeater contacts do not count. A station may be worked and counted once on each band. Participants may work only 24 hours of the 36 hours in each contest. Operating breaks must be indicated in the log.

Exchange: Station worked, QSO number, RS(T), and **ARRL** section/VE province/country.

Scoring: (1) CW and SSB are scored as separate contests. Submit separate logs for each contest. (2) All **YLs** within one of the US **ARRL** sections or within a Canadian province shall score one point for each QSO with another station located within a section or province. Score two points for each contact with a station not located within an **ARRL** section or province, i.e., **DX** (**DX** stations are defined as those not located within an **ARRL** section or province.) (3) **DX YLs** shall score two points for each contact with a station on another continent and one point for each contact with a station on their own continent. (4) Multiply the number of contact points by the total number of different sections, provinces and countries worked.

Logs: All logs must show the operator's **ARRL** section/VE province/or country to qualify for awards. Logs must also state whether or not the operator is a member of **YLRL**. For each QSO, logs must show the station worked, time, band, and date. Logs must also state the power output used. If you have 200 or more QSOs, submit a separate log for each band and submit a "dupe" sheet. Remember to file separate logs for each contest. Logs must show claimed score.

Awards: For the **YLAP**, cups will be awarded for both the **NA-YL** and the **DX-YL** with the highest CW scores and for the highest SSB scores. Only **YLRL** members are eligible to receive cups. If the winner of either contest is a non-**YLRL** member, a first place certificate will be awarded. If a **YL** does not wish to receive a cup, a first place certificate may be awarded. Second and third certificates will be awarded for each contest. The highest CW and the highest SSB score in each district, province, and country will receive a certificate. Certificates will be awarded only if there are at least ten valid contacts on the log.

Corcoran Award: A plaque given for the highest combined CW and SSB score for **YLRL** members within a state or province.

Hager Award: A plaque given for the highest combined CW and SSB score from North and Central America, including the Greater and Lesser Antilles, for **YLRL DX** members only. A duplicate plaque given for the highest combined CW and SSB score from any other part of the world, for **YLRL DX** members only. Note: All digital mode contacts count as CW, this includes: RTTY, PSK31, etc.

If you were born lucky, even your rooster will lay eggs. - Russian proverb

The 33 Award Certificate

YLRL announces a new certificate to be offered only during 2002. In honor of YLRL founder Ethel Smith K4LMB/SK, a certificate will be awarded to all licensed amateur radio operators who work 33 different YLs using license class allocation with: all bands, modes, station or mobile and VHF simplex, but no net operation. Contacts can begin on or after February 13, 2002, which was Ethel's birthday.

A log showing the frequency, date, and time of each QSO, and the callsign and first name of the YL worked should be mailed to YLRL Vice-President, Jeanie Parker WA6UVF, 28400 Vista del Valle, Hemet, CA 92544. Please enclose \$1.00 with your log, which must be postmarked by December 31, 2002

DXYL-NAYL Contest Results

The following logs were received for the DX-YL to NA-YL Contest.

High Score NA/SSB: Mary WX4MM Moore- 36 pts.

2nd NA/SSB: Nancy KS2YL Fontana - 24 pts.

3rd NA/SSB: Lia WA2NFY Zwack - 4.5 pts.

High Score NA/CW: Nancy KS2YL Fontana - 31.5 pts.

2nd NA/CW: Lia WA2NFY Zwack - 4.5 pts.

High Score DX/SSB: Rosel DL2FCA Dach - 6 pts.

High Score DX/CW: Rosel DL2FCA Dach - 9 pts.



Ed. Note: The following are observations from one of the YLs who completed (before the end of April) her contacts for the 33 Award. I'm sure we've all experienced what Carolyn felt -- she was the first that I know of to put all those feelings into writing -- Thank you, Carolyn, for sharing with us!!!

Memories of 33 Award 2002 *de Carolyn N8ST Donner*

Hello everyone, thanks for all the congratulations. I really feel like I've accomplished something great! Actually I've learned a lot at the same time ...

1. I've met a lot of new ladies on the air. I talked to ladies in four countries (counting the USA) and 15 states. I've learned about a lady who is retired from the military, one who has a dog named Pico Farad, one whose grandson is practically a genius at age five <grin>, one who met her husband doing CW, one whose husband is a truck driver, one whose husband is also working on the YL 33 Award (and, yes, I talked to him, too), a couple who are Star Trek fans, and lots of others who were just as interesting.

2. I've learned to use more bands than I normally use. I talked to three ladies on 2 meters simplex which was a first for me. I talked to nine ladies on 10 meters, one on 17 meters, 14 on 20 meters, four on 40 meters, and two on 80 meters. That's more bands than I've used for a long time. Ten meters is where I usually hang out.

3. I learned about YL nets. I checked into at least three, and waited patiently to announce I was working on the YL 33 Award and would stick around afterwards if anyone could hear me. And, I learned that anyone who could hear me was more than willing to stay around afterwards and make the contacts. And, not only that, but was able to actually chat and answer questions on the nets. Nets can be a lot of fun, also.

4. Maybe I learned a little patience also ... after all, some nets take up to an hour, but they are fun. And I've tuned around for long periods of time just listening to hear a YL voice so I could wait until she finished her conversation with someone else, so I could give her a call. Or, I've called CQ YL for 15 minutes at a time only to hear static coming back to me. But then out of the blue one day, I called CQ YL and almost fell off my chair, as immediately a YL came back to me. So, you just never know which time will be the one you'll hear a response.

5. I also learned not to ignore contests ... I tuned around during the WPX contest for about an hour before finding a YL in Argentina working the contest, and she was happy to help me out with her name and a brief chat during the contest. And then there was the lady working the Michigan QSO party contest. Again, she took time out to give me her name and a signal report along with some information

So, why am I telling you all this? Hopefully it will help those who are feeling a little frustrated at not finishing their YL 33 Award right away. Hang in there ... you can do it ... and I'm looking forward to chatting with more YLs, and checking into more nets, and looking at more contests, etc.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. - Eleanor Roosevelt

District One

de Anne WBIARU Manna

Happy summer! I hope that by the time we read this, we will have summer in One Land! It has been a very cold and wet June. Field Day is just a week away as I write.

Hennie KA1JVN will be participating in Field Day with her club, the Southern Berkshire Amateur Club at Amenia, New York. They will be using the club call W1BAA/2 as a 3A operation. Hennie will be setting up the antennas with the male members on Saturday and operating on Sunday morning and then, after 1:00, taking down the antennas. She enjoys Field Day very much and hopes all members who participate have a very enjoyable Field Day.

Anne WBIARU will be with Capeway Radio Club again this year in Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, Massachusetts. This year will probably be a 2A year, as some members are unable to participate. Anne will operate phone as much as she can stay awake for. The call will be W1AA.

Pat N1LZH and Joe W1BS are running Field Day again this year for Club NoBarc on top of a 2000 foot mountain (just off Route 9) in Windsor, Massachusetts. There's an old hangar and air field that a fellow ham owns and lets them use every

year. They will be operating 4-A with the call **W1WM** (Number One Western Mass). They camp out the whole weekend on the site. **Pat NILZH** and **Joe** had a good time exploring the Dayton Ham-vention again this year. They ran into **Ann WAIS** on 2 meter simplex on the road to Dayton. They managed to catch her and her **OM, Russ**, at their flea market space. Dayton was kind of cold and rainy this year and didn't make for much flea market shopping. Everybody was indoors, but they found a few goodies.

Arline WILIO received the Thanks Badge II Award at the Annual Patriot's Trail Girl Scout Council Meeting on April 24. The Thanks Badge II for continuing service recognizes an adult member who has already received the Thanks Badge and who has continued in extraordinary ways that benefit the total council or the entire Girl Scout movement. Her influence in Girl Scouting has not only spanned the country, but the world as well. She has been a part of Girl Scouting for more than 60 years. She has been an active member in both Massachusetts and Washington. In 1959 she received the Thanks Badge from the Waltham Council and in 1962 from the National Council. In 1999 she was inducted into the Girl Scout Court of Honor. She developed a Girl Scout Ham Radio Patch and thanks to her, more than 900 girls from across the country have had the opportunity to earn this patch. At the National Convention she can be found at her Ham Radio Booth providing Girl Scouts at the convention the chance to send messages around the world. Congratulations, **Arline!**

Anne WB1ARU and **Tony WA1ENO** will be in Hawaii from June 25 through July 10. Their first stop is SeaQ Maui where they will be on the air some of the time from June 25 - 30. They will also travel to Molokai and Big Island.

Barb WB1EHS writes, "Several homes in our town have had night visits from a large bear who has made shambles out of the bird feeding areas. It began almost two weeks ago and we were on its 'list' of places to visit. This is the first time we have experienced such a thing since we moved here 13 years ago. It knocked two cylindrical feeders to the ground, and emptied them out. It broke a hummingbird feeder so that it could not be fixed, and completely bent to the ground a metal shepherd's crook for hanging plants or feeders. It completely carried away two of the suet feeders; we never found them, wrecked or otherwise. The bear so far has eluded the big trap which the man from the State had positioned, so all of us are still putting our bird feeders safely indoors each night, and bringing them back out each morning."

The District 1 **ARRL** Convention, known as Boxboro is on August 24 & 25. **YLRL** and **WRONE** will have a joint table and forum again. **Arline WILIO** has made initial arrangements. **Pat NILZH**, **Anne WB1ARU**, and many others will be in attendance. Hope to see many of you there too!

See you in Cleveland for **YLRL** Convention 2002! 33, **Anne WB1ARU**

Everything that is worthwhile in life is scary. Choosing a school, choosing a career, getting married, having kids--all those things are scary. If it is not fearful, it is not worthwhile. - Paul Tornier

District Two

de MYRTLE N2AKC FARNSWORTH

I know my computer is working, e-mail is coming through, the mail man still delivers our mail daily, and our radio works fine, but something isn't working because there hasn't been anything in the way of news coming into Medford Lakes from you gals in Two land. I thought someone would surely write about Dayton Hamvention and the good time had by all who were able to attend. I certainly missed not being there this year. Perhaps you are all resting up after the big weekend or too busy to write. Hopefully next time news will come barreling in!!

Not being home to get on the Friday morning SAYLARC net I do get some tid-bits about what is what on Saturday morning SAYLARC net on 7.245 +/- where **Minerva WB2JNL** is the Net Control station. The sad news was that **Carli NICD's** husband, Jr., had two sisters die within a very short time of each other. Our sympathy and our prayers most certainly are offered to Jr.

Lia WA2NFY is getting prepared for her trip to Europe to visit her sisters and to see her many ham friends. We hope she has a safe and enjoyable time, but when doesn't Lia enjoy herself when with family and Ham friends!

Vera WA1JYO is the proud great-grandmother of a beautiful little girl, Caroline, born May 21st. This is her second great-grandchild. There was a double celebration as her daughter had a really big birthday party for her 60th year.

The above being the end of the news, ladies, and since our District News for HARMONICS is due the week of June 15th which just happens to cover two Holidays, Flag Day and the 4th of July, I thought why not end our column with a patriotic poem. I wrote the poem when I was Worthy Matron of my Eastern Star Chapter as my flag tribute. I hope you enjoy!

A FLAG TRIBUTE

This is our flag, yes, it's yours and mine too.

It's colors have always been red, white and blue.

It' traveled the world over since first it was born.

It's been mistreated, yes, spit on, burned and torn.

If it could but talk, oh, what would it say?

What message to us would it really relay?

Would it remind us of how we struggle for peace,

Tell us of all those who died, and are still dying

before wars can cease?

Would it shout out for each and every one to hear

Thank you, God, for America and the privilege to live here.

Yes, this is our flag for which we all stand

The symbol of our country, America, this wonderful land.

This is our flag, yes, yours and mine too.

We salute you "Old Glory" our flag of red, white and blue.

33 to all, *Myrtle N2AKC*

District Three

de Barb KA3VXR Bender

Greetings from 3-Land! Well, I am finally getting ahead of the weeds in my flower beds. Probably not for long, though. The hazy, crazy days of summer are before us and I hope that you all have a pleasant and relaxing one. The **OM**, **Richie-Pool W3SYY**, and I are looking forward to Field Day again this year. Usually, both the clubs we belong to - Dividing Ridge ARC and Horseshoe ARC get together and have one hugh, fun-filled food-fest/camp-out high on top of Blue Knob in Bedford County. We all manage to do some operating, too! HI HI We'll be concentrating on 6M this trip. Please let me know how your Field Day went so we can share with everyone in our District.

I was disappointed to get only one report from the Hamvention, but do really appreciate hearing from **Doris W3TGB** Slye. She and her **OM**, **Russ N3GT**, went to the Dayton Hamvention along with six other members of the Maryland Mobileers ARC. They were there very early Friday morning because they had an Outside Vendor's spot, so by 10 am **Doris** said she was ready for something else and hopped a shuttle bus to the Miami Valley Quilt Show. None of the group had been around Dayton before, but the eight **YLs** managed to get the bus driver (he was from Indianapolis) across town to the Fair Grounds. Not being sure when, or if, he would return she decided to put her New York City skills to the test and use public transportation back to the Hamvention. Three buses later, she arrived back at Hara Arena. Friday night **Doris** drove from their hotel to participate in the 10-10 Parking Lot Net. She and her **OM** used Sunday to visit her **OM's** aunt and cousins in Cincinnati.

Ruthanna WB3CQN worked **P5/4L4FN** - Ed in North Korea. A new one for her. They are few and far between and she said it was nice to get excited again. HI HI Other than that, she has been working around the house. She got a new picnic table with 2 benches and is having a concrete pad put down to set them on near the pool! She also got a new flag pole in the front yard to fly Old Glory in time for the 4th of July! Sounds like she is ready to enjoy summer. Ruthanna is very much looking forward to the **YLRL** Convention in August.

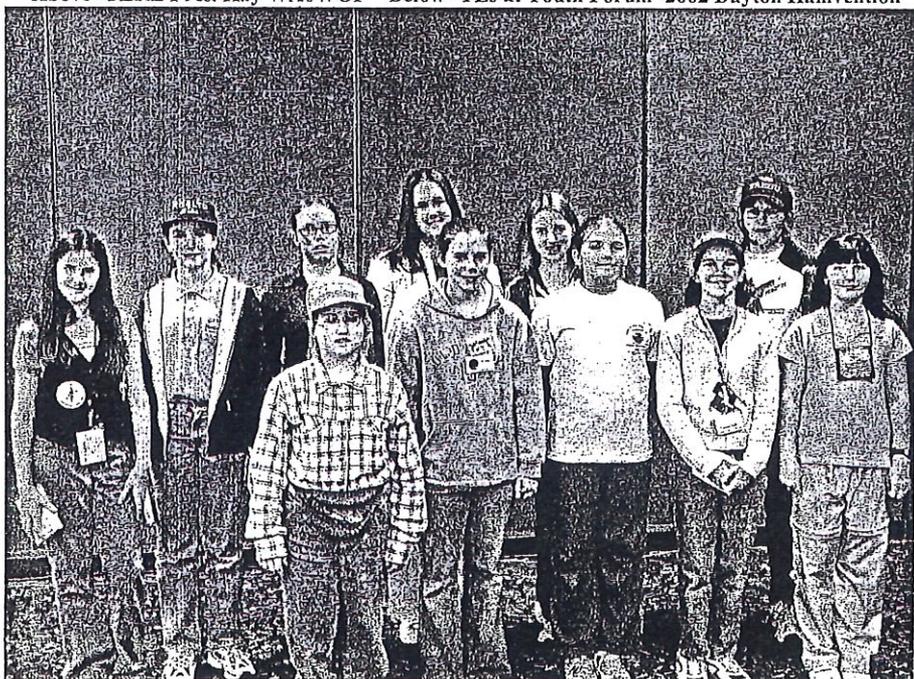
Jeanne KA3CEO wishes she could attend the convention, but is unable to do so because of arthritis which makes walking difficult. She will be thinking of all the gals there and hopes everyone will enjoy a great convention! She and her **OM**, **Dick WB3AJC**, will be retiring from the Coast Guard Aux this fall after 15 great years. Terrific organization! **Dick** is playing sax in The Eastern Shore Wind Symphony Ensemble and will be having their 3rd concert very soon. **Jeanne** and **Dick** just celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary and will be celebrating their 82nd birthdays in July - 2nd & 4th. Congratulations and many, many blessings to a wonderful couple!

Send me news about your Field Day activities and also about your experiences at the **YLRL** Convention! Hope to see a lot of you there. Till I hear from you

73/33 *de Barb KA3VXR*



Above -YLRL Pres. Kay WA0WOF Below -YLs at Youth Forum -2002 Dayton Hamvention





BR-Nancy KC4IYD, Cheryl N0WBV, Carole WB9RUS, Ann WA1S, Annette KC8SQM,
FR-Carol KI8IM es Dawn KC8SQN

Dayton Hamvention YL Table



District Four

de *MARY WX4MM MOORE*

Hello again, seems like just last week I was writing this column for the May/June issue and here it is overdue already for July/August. Will see what we have for news this month. My surgery went very well, am still going to physical therapy and stairs are difficult. I did, however, go dancing for my anniversary (37 years) and danced some slow dances with the OM. Thanks to all for your thoughts and prayers during my recuperation.

We have four new 4th-Call-Area YLs joining YLRL since May. Welcome to **Katana K4LOV** Luther, **Eileen KO4DI** Benkis, **Mary W4NZJ** Whatley Ayls, **Gloria KE4JEH** Borgrink, and **Andrea KG4IUM** Hartlage. I hope to hear from them in the near future with news of interest to share with all of you.

I am the VE Team Liason for East Alabama Radio Club and we had two YLs test tonight to get their Technician class licenses. Will share their calls with you next month. **Allison KB3HDL** Bowman moved to Auburn, Alabama from Pennsylvania a few months ago, she is 13 years of age. She recently took her code test and upgraded to General; she has requested a callsign change, so will report on that next month.

Congratulations to Sharon **KG4TSI** Pike, a new technician-class operator in Opelika, Alabama. Sharon's OM, **Ronnie** and son, **Joseph**, are also hams.

Cheryl Whitlock has a new call sign, it is **AA4YL**. Didn't take long for her to get it on her vehicle license plate -- Cheryl works at the Lee County Tax Office in Opelika.

Field Day will be over before this comes to you, I hope all of you participated. Send me the particulars of your field day experiences and I'll put them in the column to share. I plan to work the CW station at **W4LEE** this year. Will let you know how that turns out!! I am looking forward to contacting the YL DX-peditions coming up. **VK9YL** from Lord Howe Island Sept. 15th-29th and Nauru from Oct 1-14th using **C2IYL** if that gets approved. (Ed. Note: see Gwen's paragraph concerning the YL DX-peditions for an update on this!) You can get more information on the DX-peditions from the DX Bulletins. When you have finished reading your Harmonics, pass it along to a non-member and encourage them to join YLRL. We are the ones who must distribute information to other YLs to keep our organization growing. 33, **Mary WX4MM**

District Five

de *Alma AB5BA Lang*

Well, it's this time again -- I hope you all enjoy all the Harmonic news as I do. Real interesting letter from each District, as well as receiving news for 5th District. Been a busy time for us, for **Jim K5VRJ** and I. At present we have beans to can, tomatoes are doing great, will can some of them next week. And then there is our large area to mow. It takes about four hours with both of us mowing. Well, that is until this week. **Jim** is having to do it all, as I have been having a lot of leg and back pain (Even when I did not mow - Hi). This past Monday June 3rd, the doctor injected my back, to relieve some of the pain and awful numbness of my left leg. Think it is working. I feel great. On June 1st we had an area ham get-together -- was great ---

and I got to wear the Beautiful 5th District Chairman badge that President Kay sent me from her Dayton visit -- Don't think any of the Hams noticed it -- at least they did not say anything --- But an employee there thought it was real special --- wanted how to become a ham --- never know where you can find prospects -- I have already given her the **ARRL** address - She called today and said she had ordered the study guide.

I hope **Esther WD5EMZ** is getting along well with her sign language classes.

To **Frances WA5MPM**: I got in touch with a ham in Dripping Springs area and he said he would get out to your house to see what you needed to get back on air. I hope he has made it.

Burnette K5JGC e-mails me often. She is busy with traveling, and spends lots of time with grandchildren visiting all the fabulous places in and around Houston.

I talked with **Doris K5BNQ**, said they were pampered on their cruise, but was glad to be home. We are glad to hear her on **TYLRUN**.

Alverta K5MIZ and husband, **Fred K5MJA**, have made another trip to Guthrie, Oklahoma for the Annual Guthrie Jazz Banjo Festival held each year on Memorial Day weekend. **Alverta** and **Fred** play with the Bayou Banjo Club in Houston. Several hundred banjoists gather each year for this affair and do a lot of "pickin' and grinnin'." Haven't been on the air much in the last year. The **GAYLARK** is still active, having regular monthly meetings and enjoying "Eyeball QSOs." **Alverta** says, "I have been enjoying your Fifth District News and look forward to every issue of The Harmonics. Keep the news coming!!! 33" Her e-mail address is: **k5miz@pdq.net**

Linda AC5QQ - I have completed the Irving Citizens on Patrol (ICOP) course; now I can write tickets-handicap parking tickets. **Pat, Sharon**, and I took a trip to Hawaii spending most of our time on the island of Oahu. We stayed at Waikiki Beach with Diamond Head visible from our room. We saw Pearl Harbor, the punchbowl Crater (National Cemetery), Ala Mona Park, Haleiwa (surf city) and the Dole Plantation. We also visited two other islands Hawaii, the big island, where we saw the volcano and Kauai known for its beautiful gardens and the Waimea Canyon. Wow, what a trip! **Pat KK5KN** and **Sharon KD5JTZ** were in Waco on April 13. On a sadder note, my grandmother who had celebrated her 95th birthday in October, passed away April 26 -- **Ed KC5KNI, OM**, and I flew to Illinois for her funeral.

Shellie W5SLF - A new member. She picked up a **YLRL** Packet from our **YLRL/TULRUN** table at Belton, Texas HamExpo. She says: I have been a Ham since 1992 and upgraded to Extra about the time the **FCC** made the changes on the code requirement. I recently retired from SBC Communications in September, 2000 -- after 25 years of service. I started in Oklahoma, worked in St. Louis, New Jersey and then Austin. I worked for SBC Technology Resources doing operational support systems planning and due diligence for our International Development and Operations groups. My husband, **AD5T Roger** Thompson, and I moved to Smithville, Mississippi when we retired. **Roger** has 30 years of service with SBC and was Director of Wireless research at SBC Technology Resources. He loves all things radio! We own the Smithville Telephone Company here where we provide land-line

service and internet access to our customers. We are in the process of building a new home for our "retirement." We are active in our Church - First Presbyterian of Amory - and with the Tupelo Amateur Radio Club. The Tupelo ARC is big on service to the community. They recently provided communications for the Tupelo Air Fest. We will have a booth set up during the Elvis Presley Festival, May 31 - June 1, in downtown Tupelo. We will be introducing folks to the world of Ham Radio and sending messages all over the world from the birthplace of Elvis Presley! **Roger** and I spend a lot of time on our farm and playing with our Smooth Fox Terrier, Hattie Belle. 73 to all - hope to meet on the air sometime. (Note --- I sent **Shellie** info on fixing Packets on **YLRL** from the Web site.)

Doris K5BNQ - It dawned on me that it is news time again! Not much going on here. Of course we are all sad about the terrible tragedy of the bridge collapse on I-40. We keep hearing of near misses of many people who narrowly escaped being statistics. We ourselves had crossed that bridge twice just a few days before. We again went to Fort Smith Tuesday and had to go the long way around to get there. We are going with a group of 67 from our church for a week at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado. Will be leaving June 22. And we have our registrations in for the **YLRL** Convention in Cleveland, Ohio the first week-end in August. My choir did a Spring Concert last week and we are going to do a patriotic cantata for the 4th of July. It is beautiful. Our only grandson (we have six granddaughters) is getting married Saturday June 8 in a beautiful ceremony in the Rose Garden at Woodward Park in Tulsa. We are praying the weather is pretty - we have been having a lot of rain.

Everyone remember to get news in for the **YLHarmonics**. GOD Bless each of you.
33 *Alma AB5BA* e-mail: langja@juno.com

District Six

de Jeri KB6USX Haines

Happy summer from District Six land. We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather. Personally, I like it better when it is not so hot.

Have some news this time. **YLRC** of LA met in June and have elected new officers. **Jeanie WA6UVF** Parker will head the group as President, while **Madge WA6LWE** Mason remains as Vice President, **Donna KE6WDJ** Chiurazzi has become Secretary, and **Ginger AB6WS** Wonderling is taking over as Treasurer for the coming year. Welcome aboard to each of you. The officers were installed by **Vi W6CBA** Barrett. **YLRC** will be now be meeting three times a year, the third weekend in October, February and June. News from members present is as follows:

Joan WA6QKC has returned from a visit to Virginia, where she attended a family reunion. It took her 17 hours to get home due to storm delays. Traveling is hard work these days. She will be going to Omaha in July.

Irma K6KCI is having a ball ushering at the local Civic Arts Plaza theaters. The dance studios have been putting on wonderful recitals. Wish you could enjoy them, too.

Ginger AB6WS went to Dayton for the first time. She drove there and visited Marte K0EPE and her OM, Pete, on the way. She has a request. Any YLs who made a "33 Award" contact with her (Ginger) at Dayton, please send her a card as she wasn't logging.

It took Jeanie WA6UVF two hours to drive from Hemet to attend and she brought a friend, Maria.

Donna KE5WDJ reports her son, Don, is one of 125 high school band students playing concerts in seven European countries during July and she and her OM will be going along on the trip. Sounds like great fun.

Kay KF6GW attended a Jazz Festival in Sacramento. She led a recent RV club exploration of out-of-the-way places along US 395. It was a great hit (to her surprise).

Harryette W6QGX/5 is still recovering from foot problems, but you can't keep her in bed. Her hands are still usable.

W6SCI Maxine is another one not getting around the way she'd like to. Is home after a visit to the hospital and has some one taking care of her.

Madge WA6LWE will no longer be traveling by ship as she is not steady on her 'pins.' Madge celebrated her 90th birthday in May. Hope it was a very special day.

Vi W6CBA and her OM, Don, are spending most of their time on the road these days. Since April they have participated on the 'Baker to Vegas' all law enforcement relay race, to Visalia for DX convention, home to Whittier to wash clothes and check the house, then to Arizona for nine-day campout, visiting Sedona and Jerome. Now looking forward to 'Field Day.'

Mim KA6STT will be traveling to Michigan and Wisconsin in late summer.

Marilyn AE6FH Lutz, a visitor at the meeting, just passed her Extra exam on 6/1/02. Congratulations from all of us.

Denne WB6TCA Howard writes from Rancho Mirage that she is busy in her new law practice and Marine Detail. She belongs to a group of 'recycled' Marines - Semper Fi #1 Memorial Honor Detail. All volunteers who provide their own uniforms, perform full Military Honor services for veterans at the Riverside National Cemetery for all branches of the service. She also performs Taps on a regular basis. She will be playing Taps at the Memorial Service at the national convention in September.

LARA will be participating in Field Day again this year and are looking forward to that.

Martha KA6TYO is currently in Germany.

Ruth KF6MRO and yours truly just returned from Monterey where we attended the wedding of her granddaughter and visited the area before returning home. We are now planning a trip to Michigan then to Ohio for the YLRL convention.

Well, I can't complain of no news this time. Seems like I've been rambling on forever. Hope you enjoy my article this time. 33 - Jeri KB6USX

Reality is merely an illusion, albeit a very persistent one. - Albert Einstein

District Seven

de Sara AB7PS Lyon

Greetings to all! Time to bring you up-to-date on happenings in Seven land.

The MINOW Net gathered May 18th and 19th for their Annual Meeting in Vancouver, Washington, with **Barbara KC7KQI** and her OM, **Phil AB7RW**, as hosts. Saturday evening seven MINOWs – **Barbara KC7KQI**, **Flo KU7F**, **Robin KJ7BI**, **Claudia KL0HI**, **Caroll NV7YL**, **Kitty KD7FAS** and **Sara AB7PS** plus their OMs and guests met for a delicious buffet dinner. Following the meal **Sharon KD7CWP** Kennedy, City of Hillsboro Emergency Manager, gave a presentation on FAMILY DISASTER PREPAREDNESS – “It’s Never Too Early To Prepare.” The business meeting was held Sunday morning. **Flo KU7F** and **Sara AB7PS** were re-elected as President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively: **Barbara KC7KQI** was elected vice-president and **Claudia KL0HI** is the new Sunshine Chairman.

The Two Rivers Net was in charge of the YLRL table and luncheon at SeaPac, the Northwest Division Ham Convention in Seaside, Oregon May 31 - June 2. Special thanks to **Barbara KC7KQI** for setting up and arranging for the prizes for the raffle to benefit the YLRL Scholarship Fund. 48 YLs signed in at the table which was tended by **Barbara KC7KQI**, **Sara AB7PS**, **Anne KA7TON**, **Carolyn WA7SVV** and **Laura KC7KOK**. Attendance at the luncheon was almost double last year with about one third YLRL members, one third YL hams, and one third wives of hams and two OMs. **Marianna W7WFP** Kearney shared with us her exciting experiences when she and her OM, **Ty K7WFO**, were volunteer observers with the RACES network on Mt. St. Helens during the days immediately preceding the eruption. She played a tape recording of her OM talking on 2 meters with another ham camped on the mountain who would lose his life in the blast and showed slides taken by her OM in first two minutes of the eruption just before they jumped in their van and raced down the road to safety. Awesome! The help of **Dick W7HUY** Pooley and **Dan W7DMB** Baulig who set up the equipment for the presentation was especially appreciated. The next project of the Two Rivers Net is setting up a display of “YLs in Radio” in the display window of the Clark County Genealogical Society which will run through June and July.

Other news: From **Phyllis W2GLB** – “The dream trip of a lifetime was just completed by **Phyllis W2GLB** and **Darleen WD5FQX** to Singapore, then on the Orient Express to Bangkok. The train stopped in Kuala Lumpur for a short tour, then at Penang with a guided tour. Further on they boarded a raft for a trip to the ‘Bridge over the River Kwai.’ In Bangkok the highlight was a ‘tea’ with **Mayuree HSIYL** Chotikul, President of RAST (Radio Amateur Society of Thailand). Also with us were 2 local hams and a ham and wife from Australia.”

Congratulations to **Merry Jo W7OGO** and **Patsy W7PAT** who upgraded to Extra a couple of weeks ago and **K7TON Anne** who just upgraded to Extra this last weekend! I know several others who are working hard to upgrade soon!

Get-well wishes to **Jenny N5DXD** who had a broken right arm, several dislocated ribs and a damaged disk when her horse bucked her off the end of May. I hope you have had a speedy recovery, **Jenny!**

Carol NV7YL visited with her sister, Janis, in Lebanon, Oregon, on the way to the MINOW meeting, brought her along and Janis said she really enjoyed meeting all the YLs. Maybe another YL in the offing?

What did you do for Field Day? Don't forget – the YLRL Kit is available for hamfests and other occasions. Just let me know the dates. 33, *Sara AB7PS*

District KL7

de Lil NL7DL Marvin

Hi to all you YLs out there. Temperature is around 80 degrees here in Anchorage. Hasn't been that warm in a VERY long time. It is sunny and beautiful outside. The flowers are coming up and soon I will have to start mowing the lawn. I belong to a women's amateur radio club up here called the PARKAs (Polar Amateur Radio Klub of Alaska). After years of being a very small group, we are starting to grow again. From three members, we have grown in the last few weeks to eighteen members, mostly ladies with a few male "auxiliary" members. We are the control operators of the most widely used and most wide-area repeater in the Anchorage bowl, and we run a PARKA net every Thursday evening. We used to run our net at 9:00 PM, but just recently moved the time up to 7:00 PM.

The reason for this is we want to provide a forum for young children who are studying for their ham licenses to be able to use their radios to talk on the air. We are also planning to turn the PARKA net into a new ham net (for new hams of any age). New hams can bring their questions and concerns regarding amateur radio to the PARKA net, and long-time hams can "elmer" the new ones. One of our new members, **Teresa KL0WW** Nunes, works with the Girl and Boy Scouts and is putting together a Scout Venture group. She is trying to encourage them to become interested in amateur radio and will open up her group to check in to the PARKA net as part of that encouragement. Other members include **Lynne KL7IO** Duncan (President)-whose mother is **Lucy KL7LH** Hilpert in Butte, Montana; **Lillian NL7DL** Marvin (Vice President), **Susan NL7NN** Woods (Secretary-Treasurer). Other members include **Cathy KL0OD** Feaster, **Linda WL7PO** Worcester, **June KL7EWR** Fowler, **Margie KL7GLU** Page (a longtime member of PARKA), **Doreen KLIHG** Wilson, **Beth KL7ZP** Gamel, **Janice KL0VH** Elliot, **Heather KE6SYD** Hasper, **Bernadette KL0VK** Weldon, **Jill WL7BTT** Heimke, and auxiliary members **Doug KL7IKX** Dickinson, **Paul WL7BF** Spatzek, **Bob KL5E** Engberg, and **Michael KL1EK** O'Keefe.

We are a small club, but we are looking to grow. I am researching the ham data bases for lady hams in the area and I also know of several other female hams who are not members of PARKA, but will try to get them to join. I am learning that e-mails and telephone calls help. I am also hoping to get many of these ladies to join YLRL and thereby discover the wonderful world of amateur radio for women in other parts of the world.

All you YLs in Alaska, send me your news! I will make certain that it gets published in YLRL. My email is rlment@alaska.net and my phone number is 907-277-6741. Hope all you ladies out there are well and happy! 33, *de Lil NL7DL*

District Eight

de Nancy KC4IYD Hall

Hi everyone, it was great seeing all of you who made it to Dayton. Several of you I had contacted on HF, while working toward the YL 33 Award, stopped by the YLRL/Buckeye Belles table so it was great to put a face to the call. As I write this I only need one more YL contact to have 33 YLs, so in the next issue I hope to say I have made that last contact. If any of you have worked 33 YLs or are working toward the award, let me know. However, I don't plan to end there. YLRL has several YL certificates out there and I plan to start working toward the others. For those of you who worked Field Day, please send me your news and pictures so I can include it in the next issue. The YLRL Convention is coming in Aug. and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there.

The Buckeye Belles held their annual meeting on April 21 at the Women's City Club in Delaware, Ohio. The following YLs were in attendance: Jean WB8FIC, Judy KC8BOM, Lilly KB8MHZ, Connie N8IO, Lilo KA8IWD, Lois W8FOT and her OM, Ed WD8PTZ, Jean KB8YHN, Carol KI8IM, Ruth W8VWL and her OM, Joseph W8NGR, Marge K8ITF, Joyce KD8HB and me KC4IYD and my three and a half year old daughter, Carol. The new officers of the Belles for 2002-2003, formally announced at the annual meeting were: President: Jean KB8YHN, Vice President: Judy KC8BOM, Secretary: Lois W8FOT and Treasurer: Annette KC8SQM. The main topic of discussion was a summary of the current status of the 2002 YLRL Convention being held in Middleburg Heights, OH on Aug 2-4, 2002. It was mentioned that the Buckeye Belles memorial call, W8MBI, will be used by several Belles members during Field Day weekend. Check out your Field Day log to see if you worked us and send in for our QSL card. Jean WB8FIC gave a great presentation about her trip to South Africa from Aug. 29-Sept. 18 with maps, souvenirs and pictures. Her talk made us feel as if we were there.

I should have been doing this sooner and apologize to all the new and rejoining members I haven't highlighted in my column this year. So far the following new Eight-land YLs joined YLRL this year: Cheryl KB8YKA, Sandra KC8STS, Joyce KD8HB, Katherine N8NFX, Lois W8FOT, Barbara KC8SXM, Brenda KB8IUP, Jill KC8NYU, Mary KC8SER, Cheryl KC8TDU, and a very special welcome to a mom and her three daughters who joined YLRL: Donna W8MOM (ex-KC8NDX) (Ed. Note: Great call, Donna!), Kelly KC8JUX, Lori KC8JUY, and Tracey KC8QCQ. Welcome !!!

The featured YL for this month is Rose K8VFR. She writes "I got my novice license in 1960 after a short class with the Air Force men at Selfridge Field. Then I earned my Technician and General by the end of the same year. I was inspired by the OM and friends! I have remained active for 42 years in ARRL, YLRL, RACES and MECA. I am the secretary in our local MECA group and also belong to FISTS and QCWA. I have earned my cp 35 wpm FISTS Century Award and many others. CW is my first love. I also earned a nursing degree and two college degrees. My hobbies include animals, grandkids, sewing, calligraphy, hockey, and just living life to its fullest! The OM is Edwin K8MDV and other hams in my family include nephews:

James KB8VCG, Wally WA8WRU and Bruce WB8UFH. I'm proud to be a ham, a nurse, mom to five daughters (two in heaven) and I've been married to the same sweet ole man for almost 53 years."

If you didn't receive an e-mail from me at the beginning of June asking for your news, then you are not on my e-mail list. Please email me at kc4iyd@arrl.net so I can add you to the list. If you are not on e-mail, please send me a postcard, call at 440-327-3832 or send me a radiogram message with your news. I e-mail those ladies on e-mail, but feel that I am missing a lot of you who do not have e-mail. 33/76 de *kc4iyd/8*

District Nine

de Carole WB9RUS Burke

Here it is June already. Dayton is past and Field Day quickly approaches. How fast the days and months fly by. Speaking of Dayton, it was wonderful as usual. The best part for us this year was the visit of Irene KS6I and her OM, Elliot K6EO. They arrived at our QTH on May 9. The next evening was the Fort Wayne Radio Club Spring Banquet so they were lucky enough to be able to be in attendance. To our surprise, there was not enough time in the week that they were with us to do all the things we wanted to do. They will just have to come back again!

I always love going to the Buckeye Belle table to meet the other YLs. I was so happy to see Ginger AB6YL. I had met her in Long Beach and it was so much fun to visit again. It is always a pleasure to see Kay WA0WOF, Judy KC8BOM, Carol KI8IM, Nancy KC4IYD, Jean KB8YHN, and Cheryl N0WBV. I know I have left out dozens of other YLs and I apologize, but my brain isn't working too well these days. Explanation will follow later.

I was so happy to find the 'lost' letter from last time, it was from Dot N9ALC. She writes that their last single granddaughter will be getting married, the day has probably been and gone since she wrote this. There were also graduations and birthdays that keep them on their toes. Both she and her OM, Bob W9LNQ, both were able to work 'Ducie' while it was on the air. One of their friends from their area was on the Dx-pedition. Healthwise she writes she and Bob are doing well, and we hope it stays that way.

Now the reason that my brain is only working on three cylinders these days is that my mother passed away May 28. She had a massive stroke May 26, 1996 and had been in a nursing home ever since. It was very sad to see her deteriorate and she was waiting for God to take her and not always very patiently. Since her wishes were to be cremated we are having the internment in St. Louis June 19 where she will be buried with my father. Hopefully, I will be able to get back to a somewhat normal life after next week.

Wishing all of you a safe summer and a very productive Field Day. My thing is organizing the food, so happy eating. 33, *Carole WB9RUS*

It is easy to love the people far away. It is not always easy to love those close to us...Bring love into your home for this is where our love for each other must start.

- Mother Teresa



At Colorado Hamfest 2002 - Sharlene KB0WBT (in long prairie dress), Mo WB0RTF (seated), talking to Ellie N0QCX - about old time dome shape radio -- *quite a different table for a hamfest!*

Hi again, everyone! Well, the Dayton Hamvention has come and gone and the summer radio season is upon us. I was thrilled to meet so many of you at the YLRL booth this year. Welcome to all the new members! This was a great chance for a lot of YLs to work on their 33 award. In some cases this was the first time the YL had ever been on simplex. Thanks for all the fun and great contacts.

Colorado has really been giving amateur radio a workout this month. The largest fire in Colorado's history has now burned more than 100,000 acres as I write this. It is the nation's highest fire priority and at one point, one of ten fires burning in the state. With the severe drought we are already having, this means lots of work for the hams. As the fire spread closer to Denver (never closer than 30 miles at this time), numerous ARES districts have been called upon to help. Thanks to all the hams who have helped with emergency communications for the Hayman fire! Denver is not about to be over run yet and I hope that by the time you are reading this, the fire has been contained. It is predicted it will take about 90 days to fully contain it. This is an excellent example of how important amateur radio operators are! There are numerous "Dead spots" in the Rocky Mountains and hams have really been a big help to the agencies fighting the fire. Again, thanks for all the help!

In other news, the Colorado-YLs held their quarterly meeting on June 9 in Boulder, CO. The Pike's Peak Hamfest in Monument was a roaring success, June 1. **Sharlene KB0WBT** hosted the YL forum which was well attended at the hamfest. Don't forget to let me know what has been going on in your part of District Ten!

This issue's district spotlight is on **Jean KC0HKB**. She says she has always known hams. When she was about seven years old, her family took a trip to visit a family friend in the District of Columbia area. He was a ham with all sorts of equipment including old teletypes. **Jean** was allowed to get on the air using him as a control operator.

This was her first exposure to amateur radio, but it wasn't until three and a half years ago that she made the move to get her own license. At that time **Jean** lost her husband and nearly suffered a mental collapse. A friend suggested that she get a hobby for stability and she thought of ham radio. **Jean** says that this hobby forced her to concentrate. She has to stay focused when working with code and operating as net control. It was the key activity in helping her somewhat recover. Licensed in 2000, **Jean** is involved with ARES, the Red Cross, the YLRL and Handihams (the group that helped her get licensed through an emersion camp).



Jean KC0HKB (front left) at the Handiham booth 2002 Dayton Hamvention

Last year, **Jean** was in NW India. She spoke to a number of hams who had been involved during the Earthquake there the year before about their search and rescue efforts. She has also worked with the Red Cross on two fires this year and participated in 9/11 activities as well.

Jean is a journalist who travels a lot, contacting hams in other countries as she travels and operating in other countries with her friends. In 2002 she will have visited five countries meeting new ham friends along the way. Listen for **Jean's** radio program, called Disability Radio Worldwide, which can be heard on Radio for

Peace International in Costa Rica. The main frequencies are 7.445, 15.040 and 21.815 at UTC Monday - 1900, Tuesday - 0100, 0700 and 1300, Friday - 2030, Saturday - 0230, 0830 and 1430. For more information on these and other public radio programs **Jean** works with, or for donation information, call **Jean** or e-mail her at global3@concentric.net. Be on the lookout for **Jean** on the air from all over the world.

DX News

Carol Hall WD8DQG

About the time you read this, **Kay WA0WOF**, **Lia WA2NFY**, **Rose Marie KB4RM** and I will be in Palermo, Sicily at the YL-2002 conference. If you get this before the 18th of June and until 26th, we will be operating a special call **IQ9YL**. I know that we would love to give out some contacts to **YLRL** members.

I would like to welcome **Chitra VU2CVP** Vidarakash to **YLRL**. She is sponsored by **Marti W7AYL** Brucher. **Chitra** operates 10, 15, & 20 mtrs. and lives in Coimbatore, India.

Welcome back to **Christine VK5CTY** Taylor, sponsored by **WRONE**. **Christine** lost her sponsor a few years ago and needed a new sponsor. She is into genealogy. Several of the **YLRL** affiliated clubs sponsor **DX-YLs**...Their contribution is greatly appreciated.

One of the nicest things about e-mail is the ease of communication with overseas **YLs** when the propagation is not very good, or they don't have ready access to a radio at a good time to make it to the US. I met **Dieuw PA3CEB** nearly ten years ago in Stockholm when she, her daughter **Marja PA3CIS** and her granddaughter **Wendy**, 14, who, if I remember correctly, had just gotten licensed. Now **Wendy** is expecting a baby! **Dieuw** is sponsored by **Truus VE3MRS** and **Marja** is sponsored by **WA6UVF**. **Dieuw** was licensed in 1976 and communicated with **Truus**, who is from the Netherlands, on the radio. **Dieuw** is retired and recently widowed, but keeps very active with her hobby and is special editor of **DIG**(Diplom Interesse Group). Her son, **PE1DAM**, is the President and his wife, **Ansje PD5ANS**, is the secretary.

Our condolences to **Melva ZL4IO** who lost her son on December 16, 2001, he was only 41 years old.

Lucia CT1YH wrote that she has 335 mixed and 315 CW countries for her **DXCC**, and she is working **IOTA** and trying for 500 islands at the moment.

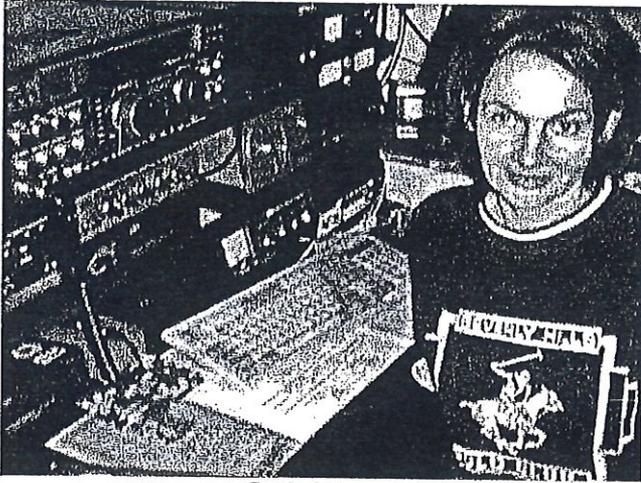
I got a communication from **Dany F5CW**, he stated that **Caroline**, recently licensed, has been posted to Amsterdam Island Scientific Base and will be making contacts as soon as she upgrades her license. He did not give her call.

ALARA held their annual general meeting on May 6th...we certainly wish them another good year!

On the 15th of September (MARK YOUR CALENDAR!) the **YL DX**pedition to Lord Howe Island will operate with the call sign **VK9YL** for two weeks. 33, *Carol L. Hall WD8DQG/7*

(Ed. Note: The following came from Marti W7AYL and is from her adoptee, Candy SP5XAB)

POLAND May 15, 2002-05-16 TO ALL MEMBERS OF YLRL & ALL YLs in DAYTON I sincerely regret I could not come to this convention (*Dayton Hamvention*) June 20, 2002 due to my work. As a substitute I am sending my husband **Andy SP5SS** to you. Please accept my best wishes & greetings from distant Poland. Wishing you good DX-ing, fruitful debates, oratory speeches & meeting as many friends as possible. Have a smashing time!!! 33&88 de **Candy SP5XAB** (member of YLRL)



Candy SP5XAB

(Ed. Note: The following came in via W2GLB about her mini convention while traveling this past April -- sounds like loads of fun, Phyllis!)

Darleen WD5FQX and **Phyllis W2GLB** had tea at the Peninsula Hotel, Bangkok on April 20 with the following: **Mayuree HS1YL** Chotikul, President of RAST (Radio Amateur Society of Thailand); **Ray HS0/G3NOM** Gerrard; **Lawan E21UHL** Gerrard, his wife; **Dave ZL2BW** Harling of Nelson, New Zealand; and **Audrey Harling**, his wife, (she doesn't have a call).

(Ed. Note: This latest just came in from Gwen VK3DYL, Australia, re the mini-DX-peditions this fall)

Due to circumstances completely beyond their control, the YL mini-DXers will not be able to visit Nauru, (C21), next October. However they will still operate from Lord Howe Island as **VK9YL** 15th to 29th September. From Lord Howe, they will now go to the Cook Islands and operate from Aitutaki Island (OC-083) 1st to 6th October, and from Rarotonga (OC-013) 7th to 15th October. Callsign not known yet. As announced in the previous issue of YLHarmonics **Gwen VK3DYL** will be QSL Manager. One interesting fact is that all the YL operators are members of YLRL as well as ALARA.

If you yourself are at peace, then there is at least some peace in the world. - Thomas Merton

Silent Keys and Condolences

Our prayers go out to: the family and friends of: Ramona Barrows WA7UFS/SK, Bobbie Wilson K7RAM/SK, Frieda Raymond K7PVG/SK, to Doris KJ7RF May whose father passed away on the 23rd of March, and to Carole WB9RUS Burke whose mother passed away on the 28th of May.

(Ed. Note: The following came from a YL on the road, Connie N8IO Hamilton, ASM SE Ohio. She sent it from her brother, Larry Bennett KF7ZS's place in Washington State -- how's that for getting something hot off the press? Many thanks for the insight to your travels, Connie!

Out and About in SE Ohio and Elsewhere

This begins from somewhere in the Beautiful West and I will finish when I locate a computer to send it from.

First of all, since my last article, I attended the Jackson County Hamfest in Coalton, Ohio and enjoyed the drive over and the friends I met. Next was the Athens Hamfest on April 28. Some of the guys thanked me for chasing away the rain. I don't know why! The rain stopped just before I got there, though. The outdoor flea market was in doubt before but soon began to fill up. I found someone that had a tuneable antenna so got to check into OSSBN from there. Gotta get one of those. Someone said I had a better signal than from home!

Next was a jaunt across the river to Ripley, West Virginia for a hamfest. I hoped to win one of the door prizes, but no luck. I did get to meet the West Virginia Section Manager, Hal Turley KC8FS and talked with him for a short time.

On to the big one, the Dayton Hamvention. I was able to help with the license exams. As of Saturday morning there had been 172 tests graded and checked with 46 new Techs, 32 upgrades to General and 52 upgrades to Extra. There were 29 CSCE's issued. Two people came in with nothing and walked out with their General licenses. Forty-six Saturday afternoon and thirty-one Sunday morning were still untabulated. Good job to all those involved!

After Dayton, Jerry and I left for our grandson's wedding in Albuquerque, New Mexico on June 3. We stayed at Joy KB0YUP and Tom WA0BOF's until Friday morning. We stopped at Marte KOEPE and Pete W0CM's in Liberal, Kansas over the Memorial Day weekend before arriving at the KOA in Albuquerque the week before the wedding.

On Tuesday June 4, we left for Washington via Las Vegas, Nevada to see my mother, KB7PSL, and brother, Larry KF7ZS. We went up I-15 and I-84 to Portland, OR then on to Idaho near our final destination.

More next time on further adventures and Ham Happenings!

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly. - St. Francis de Sales

Ed Note: This came in from Phyllis W2GLB Shanks -- it speaks volumes to each of us!!!

I'm glad you're in my dash ---

I read of a man who stood to speak
At the funeral of a friend
He referred to the dates on her tombstone
From the beginning...to the end.

He noted that first came her date of birth
And spoke the following date with tears,
But he said what mattered most of all
Was the dash between those years. (1934-1998)

For that dash represents all the time
That she spent alive on earth...
And now only those who loved her
Know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not, how much we own;
The cars...the house...the cash,
What matters is how we live and love
And how we spend our dash.

So think about this long and hard...
Are there things you'd like to change?
For you never know how much time is left,
That can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough
To consider what's true and real,
And always try to understand
The way other people feel.

And be less quick to anger,
And show appreciation more
And love the people in our lives
Like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect,
And more often wear a smile..
Remembering that this special dash
Might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy's being read
With your life's actions to rehash...
Would you be proud of the things they say
About how you spent your dash?

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May your guardian angel watch over you
faithfully.

YLRL Changes, Corrections, etc., etc., etc.

Please show a new address for **Daisy KT4KW** Crepeau - 107 Rose Ave, Clermont, Florida, 34711. Phone number (407-256-0408) and e-mail (kt4kw@arrl.net) remain the same.

Please show **Joyce KD8HB** Judy's correct call - (*Sorry, Joyce, that's a combination of errors -- I'll check each and every call sign -- stopped doing that and see where it got me!*) and, add her birthday: July 26!!!

Please show a new address for **Dorothy 'Dot' N0JFW** Lowe - PO Box 15718, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82003-5718.

Please change **Carol KI8IM** Schmitkons' zip code to read: 44053-3902

Please change **Carol WD8DQG** Hall's zip code to read: 59714-1891

Please change **Kay WA0WOF** Eyman's zip code to read: 66032-7225

Please show **Cheryl N0WBV** Muhr's telephone number as: 303-904-2243

Please change **Nancy KC4IYD** Hall's zip code to read: 44070-0775

Please change **Anne WB1ARU** Manna's zip code to read: 62399-1180

Please welcome our newest **YLCC** Certificate Custodian: **Carolyn Donner N8ST** P.O. Box 158, Hammersville, Ohio 45130 n8st@worldnet.att.net

Please show **Rhonda N9YDQ** Curtis's new e-mail address as: n9ydq@comcast.net and her phone should read: 317-654-2007.

Please show the **Cheryl N4JFV** Whitlock's correct info: address - 1101 Staley Ave; e-mail - n4jfv@w4lee.com; OM's call sign - **K4ANU**; *and* her personal web site is: <http://personal.lig.bellsouth.net/lig/c/h/cherwhit/> (*Cheryl, please see my above note to Joyce, and accept my humblest apologies!!*)

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Please change **Jenny N5DXD** Giese's e-mail address to: n5dxd@arrl.net

Please show **Bertha K7CHA** Roylance's town as Livingston, Montana

Please change **Gwen ZL2OI** Leslie's address to read: 45 Golgsmith Crescent, Levin 5500, New Zealand

Please welcome our newest **YL-DXCC** Certificate Custodian: **Rose Marie KB4RM** Battig, PO BOX 8185, Charlottesville, Virginia 22906-8185 434-975-6091 chas1rml@hotmail.com (*Ed Note: Rose Marie only checks this once a week, so be patient with her! It's not at her residence!*)

Subject: Woman

de Anonymous

By the time the Lord made woman, He was into His Sixth day of working overtime. An Angel appeared and said, "Why are You spending so much time on this one?" And the Lord answered and said, "Have you seen the spec sheet on her? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic, have 200 movable parts, all replaceable, run on black coffee and leftovers, have a lap that can hold two children at one time and that disappears when she stands up, have a kiss that can cure anything from a scraped knee to a broken heart, and have six pairs of hands." The Angel was astounded at the requirements for this one. "Six pairs of hands! No Way!" said the Angel.

The Lord replied, "Oh, it's not the hands that are the problem. It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers must have!" "And that's just on the standard model?" The Angel asked. The Lord nodded in agreement. "Yep, one pair of eyes is to see through the closed door as she asks children what they are doing even though she already knows. Another pair in the back of her head is to see what she needs to know even though no one thinks she can. And the third pair is here in the front of her head. They are for looking at an errant child and saying that she understands and loves him or her without even saying a single word.

The Angel tried to stop the Lord. "This is too much work for one day: Await until tomorrow to finish." "But I can't!" The Lord protested, "I am so close to finishing this creation that is so close to my own heart. She already heals herself when she is sick AND can feed a family on a pound of hamburger and can get a nine-year-old to stand in the shower!" The Angel moved closer and touched the woman, "But you have made her so soft, Lord." "She is soft," Lord agreed, "but I have also made her tough. You have no idea what she can endure or accomplish." "Will she be able to think?" asked the Angel. The Lord replied, "Not only will she be able to think, she will be able to reason, and negotiate!"

The Angel then noticed something and reached out and touched the woman's cheek. "Oops, it looks like You have a leak with this model. I told You that You were trying to put too much into this one." "That's not a leak." The Lord objected. "That's a tear!" "What's the tear for?" the Angel asked. The Lord said, "The tear is her way of expressing her joy, her sorrow, her pain, her disappointment, her loneliness, her grief, and her pride."

The Angel was impressed. "You are a genius, Lord. You thought of everything, for women are truly amazing. Women have strengths that amaze men. They carry children, they carry hardships, they carry burdens but they hold happiness, love and joy. They smile when they want to scream. They sing when they want to cry. They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous. They fight for what they

believe in. They stand up for injustice. They don't take no for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.

They go without new shoes so their children can have them. They go to the doctor with a frightened friend. They love unconditionally. They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards. Their hearts break when a friend dies. They have sorrow at the loss of a family member, yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left. They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women will drive, fly, walk, run, or e-mail you to show how much they care about you. The heart of a woman is what makes the world spin! Women do more than give birth. They bring joy and hope. They give compassion and ideals. Women have a lot to say and a lot to give.

Pass it along to your women friends to remind them how amazing they are ... I just did!! (Ed. Note: This came to us courtesy of Phyllis W2GLB Shanks -- tx, Phyllis!!)

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I was thrilled to get Cheryl N0WBV's CD with the pictures she took at Dayton, sooooo, here is one that especially caught my eye:



Cheryl N0WBV es Carol KB9SCM at the Dayton Hamvention - Youth Forum
Carol was sponsored in to YLRL as the longest licensed Youth YL at the Forum!
Welcome Aboard, Carol!!!

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From the Editor

de Carol NV7YL Massie

It's that time again! Boy, how the months fly by! Let's see, I didn't really have much to do -- working on the YLRL database has kept me busy, but one can only input so much every day -- have many, many other projects to occupy my time!

I certainly enjoyed meeting the MINOWs that made it to the annual meeting in Vancouver, Washington -- actually found another way to go from Oregon to Washington without going through Portland!!! Took my sister, Janis, with me -- then we visited at her home in Lebanon, Oregon, before I had to make the long trek back to Nevada! That's a long drive by oneself - sure glad I had my radios along with me -- I must look like an mobile antenna farm, but it's fantastic to be able to get on the nets (even if I do fade out when I have to make a major turn in the direction of travel - right, Carol?) It's enjoyable to just make the acquaintance of other hams on HF and VHF. I had no problems changing the Outbacker from 40 to 20 metres and back again! And the QSO with the Ham from Klamath Falls, Oregon helped keep me awake through that part of the trip home.

After I returned I did a few items around the house, then headed to the northeastern part of Nevada to assist with VE exams on the 1st of June. We had quite a successful morning - Three upgraded to Extra, one passed her General Theory, and one picked up her brandnew ticket as a Technician. As we had just had a VE session the Saturday before Easter, to have six more taking tests is quite a feat for the northeastern corner of the state!

As Irma K6KCI says, I then pulled an Irma and took a prat fall - that evening, on the way to dinner at an Elko restaurant, I lost my balance and hit the sidewalk hard enough to bend my glasses, blacken my left eye (by Sunday morning it was swollen shut and quite black, so couldn't make the 300 mile drive home - got to spend the day resting with an icepack on the face and shoulder - did drive home the next day, however, and it's taken three weeks for the colours to fade - now I know what a 'goose egg' looks like! However, I didn't hit my great-grandson who was holding onto my hand when it happened! Like the doctor said after he looked inside the eye -- "you took a lickin' and kept on tickin'!" Just proves you can't keep a Czech down - she bounces right back up again!

My OM, Bill K7NHP, and I (and the Sierra Intermountain Emergency Radio Club [SIERA]) have just completed the communications for the Nevada portion of the Pony Express Reride (the 142nd Anniversary). We had almost 70 Nevada hams, plus two from California and one from Idaho, involved in the three days that it takes to cross the State of Nevada on its way - this year it went west to east - from Sacramento, California to St. Joseph, Missouri. We relay information to a hotline which anyone can utilize to find out the location of the pony as it traverses the state. And, of course, we're in communication with the ride captains to let them know what the 'pony' status is -- ahead or behind schedule, etc. I highly recommend the Pony Express Home Station website as a fun and informative site for anyone to visit: www.xphomestation.com As they say, try it, you'll like it!!!

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