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The President's Letter *de Cheryl NOWBV Muhr*

Hello Ladies!

As I write this it is almost spring and a time for changes. We have a number of ideas coming up before the board and they will be presented to the members for their vote later this year. In fall the International-YL meeting will be held in Seoul. DXpeditions are in the works and of course there will be lots to see and do at Hamvention!

If you are planning on attending Dayton this year, don't forget to stop by the YLRL/Buckeye Belle table. The YL forum will be held as usual on Friday. We would love to see you both places. When you sign in at the booth, you will also have the opportunity to pay your dues in person if you missed paying them in March. Renewal time is March 31, 2004, but remember, you can always pay early. A few members have stopped by YL tables at local swap fests to get their dues paid before March.

Speaking of membership, don't forget it gets noticed when you sign up a new YL to YLRL. In fact, there is a special place on the membership forms to put YOUR callsign. At the end of the year the count will be tallied and she who recruits the most YLs will get her membership free next year.

Near the end of the year more information on the 2005 Convention in Denver, Colorado will be forthcoming, so keep an eye out on your mailboxes. Though the YLRL has been around since 1939, this will be the 50th year since the first convention. It is a momentous occasion. In 1964 the convention was held in Ohio followed by the Colorado convention in 1968. Now the 2005 Colorado convention follows the 2002 convention of Cleveland, OH. History might not repeat, but it sure gives me a sense of Deja vu!

YLs are making the news in Ham Radio all the time, so don't forget to check out the Ham magazines for what the YLs are doing in your area. At the same time, let your YL columnists know what you are doing with Ham Radio and keep YLs in the spotlight. Your district chairwoman is also looking for information from YOU! Write and let her know what is going on in your district. Her information is located at the front of YL Harmonics.

Have a great spring and may all your changes be positive.

33 & 73, Cheryl NOWBV

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The books were audited on February 3, 2004 by the president of Southern Plains Amateur Radio Klub, **Charles Hollar NØRZ**.

Thank you YLs for all your help with the scholarship funds. We plan to have a scholarship drive in conjunction with YLRL 2005 convention so will be asking for your help again. Would like to have MM total back to \$15,000. I know we can do that!

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- William A. Ward

AMATEUR RADIO NEWS RELEASE

THE FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC., a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C., plans to administer fifty-nine (59) scholarships for the academic year 2004 - 2005 to assist licensed Radio Amateurs. The Foundation, composed of over seventy-five local area Amateur Radio Clubs, fully funds seven of these scholarships with the income from grants and its annual Hamfest. The remaining fifty-two (52) are administered by the Foundation without cost to the various donors.

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From left back row and standing: **Maya OH1MK**, **Tuulikki OH7XX** (holding Finnish flag), **Jatta OH1MK**, **Eine SM0UQW** (holding the Swedish flag), **Ingrid SQL/LA** (holding the Norwegian flag), and **Vala TF3BVD**. In front from left: **Anna TF3VB** (holding the Icelandic flag), **Inger OZ7AGR** (holding the Danish flag), and **Raija SM0HNV**

SYLRA

We are happy to announce the foundation of "SYLRA" - Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs. The organization which was founded in August 2003 will mainly be an internet based organization.

SYLRA - Scandinavian Young Ladies Radio Amateurs is an organization founded by YL amateur operators from the five Nordic countries - Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden.

The following contact persons from each of SYLRA's countries are: **OZ7AGR Inger** - Denmark e-mail: lundin@get2net.dk; **OH2IO Jatta** - Finland e-mail: oh2io@sral.fi; **TF3VD Vala** - Iceland e-mail: konth@skima.is; **LA6RHA Unni** - Norway e-mail: la6rha@online.no; **SM6WXL Gunnel** - Sweden e-mail: a.gunnel@telia.com

There are no member's fee and we wish welcome all YLs and YL SWLs to become member of this YL organization. Feel free to contact any of the contact persons mentioned in the announcement to become a member.

The SYLRA web page is under construction and when ready to go on net, the web address will be announced in the different YL organizations around the world. The webmaster is **OH7XX Tuulikki** and her e-mail address is: oh7xx@nic.fi. Then you can read all about the YL activities in the SYLRA countries. 33, **Unni LA6RHA**, *Chairwoman of SYLRA*

Continuous Membership *de Cleo K0JFO Bracket*

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35 years - WB2RWT Gladys
40 years - K3ZDN Jane
45 years - W3SLF Sylvia, KD7VR Elizabeth

(Ed. Note: Congratulations to all!)

New YLRL Members *de Lois WB3EFQ Gutshall*

Welcome to all the new members, we look forward to a long friendship with each and every one of you!

New members

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Karen belongs to WVRA Club and CAARLA net. She holds a general license

Suzanne Carol Snape VE7IM

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Suzanne enjoys DX communications on the HF bands with friends in Germany, United Kingdom and North America. She also participates in Echolink and YL nets. She writes that her husband, **David**, was the

original **VE7IM** and he became a silent key in April 2001. Note: I have had the pleasure to work **Suzanne** on the Tangle net....welcome, **Suzanne**

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Jamie is an Extra class and enjoys working PSK31 because of its effectiveness on QRP. She hopes to get back on CW after 15 years.

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Lou Ann holds an Advanced license

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Karen is a very active ham, belonging to two radio clubs in the Kalamazoo area, serves as Director of Training for Allegan County ARES/RACES and a member of Allegan County Amateur Club. Other hams in her family are her **OM, Jim, AB8SF**, sons, **Ben KC8BWS**, and **Andy KC8ORF**.

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Kim is a new member and was licensed in 2004. She works as a Genetic Research Biologist. She was sponsored by **Carol KI8IM**, who is also her mother-in-law.

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Mary Novak

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Those who attended the 2002 convention will remember Mary who attended with her friend **David**. Welcome Mary

Youth Column

de Andrea KG4IUM Hartlage

If you were asked to guess the percentage of young female hams verses young male hams, what would you say? Most would probably predict that there are significantly more youth male hams than youth female hams. While this may be true (although I don't have any statistics), it does not mean that young female hams are as scarce as we might think.

When I was first licensed, I thought that I might be one of the only young female hams, because I certainly did not meet any others in my area. Then, two years ago, I went to Hamvention for the first time. (Hamvention is the largest Amateur Radio convention in the world, held annually in Dayton, Ohio. This year, it takes place May 14 through 16.) Just going to Dayton was exciting! But then, I found out that there is a "Youth in Amateur Radio" Forum at the Hamvention, moderated by **Carole Perry WB2MGP**. I went to the forum, not knowing exactly what to expect but looking forward to finding out what it would be like. Upon entering the forum room, I was pleasantly surprised to see a roomful of both youth and adults, with the number of youth almost outnumbering the adults.

I was even more amazed when I realized that a number of the young hams were females. To think that this is only a small percentage of the youthful YLs that make up the Amateur Radio community is even more incredible. After all, not every young ham attends the Hamvention Youth Forum.

Another highlight of my trip to Dayton was meeting all of the ladies that make the **YLRL** work. If you make it to the Hamvention, be sure to stop by the **YLRL** table and say hello. Also, be sure to attend the **YLRL** Forum, in addition to the youth forum.

With that said, if there is any chance that you might be able to make it to the Hamvention this year, I would certainly encourage you to do so. But, if you plan to go, it is advisable that you make your lodging arrangements now, because accommodations fill up fast. Come meet some of those other **YL** youth that you know are out there somewhere! See the Hamvention website at www.hamvention.org <<http://www.hamvention.org>> for further details.

If you cannot make it to the Hamvention this year, experience a small fragment of the fun from home, by calling the Hamvention special event

station. Also, while it is fun to travel to Ohio to meet other young, female hams, it is also not a necessity. Whether you know it or not, there are probably other youthful female hams in your area. All you have to do is look for them: check into nets, attend hamfests, attend radio club meetings, assist as an Amateur Radio operator at public service events, and get involved in any way possible. If there are other young YLs lurking in your area, you are sure to meet them, if you just get involved and keep your eyes open!

But, whatever you do, remember that you are not the only youthful YL; others are out there!

As always, if you have any suggestions, questions, or any other type of input for the YL Youth Column, please contact me via e-mail to: ylyouth@bellsouth.net or snail mail to 2323 Orion Ct. Grayson, Georgia 30017. *73 and 33 until next time, KG4IUM, Andrea Hartlage*

YL Adventures

de Martha W6QYL Edwards

In 1953, I lived in Yucca Valley with my private patient, **W6KYY Max**. Since I helped him to become a ham, I became interested and got my license - a General - **W6QYL**.

The Ironing Board net was my first love and I got to know a number of gals in Los Angeles. They told us about a ham convention - I went to the convention where I remember meeting **Beulah W6NLM**, **Harryette W6QGX/SK**, **Elsa W6JZA**, and **Vada W6CEE**. A short time later on the net, a ham broke in to tell us that **Elsa** was crystal controlled at Clear Lake and could we move over to talk to her. We mostly ignored him after that because we believed men hams had a tendency to kind of take over when they broke in. Well, at the end, someone finally remembered and called him. My patient and I scrambled to talk to him as we usually could not work 29 Palms. The next morning, **Noel** stopped by enroute to Las Angeles to introduce himself - love at first sight!

Licensed YLs that are not married can expect visitors and encounters on the air. The theory is: I'll marry a YL and she'll let me buy all the radio equipment I want to, after all she's a ham too and will understand!

Courtship is a strange word. We went square dancing once where everyone else in town and the surrounding area came.

We watched the New Year in - Noel and my patient talking electronics non-stop. Finally, interrupted at 12:45 to wish them Happy New Year! Most of our courtship was by mail or telephone. **Noel** (who was **W6RDQ** then) was Chief Radio Officer with the Military Sea Transport Service (MSTS) - when ashore he stayed with his sister in Berkeley.

I had joined **YLRL** in 1953 but the data has been lost (my card!). We were married on June 27th, 1954 one year and one day after I received my license AND on **Field Day Weekend!!** My new father-in-law went around at the reception telling everyone **Noel** had picked me out of the air!

Noel transferred to the FCC from MST'S after being a part of Operation Passage to Freedom - taking refugees from North Viet Nam to South Viet Nam - a six week trip that lasted from September to December.

Me? I was operating from a TB sanitarium in Monrovia.

The Los Angeles club had begun planning the first YLRL convention because Vada's OM, W6HWM, and Gladys' OM, W6AWI, had said it was an impossibility! Mildred W6PJU and I made over 100 copper wire bracelets - wire rolled into flat circles like a 3,000 year old pattern from an Egyptian museum as mementos (anybody still have theirs?).

Noel came back from his Viet Nam trip and we got a house in Santa Ana. Noel began working at the FCC monitoring station. An initial demonstration at the FCC used my signal. I had a loose mike connection but didn't notice it at first - it sounded like RF feedback, causing the honcho at the FCC to comment "maybe we'll have to give her a ticket" just as I discovered and corrected the problem.

The first YLRL convention was held just before our first anniversary and I modeled my wedding dress as the bride in the fashion show. *(Ed. Note: I've seen the picture of it in 'CQ YL' - that was a beautiful picture of a lovely dress worn by a very lovely gal, Martha!)*

Then through a friend Noel applied to and was accepted to work for the Department of State as a radio operator. Our first post would be Beirut, Lebanon. Off to Virginia for six months of instruction, a temporary house in Broad Run, Virginia, where I worked WASYL (#13) getting my last contact the day we packed the transmitter!!

We arrived in Beirut in time for the Suez Crisis. We met Lilly OD5CD so I was encouraged to get a Lebanese call. I had to prove our licenses required both CW and phone - theirs didn't! And the "examiner" could not understand why my transmitter would not be in the same room as that of the two other Americans - both Oms. I became OD5CH - one of five Asian YIs at that time I was told.

The need for the Marines landing on the beaches occurred at the end of our 26 months, we went aboard ship between machine gun battles.

We were sent stateside to Burlingame for two years. I was a member of BAYLARCS and helped design the certificate "Worked Any 6 Mermaid Amateur Operators," WA6MAO. From Burlingame we went to Lancaster where Noel worked on the U-2 project at Edwards Air Force Base. There we adopted our two children, Paul (now AA6SM) and Carol. I was an active member of the YLRC of LA and YLRL - I was Vice President of both and then President of both just after we adopted Carol in 1965.

We were finally posted to Virginia and then went to the island of Cyprus in the Mediterranean for the two years. No ham radio licenses or operating but our transmitter was used at the British school for a special occasion (and later made the cover of RSGB magazine!).

Paul and Carol went to nursery school at three and a half and three years respectfully learning to read - we three were among the 500 Americans evacuated when the Turks "saber rattling" became serious (three weeks before Christmas - in Beirut - and no babysitters available).

Back from Cyprus we lived in Virginia, in or near Culpeper and I

2004 YLRL MEMBERSHIP FORM

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Address: _____
City: _____ State/Province _____ Zip: _____
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continued active in WAYLARC (Washington, D.C.) of which I am a past president and life member, also on the air on various nets, etc.

In 1973 we were sent to Iran - the Shah was still in power - a memorable two years on an imperial Iranian Air Force Base.

In '79, Noel retired and we came back to 29 Palms. He and his sister co-owned this house. We purchased her half-interest - so have two and a half acres and the house. In the '80s I went back to school and got my teaching credential and taught mostly fourth grade till 1999 - I have been and am a member of the Los Angeles club since I was licensed - though I didn't always make the meetings - I am a 50-year member of YLRL and licensed 51 years. I help Noel W6IF to monitor ham exams.

If you have pictures and/or reminiscences of us we'd love to have them --

REMEMBERING

by *Marion Bigelow KA5VJU*

In loving fellowship
They graced our lives
In springs and
Summers fair.
In common, felt
The breath of autumns
And snowy winters air.
We knew the seasons
From farmer's fields,
Heard Robins sing
Their birdsong trills.
Picked wild flowers
On the river banks,
And hiked the woods,
Went nutting where
The great trees stood.
The stars we followed
Set the paths on
Journeys, once begun
To fated ends, when
At last, we mourn their
Leaving one by one.
No use to wish for
Life's undoing,
For each one lost,
There's only grieving
Until the weight of
Grief jells memories

Of time and place
To seek a sweetness
In the sorrow and
Again to trace
The bonds of love,
Of fellowship and grace.

(Ed. Note: This was forwarded by Alma AB5BA and is written by one of our newest members in memory of her departed brothers, sister and parents. It's beautiful!)

District One

de Anne WB1ARU Manna

WRONE will hold its Spring Luncheon in East Haddam, CT on May 1. It will be held at the Gelston House. Contact N1MJJ - Sammi if you wish to attend. WB1ARU is the co-hostess.

KA1JVN - Hennie has been in Naples, Florida for the winter.

W4GXZ - Blanche checks in every Sunday AM on the QCWA Yankee Chapter Net.

WB1ARU - Anne and OM, WAIENO, - Tony traveled to Colorado for February vacation. They visited with a ham friend in Redstone and skied at Sunlight. Midweek, they drove to Winter Park for more skiing and visited one evening with N0WBV - Cheryl and OM, KT0F - John. Anne also made 2m contact with N0QCX - Ellie while driving back to Denver. Colorado has a nice system of linked repeaters.

Hope to hear from everyone before my next deadline.
33, Anne WB1ARU

District Two *de MYRTLE N2AKC FARNSWORTH*

Greetings from Medford Lakes, New Jersey where winter is still in full swing. In fact, one part of our driveway is still covered with ice because having a circular drive we shovel the snow off one side only to be able to get in and out which makes it less work for us. I guess that's the name of the game these days "less work for we senior citizens."

Can you believe this coming Saturday is Valentine's Day? I hope everyone, I'll say, had a nice day because by the time you receive your Harmonics Valentine's Day with chocolates and roses, along with St. Patrick's Day with candy Irish potatoes and green carnations along with Easter and Easter eggs and lilies will be history. You can see where my holiday thoughts are, on candy and flowers. At this time of the year just the thoughts of chocolates and beautiful flowers warms ones heart.

Speaking of warming ones heart, I received a really nice e-mail from Bobbie-AA2JO and she, too, is busy blowing snow from her driveway. However, now it is an easy job for her with a new tractor. It seems she never did master walking behind their John Deer blower, so the tractor is great for her. Thanks to her kids for insisting she get one. Bobbie is still

busy baby sitting on Fridays and she is glad to be able to do that. **Bobbie** also wrote that she talks to **Lois-WA2RXO** who is also fine, enjoying sleeping in these cold winter mornings. **Lois's** daughter and her husband come and do grocery shopping for her for which she is very grateful. It sure was nice to hear about **Lois** as we miss her on the SAYLARC net and I also miss her on the Rooster net. Maybe one of these days when the weather is nice and warm **Lois** will get back on the air. We all hope so.

Received a note from **Lia-WA2NFY** written on her favorite rose paper and she reports that it is very quiet in the SAYLARC world lately for which she is sad. I too agree with that fact, not only is it quiet on the air, but as far as news from the gals for Harmonics there is nothing! Hopefully that will all change along with band conditions and the warm weather. We can dream can't we? **Lia** has three good friends **Ed, Ray** and **Jim** who came and fixed her antenna and control box for which she is ever so grateful as she never could have done that herself. Also **Lia** was back on the radio from the museum, as she is every year and then she made 38 contacts in CW at the lighthouse event. Must say **Lia** is one busy lady who is anxiously waiting to get back to swimming in the lake. Hang in there, **Lia**, spring is on the way!

Had another nice surprise Thursday morning as **Marion-KA2ZKM** checked into the Rooster Net. Everyone was so pleased to hear her and to learn that both she and her **OM, Joe**, are healthy and really keeping busy there in Maine. Needless to say they are missed and hopefully they too will get back into keeping in touch with all of us.

Beryl-VE3UHG and her **OM, Norman**, are still there on Marco Island, where the weather is warm and sunny. Some people sure are lucky, but not lucky enough to be able to have an antenna to get on the air. Oh well, **Beryl**, guess you can't have everything, but at least you and **Norman** can at least listen. Hope to hear from you again when you are back home in Canada.

Well guess that about does it from here for another Harmonics. I certainly did appreciate the e-mail and the notes that arrived for the column as **Glenn** and I had not been up to par for a few weeks. It seems that **Glenn** came down with an ear infection, sore throat, cold and fever so after a week of him being sick, you guessed it, it was my turn. I got myself a really bad case of bronchitis. However, now we are both up and running. Hope you all stay healthy, be happy and enjoy life, and as the saying goes – don't forget to write. Remember it is nice to be important, but it is more important to be nice. *Bye Now and God Bless.* **Myrtle N2AKC** (N2AKC@comcast.net)

District Three

de Barb KA3VXR Bender

Greetings from snowbound South Central Pennsylvania. We have been knee-deep in whiteness since December and there is no end in sight. On February 2nd Punxsutawney Phil announced six more weeks of winter and so far his prediction is holding true.

My 24th grandchild was born on February 9. Little Weston Michael

weighed 7 lb 15 oz and his three year old and two year old brothers adore him. They are sons of my son who is in Iraq. My son and granddaughter are both stationed with the Army Reserve 458th Combat Engineer Battalion a few miles north of Baghdad at Camp Victory. Their deployment is for 18 months with at least one year in Iraq. This has been hard for this mother and grandmother to accept and my way of coping with the whole situation is to try to assist my daughter-in-law with the boys when I am able. Unfortunately, they live 1 hour away and I can't just pop in when I want to. Another project to show support for the military that I am involved in is to make yellow lapel pins and yellow bows. Proceeds from the sale of these will go to send care packages to ALL the military of families who belong to our church. Everyone in the military needs to know we thank them and support them whether they are overseas or stationed in the U.S. Not much news this time. Remember, gals, no news - no article!

Kay N3KN reports that she has finally managed to work **DXCC** on 30 meters. Now she has to wait for all the QSL cards to arrive so she can apply for the award. **Kay's** article on the origins of the **ARRL's** major operating awards was accepted for publication in **QST**, possibly in the April issue. Congratulations, **Kay**. We will be looking forward to reading your article.

Gloria N3IOP, who teaches art at **W3NCS** North Clarion County Elementary School, wrote that she and the students just finished a great week participating in the School Club Round Up. They enjoyed making 250 contacts including 26 schools and 26 DX. **Joe AA3TH** and his **XYL**, **Bev KF3BV**, were instrumental in helping the students. **Gloria** wishes to thank all the amateurs who took the time to talk with the students. This is great news and we admire all the hams who take their time to work with young people and foster this great hobby. Thanks to you, **Gloria**.

Lois WB3EFQ has been really busy helping her son with their remodeling and finished all the woodwork and trim. Now she will busy herself with babysitting for the two little grandchildren. She and her **OM**, **Tom W3BZN**, are looking forward to seeing the gals at Dayton this year!

Jeanne KA3CEO wrote that she and her **OM**, **Dick WB3AJC**, are hanging in there and hope to see their 84th birthday this summer. **Dick** plays the sax along with seven or eight other "oldsters" and really enjoys playing some of the old songs and music. He just finished his first "gig" with the Chester River Jazz Band. **Jeanne** is still bothered by arthritic back pain.

Well, Happy Hamming till next time when, hopefully, there will be some news from more of you gals out there in 3-Land. Let me know about your escapades at Dayton and anything else that is going on in your life. Remember, if you want Peace.....pray for Justice! 73/33 de Barb
KA3VXR ka3vxr@penn.com

Yesterday is ashes; tomorrow is wood. Only today does the fire burn brightly. - Old Eskimo proverb

District Five

de Alma AB5BA Lang

This time again! I enjoy getting the news from the other members especially one I have not heard from before. First of all I want to thank **Linda-AC5QQ** for doing the **YLH** last issue. I can't begin to tell you how much **Linda** did for me during the surgery and the time in hospital. In fact she and other friends of ours made the whole hospital stay very comfortable for me. Some of the friends came in to our house and cared for the two cats and walked Honey (our dog) twice a day.

My husband is getting along very well. Of course he still has a long ways to go. But he is able to take a few walks a day (weather permitting) and do some light chores. He has walked bent over for six months and is trying his best to stand and walk straight. So he is improving.

I started a small garden of the green veggies and onions that a freeze won't hurt. Also started our tomato plants - they are doing great - we keep them in the garage and will use a grow light if it gets too cold.

Well, I'm out of words, so I will say Thanks to all and ask those who have not written a note for **YLH** to try to send a note. Everyone likes to read your news. *33 and 88, Alma AB5BA*

District Seven

de Sara AB7PS Lyon

Greetings to one and all! It's a frosty but sunny morning in Western Washington. Spring is on the way and time to get ready for hamfests and other **YL** activities.

Barbara Yasson **AC7UH** reported that The Two Rivers Net had scheduled their annual Post-holiday Party for January. Unfortunately it had to be canceled because of the snowstorm which was especially severe in the Vancouver-Portland Area. Now plans are underway for a get-together on April 3rd.

MINOW Net has had a quiet winter with just the faithful five or six checking-in the nets. We always enjoy hearing from **Karen AC7UN** about her farm. She will no doubt have her hands full when the four kids and a calf are born later in the spring. The Tuesday morning net on 20 meters has had many weeks when conditions were so poor that no one could hear much except for the QRM. We have found that starting the net 15 minutes before the hour and moving up one or two Kcs helps a little. Now we are looking forward to the annual meeting in May. We were sorry to learn that **June WA7RAX** became a Silent Key in October.

The Evergreen Intertie **YL** Net has had a good winter. We are pleased to have four or five **YLS** who alternate on a regular schedule as Net Controls. We are looking forward to setting up our **YL** corner and making some eyeball contacts at the Mike and Key Electronic Flea-market in March.

Other news! **Lory N7KTY** is planning on setting up a **YLRL** corner at Rickreall the end of February. *(Just a little note on that from your editor - I looked and looked for Lory and the YLRL table at Rickreall - finally I had to ask someone where they were set up -- it seems the Eugene radio group,*

which **Lory** is a part of and where the **YLRL** table is located, were unable to get tables next to a wall and so **YLRL** banner that I was looking for was hanging from the table and - of course! - was hidden by people stopping at the table! I was finally able locate **Lory** and give her the extra Harmonics that I was bringing for her. I'm sorry I failed to get a picture of the table - it was so crowded, but I did get another one of the group of **YLs** that come with their **OMs** from the coast of Oregon and set up their table in the eating area to make crafts while the hamfest is going on. This year I got to join in with them and make some bookmarks using the flowers they had dried and lace, and also embroidering one of the cards.) **Carol WD8DQG** is taking a break from the bitter cold in Montana by visiting **Phyllis W2GLB** in Arizona. Their plans include going to a quilt show (**Carol** does beautiful quilting) and doing a little "**YL-OM**" contesting this weekend.

What have you been up to? Have you upgraded to General? Or Extra? Have you been elected to a job in your local radio club? Or participated in a ham event? Please let me know. I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Take care. 33, **Sara AB7PS**

District Eight

de Carolyn N8ST Donner

Welcome to new members, **Karen P. Cance AB8SD** and **Kimberly L. Schmitkons KC8YXX**.

Nancy KC4IYD/8 reports, "I was one of two guest speakers from NASA Glenn Research Center that was on via video conference with ten schools in Ohio via our local PBS affiliate (WVIZ) on their Career Exploration Series. The title of our spot was "Careers at NASA." I was there as a research scientist and answered questions posed by high school students about my job at NASA, what I like and dislike about my job, research about Mars, the International Space Station and what does one have to do and study in order to work for NASA. A tape was made and I believe the PBS channel makes it available to schools. It was a lot of fun." **Nancy** has also created a holodeck tour of the NASA Glenn Research Center for the USS JURASSIC (Star Trek and ARC). If you're curious about this facility, there's a link to it on the USS JURASSIC's webpage at: <http://www.qsl.net/k8ssj>

Carol KI8IM reports, "All is well here. Hope it's the same for you.. Our new daughter-in-law passed her license exam and now we're once again an all-ham family."

Connie N8IO has really been busy, "After my trip to Ironton, I was asked to go to Portsmouth and give a program on traffic handling. There were about a dozen in attendance and since then, we have had representatives from that area ready to get messages for that area. Thanks guys and gals. Thanksgiving saw us going over to Maryland to our daughter's and we were happy to have our son from Maine join us. We had a great time with more of the family together. Then again for Christmas we journey over the rivers and thru the woods to Maryland.

This time both grandsons were able to be with us. Joel and his wife Tyne came from New Mexico and Josh brought his girlfriend and we enjoyed playing Phase 10 with eight of us around the table. My oldest grandson Josh is the cause of me not getting to Dayton this year. Josh will graduate from Medical School on May 15. Since this will be only the second time for missing the Hamvention, please forgive me. Josh was born for the other time I missed it. January 2 I had rotator cuff surgery for a shredded rotator cuff. That is healing nicely and I managed to get to the Mansfield, OH hamfest where I received a Life Membership in the Ohio Single Sideband Net for 25 years of service. My friend Gene has pictures posted on <http://www.n8gp.com> and then click on the Mansfield button on the left side of the page.”

Susie N8CGM sent me a copy of the newsletter she edits for the OH-KY-IN ARC in Cincinnati. She does a good job with it. Thanks **Susie**.

I've (**Carolyn N8ST**) been keeping busy with the local amateur radio club Grant Amateur Radio Club doing their newsletter and being the new secretary ... a scary job for me because I don't like to take notes! <grin> And, of course, with the USS JURASSIC, I've updated their webpage to include the list of new VE testing dates we'll be handling. Oh, and I worked the CW/Digital part of the **OM-YL** contest last weekend (February 14-15) and am looking forward to working the SSB part of it next weekend.

And that's it from the 8th District for this issue. I'd like to add some photos to these little articles for the future, so if anyone has any please send them to me. Besides I'd like to see what you look like. <grin> **33, Carolyn N8STS**

District Nine

de Carole WB9RUS Burke

Happy spring, ladies. As I write this column, I am in sunny Florida instead of cold, wintry, snowy Indiana. We come down here every March for St. Louis Cardinal Spring Training. We saw the Cards play the Dodgers today. Sorry Dodger fans, but the Cards won this one.

Your "faithful correspondent" hasn't been so faithful this time. I have to admit I was negligent in writing my column, hence I am doing it in Florida. I did get a lovely letter from **Dot** (sorry, **Dot**, but I forgot your call and your letter is in Fort Wayne on my desk), but I will have it in my next column.

We have just been trying to stay warm and get to spring. I have been working on my quilting, counted cross stitch and some crochet projects. My daughter and I joined the Red Hat Society last fall and have been really having a good time with these ladies. Our chapter has a column in our newsletter that spotlights one member each month. Last month they spotlighted me and when I mentioned I was an amateur radio operator, I got some interesting questions. It's always good to spread the word.

Also, a few girls, and I use the term loosely, I went to high school with keep in touch regularly. In fact, about 15 of them meet every month for lunch. Since it is in St. Louis, I don't get there too often, but I do make it

once in a while. The last time I was there was last September. Anyway, they had a questionnaire going around by e-mail asking all kinds of questions. One was, "hobbies, collections and organizations you belong to." Again, when I mentioned amateur radio, I got more than one surprised response and interest. Like I said before, it's always good to spread the word.

At the moment, my **OM, Al**, and I are in Jupiter, Florida, but tomorrow we are heading to Naples after the ballgame. Then on Saturday we will meet up with our daughter and her family in Fort Myers. We have rented a condo for the week of their Spring Break. I am hoping to get together with **Jan WA2YL**. I had such a good time with her last year when we were down here. I hope that everyone is thawing out and looking forward to flowers and sunny days. I promise that the next column will be more than about me. 33, *Carole WB9RUS*

District Ten

de Doshia KB0NAS Kretke

Greetings from District 10! Unfortunately, it seems that I am not yet "in the loop" for people to pass me information; I am only aware of happenings within Colorado—please, everyone, change that!! The Colorado YLs had a booth at the first hamfest of the year, with a good number of YLs stopping by.



YLs at Adams Hamfest

It was a big day for **Mary Cox KC0MEZ** who passed her code to earn General; I think she may be an avid participant. She has already earned an award for "Worked Colorado."

Ellie NØQCX continues to turn out young hams in concert with her husband, Rip NVØM, and a crew of elmers and elmiras. The Colorado group will again visit her in March to listen to the presentations of young hams who are going to speak in Dayton.

An activity involving a relatively high percentage of YLs, at least locally, is emergency communications. At the Boulder and Broomfield county ARES group (BCARES), which is also the designated RACES group, nearly a quarter of the members present are women.

As women, we face a few extra challenges, such as the weight of "portable" equipment, but we have a wide variety of skills to offer besides engineering. BCARES uses a lot of Amateur TV in its presence. This is really a very simple set up. A small video camera is connected to a battery and to a transmitter, and the transmitter to a filter (since we are using bands very close together) and then to an antenna.



Sharlene KBØWBT, Mary KCOMEX w/her General CSCE & Worked all Colorado award - and on the right is YLRL President Cheryl NØWVB

The whole kit and caboodle fits into a backpack, and is transmitted on 70 cm. frequencies that just happen to be cable channel 57-60, and so can be watched on normal television sets. One watt transmits a good picture for the local area, ten watts over quite a distance, or, during one practice session, bounced it off a mountain to a repeater to the emergency situation room half an hour as the road goes away. It wasn't a perfect picture, but it was enough to let those in the command center see what was happening on the "scene." It is quite an interesting modality; try it! 33, Doshia
KBØNAS

From **Elizabeth VE7TLK/VA7TK** - **Elizabeth** is very busy organizing the **YL2004** Conference hosted by the British Columbia **YL** Amateur Radio Association, to be held in North Vancouver, British Columbia on May 1st. Visit the conference website at <http://www.qsl.net/ylradio/confer.html> to read about the program planned. **Elizabeth's** two year term as President of the BCYLARA also ends on May 1st. She is looking forward very much to seeing the **YLS/OMs** from different areas of British Columbia again. **Elizabeth** organized the first **YL** Conference back in 1999 to bring **YLS** together for the first time in British Columbia. Six conferences later, **YLS/OMs** look forward to attending this annual event which now rotates to other communities throughout the province!

Time does pass quickly when organizing a **YL** Conference. The May 1st **YL2004** Conference is less than two months away! Many **YLS/OMs** from different parts of British Columbia have already registered. A full day of speakers has been organized by **Elizabeth** to be followed up by a dinner. The new digital emergency messaging system will be demonstrated, as well as the popular new mode EchoLink, using both computer to computer and computer to repeater communications. In addition, **Elizabeth VE7YL** will speak about her post WWII ship's radio operator experiences and **DX** accomplishments, **Leona VE7ONY** will reflect on her six weeks of volunteer emergency response service during last summer's British Columbia Wild Fires. It will be a fun day seeing our **YL** friends again! 33

From **Jeanne VA3WX**: We have had a very cold and snowy past month. Our sidewalks are terrible for walking with thick ice and the few flurries we get each day makes it slippery. I had my first visit to a casino on January 29th. I went to Casino Rama in Orillia with 42 other seniors. The buffet luncheon was really great and had fun using the 25 and 5 cent machines. The trip only cost \$5! The local high school put on a presentation of South Pacific on February 6th and enjoyed going to that. I will be a net control on the Trans Provincial net on February 14th in the afternoon. You can hear **YLS** mostly **CLARA** members doing this net that day and many of us have done it for a number of years. I also am a net control on the 80-meter **CLARA** net every six weeks. We get check-ins from Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario and even sometimes can hear **Joan VESTAW** out in Estevan, Saskatchewan. 33, **Jeanne VA3WX**

Things have been quiet since the New Year. We had one very cold (for Vancouver) spell and some snow but since then mostly rain. Now the bulbs are up and it is beginning to look like spring. Was thrilled to work **Christa KB3JIU** from 4U1ITU and also **Hannelore 9Y4/DH5JR** for two new **YL** countries. Propagation is so poor I counted myself lucky to get them. 33, **Elizabeth VE7YL**

Life is like a mirror. If you frown at it, it frowns back. If you smile at it, it returns the greeting. - Herbert Samuels

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

Please change Sylvia W3SLF's e-mail address to read:
W3SLF@aol.com

Please change Lois NX7V's last name to read: Vallin -- somewhere along the line one of the ls got left out (*and don't I know the feeling!*)

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From the Editor

de Caroll NV7YL Massie

Well, it's about that time again! Spring is springing -- however, as one knows that has lived in Nevada for quite a few years -- just wait, it might change overnight or in the next few hours. In fact it froze again last night and the fruit trees across the street from us that had just bloomed out no longer have their white and pink blooms - they're all brown! But, that's the way the weather goes here. Hope everyone is healthy, happy and looking forward to a brighter tomorrow.

I was so happy to receive my latest copy of the WARO magazine, especially since they had the names to go with the SYLRA picture! I was delighted to be able to put names to the faces in the picture!

I was just on the Tangle Net today and it's wonderful to be able to talk to the YLs and hear the different temperatures in everyone's area. I don't envy Phyllis W2GLB and her 95 degrees in the shade, that's too hot for me!

One item I should bring up -- everyone, please remember to include the FCC on your change of address list. It doesn't cost anything -- in fact if you have Internet access it can be done in a matter of moments with your computer! I've even helped one YL change the spelling of her street address (can you imagine, the FCC had made an error in spelling?) - it was a matter of just one letter and it took all of five minutes! Here's the address: <http://wireless.fcc.gov/services/amateur/> - when the page comes up look for the common filing tasks and click on 'changing address' (also, you can renew your license online!).

33, Liebe, Bis später ...auf Wiederhören... Caroll NV7YL

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