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In my last column I mentioned that I was heading out to Dayton to the "BIG" Ham Convention and was looking forward to all that would bring. I was not disappointed. It was all I expected and more! The first thought that comes to my mind about Dayton is "Overwhelming!" And that may be an understatement when it comes to the flea market part of it. I am really glad that I had the opportunity to go but don't think I could handle going there every year. Yet probably next year I will be wishing that I was going again.

Anyway, let me tell you about the YLRL-Buckeye Belles' table and all the wonderful people that stopped by. Elsewhere you will find a photo of some who stopped by and some who spent a lot of time handling out literature. I didn't get as many photos as I would have liked because I was having so much fun talking to so many people, especially YLs.

It was SO NICE to renew old friendships made at Albany last year and to put faces with names and call signs that I had read about or talked to in the past. We were able to sign up about 20 new members and a few renewals, plus we handed out applications for YLRL and the Buckeye Belles, and copies of ***YL Harmonics*** and ***Buckeye Burr***. Even a few OMs stopped by and picked up material to take to their YLs to try and spark their interest in operating more.

Being a Forum Speaker allowed me to get into the covered area where all of the commercial exhibits were before it was opened to the general public. I could browse without a lot of people around. I really enjoyed seeing a lot of new things and picking up fact sheets to bring home and drool over.

Dayton's YL Forum's speakers. L to R: Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD; Marti Brutcher, N6XDS; Kay Eyman, WA0WOF.

Unfortunately, on the Saturday that I was go be part of the YL Forum, I woke up with laryngitis and could hardly speak. I figured that there would be microphones set up so that would help, but when we arrived at the High School where the forum was scheduled there were none. I said a quick prayer and asked a couple of other YLs to pray for my voice. I am happy to say that the Lord enabled me to speak so that I could be heard. Kay, WA0WOF was the Moderator and Nancy, KC4IYD, Vice President and incoming President spoke on contesting. Thanks to all who showed up to support us.

After Dayton, I met up with the ham friends that I mentioned in my last column. They drove me to West Virginia where I stayed with a girl friend for two nights until I could see a doctor. He diagnosed my condition as bronchitis and gave me a shot and some antibiotics. Since I was not running a fever, I was able to go to my brother's house where I spent the next three weeks.

As many of you know, my brother is in the final stages of Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia and, unless God heals him, I knew that this would be our last chance together on this side. We had three weeks of quality time together. I had asked God to keep him out of the hospital while I was there and He answered that prayer. I thank Him for that time.

I got home in time to have a couple of days of rest and unpack my suitcase before I repacked it and headed off with my OM to the ARRL NW Division Ham Convention, called SeaPac. This was my second year at SeaPac and ***YLH*** Editor, Margaret, KC7LXS shared a room with Jack and I at Seaside. OTVARC (Oregon Tualatin Valley ARC) sponsors this event each year. They do a really terrific job and have bent over backwards in assisting YLRL. Again, we had a perfect spot for our table and again, we met many wonderful YLs, some of whom we had met for the first time last year. We signed up some new YLRL members and others renewed their memberships. The friendship and fellowship was terrific. It was great to see some friends from Southern California that were exhibitors.

Mary Lou Brown, NM7N, former YLRL President and current ARRL Northwest Division Director, was the featured speaker at the YL Luncheon and did a great slide presentation on various DXpeditions that she has gone on. She also shared just what it takes to get prepared to take part in a DXpedition. Thanks, Mary Lou, for sharing those memories with us.

A special thank you to those who helped out at the YLRL-Buckeye Belles' table in Dayton and the YLRL table at SeaPac. If I tried to mention everyone by name and call sign I would surely miss someone. You know who you are and I really thank you for being there.

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happiness is loving what you do
and getting someone else to pay you to do it.

QST NAMES NEW "YL NEWS" EDITOR

Steve Ford, WB8IMY

Diane Ortiz, K2DO, has been named as the new editor of QST's bi-monthly "YL News" column.

Ms. Ortiz is an editorial manager and writer at Newsday, one of New York City and Long Island's largest daily newspapers. Her Amateur Radio writing credits include articles published in CQ VHF, CQ Contest and elsewhere. She is a member of the ARRL, YLRL, QCWA and FISTS.

Licensed in 1972 as WN2HML, Ms. Ortiz has embraced a broad range of interests from VHF contesting to public service activities. She is currently the ARRL Hudson Division Assistant Director in charge of publicity, an ARRL Public Information Officer, a Volunteer Examiner, and the secretary of the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club. Ms. Ortiz is also involved in producing New York City's first live monthly cable TV show devoted to Amateur Radio.

The first "YL News" column under Diane Ortiz's byline is scheduled to appear in the October issue of QST. "I'm very excited at the opportunity to showcase the experiences, views and accomplishments of women Amateur Radio operators in QST's "YL News" column," Ms Ortiz stated. "It's a place where I hope everyone will want to look for news, ideas and information about women and ham radio."

*— From **The ARRL Letter**, produced by **The American Radio Relay League**.*

1999 YLRL CONVENTION & ANNIVERSARY PIN

Plans are already underway for YLRL's 1999 Convention, to be held in the Los Angeles area. LARA is the hosting club. Martha Barron, KA6TYO is Chairwoman of the Convention Committee (e-mail is marthabar@aol.com) and Bobbie Raymond, KA6JDO is assisting her.

1999 will also be YLRL's 60th Anniversary year. To help celebrate the anniversary, we are asking our members to help design a commemorative pin. You don't need to be an artist to give us an idea. Your idea, verbally rendered, will be accepted as well. Let your creative side blossom!

Send any ideas, doodles, sketches, oil paintings, graphic illustrations, line drawings, or whatever you have to Marti, N6XDS. Plans are to have the pin available to the membership by the summer of 1998, so get your ideas in now.

Valley Sierra Nevada WSP YL Net

Beth Murphy, KD6CDR

A YL net is a great opportunity for women in Amateur Radio to get to know other women in an atmosphere of camaraderie and common interest. The Valley Sierra Nevada WSP YL Net doesn't ask ladies to talk about the newest ham radio equipment they just bought or how much power they are running. They ask what their favorite restaurants are, who their favorite singer is or what their favorite quick recipe might be. Discussions are held about favorite pets, hobbies and vacation ideas, and the ladies participate with interest and enthusiasm. Great ideas are passed around and everyone benefits from the exchanges. After the ladies are finished checking in and discussing the evenings' topic, the gentlemen have a chance to add their comments or just say hi. The support they give to the ladies in Ham Radio is overwhelming and much appreciated by all.

It all started with Claire White, WB6WSP who wanted more women to continue their Amateur Radio education while talking on the radio. She wanted to educate them on the public service aspect of ham radio, as well as provide a pool of YLs who could assist with emergency communications if needed. Claire had inspired YLs to become active on the radio and was always available to answer questions. She died of cancer in July of 1991.

On September 5, 1991, the Valley Sierra WSP YL Net was started by a group of Tuolomne County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (T Cares) women in the Tuolomne and surrounding areas. The net was named in Claire's honor for all of her support of women in Amateur Radio.

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The YL net is held every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. and all women are automatically members of the net when they check in. The net was heard only on the W6FEJ repeater in Tuolomne County on 147.945 until Chris Huber, N6ICW set up a link with his repeater in Sacramento on 147.195 in November of 1991. Since that time, over 400 women have checked into the YL net and new members are added every week. The net was switched over to the River City ARCS repeater in 1993 and can be heard on 145.250, and is still linked to the W6FEJ repeater. In 1994, a link was established with Nevada on the WA7RPS repeater, 147.150 on Mt. Rose, which is linked to the

Reno-Sparks repeater on 147.210. At that time the WSP Net was renamed the Valley Sierra Nevada WSP YL Net, expanding the participating and listening audience by a wide margin. With links to the ARCS 441.600 repeater, the YL net can be heard from San Francisco to Nevada City, and from Chico all the way to Fresno. Net controls for the WSP YL Net have ranged from ladies in the Tuolomne area to Contra Costa, Placerville and Sacramento Counties.

In 1992, an idea was born to have remote nets in various places in Northern California. The first remote net was held on September 19 at Rusch Park in Citrus Heights, with 58 hams and family members attending. Equipment set-up was done with the help of organizer Patrick Schamun, KC6ZEA who offered to provide equipment and service for future remote nets. With his and assistance from other hams, it has expanded to pizza parlors, fellow ham houses in Meadow Vista, Auburn, Carmichael, Folsom and Sacramento; to more restaurants, more parks and radio businesses. It has even been done in Lake Tahoe and Sonora.

Plans are being made to go to Hagen Park in Rancho Cordova on April 24 to ride the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers scale model trains while doing the net. Other remote nets have been planned, including setting up equipment and transmitting while riding on boats on the river, and introducing ham radio to senior citizens in skilled nursing facilities. Ideas have been ongoing and the excitement that is still generated with each new remote net is contagious. Meeting hams face to face for the first time after talking on the radio has resulted in many long lasting friendships. The interest has not waned in many years and will continue on in to the future, so long as there are net controls, frequencies, equipment and hams who check in to the Valley Sierra Nevada WSP YL Net.

Special Thanks go to all the men and women who have made the Valley Sierra Nevada WSP YL Net such an awesome success:

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Check out the Valley Sierra Nevada WSP YL Net in action on the next page.

The Thursday Night YL Net Hits The Rails!!!

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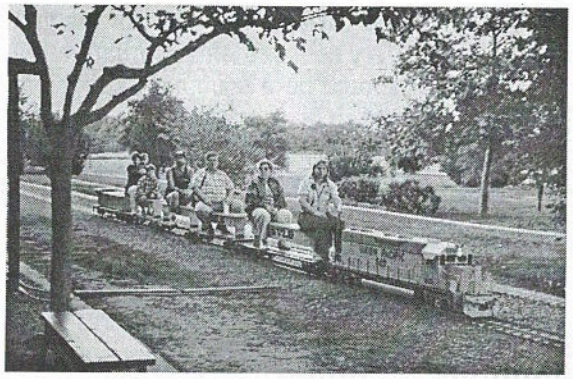

Pam Naylor, KE6YPY arrives at the station with her passengers.

Letting no grass grow under their feet, the members of the Sacramento Valley and Sierra Nevada YL Net again went remote for their Thursday night session. Pam Naylor, KE6YPY, a member of both the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers (SVLS) and Sacramento's River City Amateur Radio Communications Society (River City ARCS), drove an SVLS scale model train and its happy riders into the station and kicked off the event at 7:30PM sharp!

The YL Net remote session was quickly brought into session, amid the clatter and hustle of arriving and departing trains, by Beth Murphy, KD6CDR, the YL Net Control Station of the hour. Leslie Arndt, KD6WTJ joined her at net control in the train station to help her keep track of the fast-paced check-ins.

Net Control Station: Beth Murphy, KD6CDR

Carole Mitchell, KF6GMW impersonates a tower.

Carole Mitchell, KF6GMW happily lent her support by elevating Beth's handheld for better communication when band conditions changed. Her face tells it all–a great time was had by all!

DEBBY DOES DAYTON

Debby Riehl, N7FL

Last year I went to the Dayton Hamvention for the first time. This year was a return engagement for me, and I took Ralph, N7KGA, for his first taste of hamdom's biggest gathering. Every licensed amateur should go to Dayton at least twice. The first year should be a scouting expedition, just to get the lay of the land. It is so big, it is overwhelming. By the second trip you will have a vague idea of where to go and what to do. Last year I just bought an airline ticket and went. I flew to Columbus, Ohio and rented a car to drive to Dayton. This year we paid a very nice bargain Hamvention special fare and flew directly to Dayton. Last year I stayed in a fleabag motel by I-70. This year we stayed at the Crowne Plaza hotel right in downtown Dayton, which is the hub of the Hamvention social activities.

We flew to Dayton by way of Saint Louis, where we encountered our first other hams headed for Ham Mecca. Ralph spotted a handheld in an open briefcase and suggested that it was time for us to put on our callsign nametags. There we met Bill Tynan, W3XO, president of AMSAT. There were many other hams here also and we began to receive all sorts of invitations for various social activities. By the way, the St. Louis Airport Deli has very good sandwiches, but, alas, no lattes. (Sigh)

When we landed in Dayton, we could actually hear the rain pounding on the skin of the aircraft. At least ½ inch of water was standing on the runway. One of the Midwest's famed thunderstorms had just passed through. The rest of Hamvention's weekend weather gradually improved. In comparison, last year it was really hot.

We picked up our rental car at the Dayton Airport and headed for the hotel. Upon arriving at the Crowne Plaza, we were a little concerned to find a Ryder Rental Truck parked in front of the hotel. Access to the Crowne Plaza is a little confusing; it is on the east side of the hotel on Jefferson Street, which is one-way northbound.

The Chinese restaurant to the east of the Dayton Convention Center is very good. Their Wonton soup is wonderful, and their jasmine tea has just the right touch of smokey flavor.

We had allowed an extra day to take in some local sights. We quickly discovered that Ralph's 35 year old memories of the area were inadequate for navigation. He was able to get us within about 7 miles of his old alma mater, Antioch College, but he finally had to go against his male inclinations and asked for directions from a local gentleman. The purchase of a current map helped ease further explorations.

There is a McDonald's in Dayton which need have no fear of ever being successfully charged with the crime of being a "fast food restaurant."

When one little girl waiting in the line was carried out by her mother, another patron waiting in line also explained that it was because the little girl was starving to death. We do offer one recommendation: Stick to the Hamvention fleamarket bratwursts.

Up in our hotel room we put up a flexible J-pole antenna in our third floor window which greatly helped with access to the local repeaters. Ralph was surprised when with his handheld and this antenna, he doubled with a net control station, and won!

One of the Hamvention traditions which is really fun is that hams staying at the hotel tape their QSL cards on their room doors. We learned that we were staying in the room next to John Devoldere, ON4UN, famed Low Band DX'er and VK0IR DXpedition Pilot Station. Down the hall was W4MPY, the QSL card man. For some strange reason, possibly evil spirits, our cards kept wandering around on our door, to other doors down the hall, and even disappeared entirely a couple of times, only to mysteriously reappear later.

We also visited the US Air Force Museum on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base northeast of Dayton. This took most of a day for us. It has a tremendous collection of aviation memorabilia from the Wright Brothers (their bicycle shop was in Dayton) to the space age. In the collection is some of my grandfather's WW-1 memorabilia. We got to see one of his dress uniforms and were allowed to touch it while wearing white cotton gloves. They are careful to avoid having even minor amounts of perspiration and body chemicals come into contact with the artifacts. Many of the items are so fragile due to their age that they cannot be cleaned without possibly causing further damage.

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The US Air Force Museum is also one of the places to park your car and catch one of the free shuttle busses to the Hara Arena, site of the Dayton Hamvention itself. Other park-and-ride places include one at the Dayton Airport and two local shopping centers. There is limited paid parking space close to the Hara Arena.

Hamvention weekend lasts three days; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This is barely adequate to see it all. I have not yet had time to go to any of the seminars. This year I set out to see the entire 3000 plus stalls in the flea market area. Ralph set out to see the five ballrooms filled with vendor's

indoor displays.

Friday evening we attended the DX Dinner. There are several specialty banquets held over the weekend for all sorts of ham radio interests. The main Hamvention Banquet takes place Saturday night. At the DX Dinner one of the hams at our table came from Bulgaria and just happened to be the designer of the ETO 91B HF amplifier. I salivated appropriately.

After the DX Dinner we attended a reception for the VK0IR crew. I purchased a copy of their book and acquired the autographs of 18 of the operators and 4 of the pilot stations for the VK0IR DXpedition. Ralph wanted to get a copy of their Participant's Handbook as a reference to help us plan our own DXpedition to Orcas Island, NA-065, for the Islands-On-The-Air contest in July this summer. Alas, by then our discretionary cash fund was getting low, and we still had to plan for getting back to Washington.

One of the booths I wanted to see on the inside was the YLRL and Buckeye Belles booth. When I found the booth, the YLs were having their photographs taken together by their various OMs. The Buckeye Belles have ceased giving out their famed buckeyes as of this year. Seems that last year someone tried to eat one . . .

YLs congregate in Dayton. Debby, N7FL is 4th from the right.

By the end of the Hamvention on Sunday afternoon, I had managed to see all of the flea market area plus the indoor displays. Ralph realized that he could have stocked up with a year's worth of spare parts, but, alas, once again, all that is required is an unlimited amount of cash. And then there is the problem of getting it home. UPS had a shipping booth right at the arena in the East end. We also saw many treasures being carried on the plane towards home. Ralph purchased a used Icom IC-735 to compliment the one I bought at Dayton last year. He also purchased a NorCal 38 Special QRP rig kit, and he picked up about 40 pounds of literature to read through.

Just before the final Grand Prize Drawing in the Main Arena, I finally ran into Barbara, N8EYW. She had taken the year off from being on any Hamvention Committees. She was just enjoying the show this year. None of us won any of the fabulous prizes.

As we were leaving the Hamvention, the clouds were building and the wind was rising. We picked up our car from the USAF Museum parking lot for the last time and headed for the airport. Just as we started, the rain began, the wind came, and the local SkyWarn weather system was activated on the repeater. Another one of those famed midwest thunder storms was coming through as we were leaving Dayton, just as we were greeted when we arrived four days earlier.

One of the few downside incidents for us this year happened in the USAF Museum parking lot while we were at the Hamvention. The rental car acquired a ding in a door while parked there. I am still waiting to hear how much that is going to cost me or my insurance company.

The flight back to Saint Louis was uneventful. The fun began after we landed in Saint Louis. We had a long trek toting our luggage and treasures from the gate where we landed to the gate for our flight on to Seattle. It was good exercise. We did stop at that deli for one more of those sandwiches.

Once we did get into the air, the pilot announced that we would be making a slight detour to the South to avoid a long weather front with several violent thunder storms. Later, when the lights below and on the right side of the airplane were identified as those of Oklahoma City, we knew we had really strayed quite a way to the South!

This line of thunder storms to the North was spectacular. Some of the cumulonimbus clouds were continually lit by multicolored lightning bolts. We looked in vain for the recently described red sprites and blue jets; these are discharges going upward from the cloud tops to the ionosphere. I am sure that some of the other passengers wondered what we were doing, huddled under Ralph's coat to keep out the light from the cabin interior, and our noses pressed against the window. Last year, while on the way to Dayton on the red-eye special flight, I did get to watch the Northern Lights all the way across the country.

Let's see . . . next year I'll do the entire flea market first because some of the vendors pack up and go home after they have sold out their stuff. Maybe I'll go to a seminar or two. I think I'll try the Contester's Banquet. One thing I am sure of—I'll have the pleasure of seeing and meeting a large number of folks from all over the world; members of that fascinating fellowship of hams.

the whole point
about getting things done
is knowing what to leave undone.
~~lady stella reading~~

Certificates & Awards

YLRL CONTINUOUS MEMBERSHIP CERTIFCATE

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May 1, 1997 to June 30, 1997

Mary Jane Herrington, KA3WWG	5
Sue Cowdell, G4XED	5
Adriana Parducci, IK5MEQ	5
Ikuko Ohmura, JA5GSG	5
Indra, YF0AQD	5
Kelly Larkins, N7IXI	10
Sr. Rosemary Kane, CP5HF	10
Lina Ramella, I5UNA	10
Marina Rutowitsch, PY1DVU	10
Carol Gaudin, ZL2VQ	10
Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC	15
Priscilla Bell, G4KVR	15
Dorothy Payne, G4OAT	15
Toshiko Someya, JF1WMY	20
Margit Hirschl, OE1YHA	20
Margaret Demeules, W3HSS	25
Diane Cardell, G0RHL	25
Helene Wyss, HB9ACO	25
Ruth Rice, K8ARA	40

YL CENTURY CLUB

Leila Henderson, Custodian
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CERTIFICATES

Sara Lyon, AB7PS	#1100
Tsutomi Kimura, JA8DGO	#1101

ENDORSEMENTS

Manuel Greco, K2LFG	1500 YLs
Phyllis Davis, KA1JC	900 YLs
Anita Roeben, DK1HH	800 YLs
"Sitza" Tigaraki, SV3AGQ	450 YLs

Annual Directory Issue

The next issue is the annual directory issue. Make sure that all of your changes and corrections are in to the editor by September 1, 1997. That includes any packet or e-mail addresses, telephone numbers, and anything else you'd like to have published.

Also, please send me any net changes. I'd especially like information on local and regional 2 meter YL nets as these are the easiest for a traveling YL to join. Let's make this the most comprehensive net listing ever!!

YLRL Scholarship Fund

YLRL 1997 Scholarship Winner Announced!!

The FOUNDATION FOR AMATEUR RADIO, INC. (FAR) has announced the 1997 winners for the fifty nine scholarships which it administers. The winner of the YLRL $1500 scholarship is Michelle R. Sciarini, KB8ILX of Dover, OH. Look for more about Michelle in the November/December issue of ***YLH***. Congratulations, Michelle!!

Scholarship Donations

Donations sent to Ginger, AB6WS by:

Martha Edwards, W6QYL
Leanna Shaberly, KB8RT
Virginia Slack, KA4DDQ
Edith Gillrath, DF7WU
Brigitta Astrom, SM0FIB
Laurie Korkowskie, N2XWA

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:	By:
Gwen Ryder, WD0AKS	Marte Wessel, K0EPE
Ethel Smith, K4LMB	SAYLARC
Ethel Smith, K4LMB	Irene Akers, W3RXJ
Anny Schwager, DF2SL	Irene Akers, W3RXJ

Total in Liberal, KS Account: $1,237.24 on June 25, 1997.

Send donations to:
Marte Wessel, K0EPE
RR1 Box 73
Liberal KS 67901

Make note of Marte's new e-mail address:
k0epe@rocketmail.com

33,
Marte
KØEPE

Our Mistake!! ☹ (Nutz!!)

Jeri Haines, KB6USX is a candidate for District 6 Chairwoman. Her name was misspelled in last month's election issue. Please note that the correct spelling is above!!

YL CONTEST CORNER

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD

DX YL to North American YL Results

DX YL	CW	NA YL
DL2FCA 27	1st place cup	WA2NFY 45
CT1YH 12	2nd place certificate	N8UOO 30
HB9ARC 9	3rd place certificate	WA8YPY 9
		KM8E 1.5

DX YL	SSB	NA YL
None	1st place cup	N8UOO 25
	2nd place certificate	KM8E 4

A plaque goes to N8UOO for the highest combined CW and phone SSB NA score.

Most of the ladies mentioned that conditions were bad and I have to agree. I spent several hours myself calling CQ and didn't hear anyone, not even an NA-YL. I was hoping one of the ladies that either N8UOO or KM8E contacted in the SSB portion of the contest would send a log but I never received one. 33, Nancy - KC4IYD

Terrie's Challenge

Terrie Tenney, AB7PX

Hello! My name is Terrie, my call AB7PX. You may have heard me on 20 meters. I have worked several of the YL contests. The most fun was the **YL-OM Contest**, in part because I was able to work so many stations. I was so excited to work my first YL contest–**Howdy Days**. I made copies of the log sheet, sharpened my pencils and was set to go. I tuned my radio, scanned up and down the band. Not one YL did I hear. "CQ YL, CQ YL", I called. Where were all the YLs?

Not to be put off I readied myself for the next YL contest–the **YLRL Anniversary Party**. This time I did work a YL. She was not a YLRL member and was not working the contest. My spirits dampened, I almost gave up, then came the **YL-OM Contest**. What fun!

We have more YL contests coming–**Howdy Days** in September and **YL-AP** in October. I am extending a challenge to all YLs to make at least ten contacts in each contest. If we all get out there and give a "CQ YL" we can even surpass that goal. If you are not a contester and hear a CQ answer it and let your voice be heard. I will be listening and calling, "CQ YL, CQ YL this is AB7PX". Let's not let the YL contests fade away.

Howdy Days

CW & SSB: 1400 UTC, Sept. 18, 1997 to 0200 UTC, Sept. 20, 1997

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 an counted once on each band and mode for QSO points. The maximum power output that may be used at an 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 break smust be indicated in the log. RTTY will count as CW.

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.

Willis Island DXpedition

Ann Santos, WA1S has confirmed that she will be a member of the Willis Island DXpedition, leaving for the island from Cairns, Australia on September 9. She expects to be on the air for 11 to 12 days, beginning September 11, 1997. For the latest information, see the ODXG website at http://www.keylink.com.au/odxg/odxgwillis97.html.

2nd Annual OH YLs mini-DXpedition

The Ohio YLs will operate from Kelleys Island, OH September 12-14, using the Buckeye Belles' club call of W8MBI. Listen for all appropriate modes on frequencies ending in 33 or 76. QSL for certificate to Nancy R. Hall, KC4IYD; PO Box 775; N. Olmsted OH 44070-0775

Our Mistake!! ☹ (Nutz Again!!)

VE7YL was incorrectly listed in the results for the YL-OM Contest. She actually had 9408 points in the CW portion, not the SSB portion. This puts her in 3rd place in CW, which earns her a certificate. Congratulations, Elizabeth. Our apologies to all.

WOMEN IN AMATEUR RADIO

PART ONE

Linda Reeder, N7HVF

Editor's Note: This is the first of several parts of the serialization of a documentary that Linda Reeder wrote and recorded several years ago. I was particularly moved while transcribing this, since Ethel Smith, K4LMB passed away a few days after I began this project.

Salt Lake City, Utah: I am an Amateur Radio Operator. I have my Extra class license. I am totally blind and have been active in Amateur Radio for nine years. I am featuring women in Amateur Radio. Amatuer Radio, or ham radio, is a way of communicating around the world using Morse code, voice, RTTY, computers and video. The FCC allocates certain frequencies for licensed amateurs to use for personal communications, emergency, public service or just having fun. It has been said that Amateur Radio is a man's hobby. However, women have been active in Amateur Radio since the early 1900s.

Ethel Smith, K4LMB: "In fact, I'll go back to Liz Andonini, W3CDQ who is now a silent key. But she was actually teaching code to the people recovering from injuries in the war there and whatnot in 1917. She got her first license in 1922."

During the war, women in Amateur Radio provided a valuable service.

Ethel Smith, K4LMB: "Lenore Jenson was particularly active, providing the communications to and from overseas to the service people. I've forgotten how many thousands of messages Lenora handled. A lot of other people were involved in that, too. May Burke, W3CUL and so many more. But that was one of the great services that they were able to conduct there during the war period. Their stations were available to the service people there. They would line up, in fact I think sometimes made appointments days in advance in order to get their turn at the transmitter there. Then that would be relayed to other radio stations here in the United States and probably make two or three hops before it got into the local locality where the Amateur then would call the family and pass on the message. It was very efficient, even with all of these hops. It was usually done within a day or two, though. And then they would try to get a message back from the family to the service man. So many of them said that was the thing that kept them going during the war, being able to have that contact at home. Of course the regular telephone lines and whatnot were impossible, but this was a means that was open to them, thanks to Amateur Radio."

Back then, the main way of communicating in ham radio was Morse code. It wasn't like today, where there are so many modes to choose from.

Marcella Stephenhagen, KB0DDP of Foley, Minnesota, enjoys sending messages by voice.

Marcella Stephenhagen, KB0DDP: "My greatest enjoyment is to talk to Bolivia and talk to a missionary down there. He's all solar powered. It gives you a thrill when you can phone patch someone like that into their parents in the same town that you live in."

Ethel Smith, K4LMB, who we heard from earlier, started a women's radio club, YLRL, in 1939.

Ethel Smith, K4LMB: "As far as women in radio, of course we were fairly few and far between in the early days. In 1939, there was an ad in QST for the book 200 meters and Down and it showed us that heaven only knew how many YLs there were and they wouldn't tell. So of course, I wrote back and said heaven only knew how many YLs there were but I thought they would tell and asked them to write to me. Actually, all I had in mind at the time was kind of getting a list, a directory together and circulating that so we would at least know who the other YLs were. But then, Enid Carter, W9NBX I think was her call at that time and Anita Bean, W8TAY, (I hope I'm right on these calls) kind of picked up and got started on a constitution and by-laws and whatnot and we found enough YLs throughout the country to get district chairmen for the different districts, all nine of them, that existed in those days. The thing took off real good. Within a matter of months I think, we had about 150 YLs. And it went on happily from there. Enid Caldwell started the magazine and they named it Harmonics and we came up with our emblem and all that sort of thing. So by the time that the war came along, everything was going great. And then of course, Amateur Radio was off the air and everybody scattered to the four corners of the earth. But Anita, in particular, kept the Harmonics throughout the war there, kept sending newsletters to all of the members that she continued to have addresses for. By the time that the war was over, YLRL was up and going strong. So we now have been hovering around 1500 members for most of the time since then I guess. It really is a great organization. We have our conventions about every three or four years. It's just a matter of encouraging YLs and letting them know that it wasn't strictly a man's hobby, that we did have a place in it."

"Back then, the main way of communicating in ham radio was Morse code. It wasn't like today, where there are so many modes to choose from."

Helen Lubenow, NM0E is one of the many members of this organization.

Helen Lubenow, NM0E: "I belong to YLRL, Young Ladies' Radio

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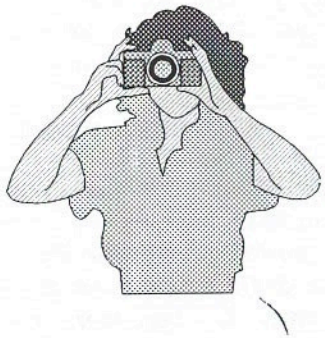
Field Day Photos Needed!!



Hey You!! Yea, you're the one, the one who operated on Field Day!! I need your photos of all the fun you had. So far, I've received photos from three YLs. But from reading through this ***YLH***, I know there are others, both mentioned and unmentioned, who were there!! So where are everybody's pictures?? There's still time to get them in. Send them to the Editor, ASAP.

One of the Things I Love Most . . .

Linda Robinson, KB1BMO

During the YLRL YL-OM contest in February, I made contact with Ursula - DL3LS and Heinz - DL1RA Burger. Of course this didn't mean anything to me at the time, except as a multiplier.

When their QSL cards arrived (with an SASE enclosed) the name in the return address section, "Ursula Burger", seemed to jump at me. I was very excited, of course, having seen her name in so many issues of Miss WRONE's Chatter. She wasn't just one of WRONE's DX members anymore, she was one of my contacts. These "first" occurrences are one of the things I love most about ham radio!

Database Manager Captured!!

Yippee!!! We've got a new Database Manager rounded up! She's Barbara Yasson, KC7KQI of Vancouver WA. She's an active YL in the Pacific Northwest and is a member of the Two Rivers YL Net. Please send all address changes to her beginning September 1, 1997. Her address is in the front of ***YLH***. It looks as if the the position of Backup Database Manager will be firmed up soon as well. Because our bulk rate postal permit it in North Carolina, our printer, Woody, will continue assisting us with circulation for the time being.

I was quite pleased with the response to the announcement in the last issue. Thank you all so much. And who knows, you may be asked to help soon. QRV?

District 1

Anne Manna, WB1ARU

Greetings to everyone! We had a very damp and cold spring, but June made up for it with high temperatures and no rain. Of course this was very good for Field Day! As I write this page, I am dealing with "post Field Day stress syndrome". It is a combination of lack of sleep, dirty laundry, and piles of antennas and radios waiting to be put away. Actually, it's not as bad as it sounds - I got a good night's sleep. the clothes are on the line, and the piles of antennas and radios are still waiting to be put away!

My OM Tony - WA1ENO and I operated with the Capeway Radio Club in Wompatuck State Park, Hingham, MA. If you'd like to see us, check out the website (http://www.gis.net/~k1rv/crc/). There are lots of pictures. We had a good time and made lots of contacts. Before Field Day weekend, I had notes from several of the 1-Land YLs. Linda - KB1BMO operated FD from W1WWV (Wireless Women of Vermont) at Dot - KA1LDS's QTH, along with Deb - NN1C, Kit - WA1WQM and others. They also expected to have some OMs there, contrary to what I wrote in the last issue. I worked Deb on 75m sometime on Sunday. It was nice to hear a familiar voice. Others who let me know that they were planning to participate in Field Day included Arline - W1LIO with the Wellesley ARS using club call W1TKZ. Ann - WA1S planned to be with a group from New Braintree (MA) operating 40 cw. Pat - N1LZH was with NoBarc on the top of Windsor Mountain (MA) at an airport owned by a ham. Pat planned to work 2m or 6m when she wasn't acting as chef. Samantha - N1MJP planned to participate in her first FD since being licensed in 1992. Sam was to be the photographer, reporter, PR specialist, and an operator with the Genesis ARS atop the Pine Hills in Plymouth MA. I hope all the groups that were out for the weekend had as much fun as ours did. If other YLs were active on Field Day, let me know and I'll mention your activities next time.

Congratulations to Arline - W1LIO who was recently elected President of the Wellesley Amateur Radio Society. They will meet monthly at 7:30 pm on the third Thursday, at the Wellesley Police Station, beginning in September. The September program is "DXpedition - Arabian Gulf" - Charlotte Richardson and Paul Young. The club station will soon be at Arline's QTH, as Babson College no longer has room to house them.

Ann - WA1S will be leaving on September 9 with the Oceania DX Group for a DXpedition to Willis Island (300 miles east of Cairns, Australia). It will take 24 to 30 hours to travel on a 60 foot boat from Cairns to Willis. They will operate for 11 to 12 days, then stop at Holmes Reef and activate a new IOTA for about 30 hours before returning to Cairns. Two other YLs, Elvira - IV3FSG and a Japanese YL are also on the trip. For more information, visit the Willis Island and Coral Sea DXpedition web

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District 2

Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC

Believe it or not, the weather this year in Dayton was beautiful. Although Friday was a bit on the windy side, the sun was a-shining brightly. Saturday was like a day in July–hot, but a pleasure to be outside. The YL forum on Saturday was held at the school and since we had to 'bus it' some gals didn't make it. However, your SAYLARC President, Betty, W2PVS and I did, and we enjoyed the meeting. I won't go into all the details as I'm sure others will and there's no need for repetition. I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the meeting was opened by Kay, WA0WOF in her inimitable manner, asking for a moment of silence in memory of, and as a token of respect for, Ethel, K4LMB.

Our YLRL President, Marti, N6XDS, who had a bad case of laryngitis spoke on various subjects, ending with her favorite subject, packet radio, trying to convince some of us just how simple it is! Our effervescent Vice-President, Nancy, KC4IYD followed with a few other topics, reminding all to remember to write ***QST*** supporting their YL column. It was a most successful meeting, with prizes for a few lucky ladies, our own Betty, W2PVS being one of them.

Word has it that congratulations are in order for Minervia, WB2JNL for receiving her 25 year diamond along with her YLRL certificate for 25 years of continuous membership. We are all proud of Minervia. She is an asset not only to YLRL and SAYLARC, but to all Amateur Radio organizations she belongs to.

Carli, N1CD and her OM Junior purchased a beautiful gun-metal gray and black bass boat. It seems that Santa never received Carli's letters asking for the boat, so they had to take matters into their own hands and purchase one. We hope by now, Carli, you have christened it and alerted all bass to beware!

A note from Cathy, VE3GHJ states that all going to the CLARA Celebration should know that our dollar is worth 27 to 30% more than theirs. Cathy hopes to meet you at the Celebration.

Mail from Lia, WA2NFY contained notice that Marguerite, NU2U became a silent key at the age of 44. Our condolences to her husband Doug, NR2M and nine year old son Joseph.

E-mail from Miriam, AA2DX states she and Bob are getting settled into their new home. However she is still unable to get on 80 meters because of no antenna. The also had a visit from a friend of ours, Admiral Bob Williams, AA4SV and his wife Jeanne.

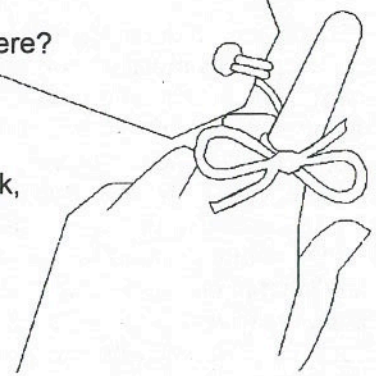
Well, ladies, all good things must come to an end. So, until next time, when I hope we again will have interesting news, stay healthy and keep smiling. Bye Now. 33, Myrtle, N2AKC

District 3

Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN

I Can't Remember!!!

Just a line to say I'm living,
That I'm not among the dead.
Though I'm getting more forgetful
And mixed up in my head.
I got used to my arthritis,
To my dentures, I'm resigned.
I can manage my bifocals,
But gosh, I miss my mind!!
For sometimes I can't remember
When I stand be low the stair;
Must I go up for something
Or have I just come down from there?
And before the 'fridge, so often
My poor mind is in doubt.
Have I just put food away?
And there are times when it is dark,
With my nightcap on my head,
I don't know if I'm retiring
Or just getting out of bed!
So, if it's my turn to write you
There's no need for getting sore.
I may think that I have written
And don't want to be a bore.
So remember that I love you
And wish that you were near.
But now it's nearly mail time,
So I say goodbye my dear.
Here I stand beside the mailbox
With my face so very red.
Instead of mailing you my letter,
I opened it instead!!!



Not one ounce of news, but I thought you would enjoy this instead. The new home should be finished late July. Have a super summer!

33, Ruthanna

District 4

Mary Moore, KL7P/4

I am going to start this issue by thanking both Roseann, N4ZNO and Pam, KF4ANJ for volunteering to run for 4th District Chairperson. As I am writing this, the election results are not in. I know that either of these outstanding YIs will do their very best for YLRL and appreciate the support of those who voted for them.

I have been asked to have a table or forum at the ARRL National Convention in Jacksonville, FL in August and will try my best to make arrangements to be there. As I have not had much luck with forum attendance, I will devote most of my efforts to a YLRL table. Hope to meet many of you 4-Land gals there.

I received a card from Dorothea, VP2EE. She vacationed in Grenada in May and is now back on Anguilla, still working to repair the effects of last year's hurricanes and prepare for this year's. She has lots of work to do to keep her busy. Wish we could go down and give her a hand.

I also received a letter from my other adoptee, Traudel, DL1SYL. She enjoys contesting but generally must work during contest hours and doesn't get to participate as much as she would like. We all know how that is!

Sherri, N4XLF sent an e-mail. She is planning to attend Jacksonville and has offered to help with the YLRL table. She is active in ARRL and local club activities and will be very busy.

Lorraine, WA1EDR wrote that the local radio clubs in Sun City Center FL are also preparing for the hurricane season. The past couple of years have hit the southeast hard and we all hope that most of them stay away from any landfall this year. She is planning on attending Field Day at the Little Manatee River State Recreation Area this year. She received a post card from Anny, HB9YL who was vacationing in Austria. She extends her 33 to all YLRL members.

Many thanks to all who provided information for the column this issue and hope to hear from you again, as well as all other YLs in 4-Land. Have a great summer. 33, Mary, KL7P

Friendship consists of
forgetting what one gives
and remembering what one receives.
~~alexandre dumas~~
contributed by carole burke, wb9rus

District 5

Doris Anderson, K5BNQ

As I write this, I am experiencing a very stressful time. Our proposed Alaska trip has been canceled because of my OM Andy's health problems. In May, he had an attack of very rapid heart arrhythmia and was rushed to the hospital. After the heart rate was brought into a reasonable range, he suffered a stroke. Since then, he has been on a blood thinner to prevent another stroke and is now scheduled to have a heart procedure called an ablation, which hopefully will take care of the rhythm problem. So we are sticking close to home.

Like most of our area, we have had very severe weather-tornado alerts quite frequently, but we have been more fortunate than most. Alma, AB5BA writes, "Here in central Texas, we have had strange weather all winter through spring, and it looks as if it may continue mixed up into summer. A bad ice storm took out lots of the large stately trees of all species. Some areas looked like a war zone. Downed power lines left some of us without power for three and four days. We were thankful for our own generator. The worst was our tornado season. Jerral, TX had a Class 5 tornado. The same day as the Jerral storm, several areas from Waco south along I-35 to Austin had Class 1 funnels that did a lot of damage. One touched down just a mile from our house and took out two nice homes. Thankfully, we had no damage. You cannot believe the donations that have arrived for the Jerral area. Clothing and non-perishable food items donated have filled a large school and a large church. Officials have asked people to stop sending those things because there is no place to put them."

Alma continues, "There is still a great need for money, and wire and posts for pastures and fields. Actor Paul Newman gave 23,280 jars of Newman Spaghetti Sauce, 1,800 bottles of salad dressing, 63,300 packages of spaghetti, and 23,040 heads of lettuce. What do you do with all those items? The lettuce was taken to the Austin Farmers Market and sold, with money going to the Jerral Fund. All the other things were placed in Austin food banks, so other people can share in these donations. I like that idea."

We are proud of all our radio amateurs who have spent many long hours working in these and other emergencies and passing traffic to anxious friends and relatives.

Plans are currently being formulated for the TYLRUN Annual Birthday Party, which, we understand, will be in Denton, TX this year.

Hopefully, I'll have more optimistic, cheerful news next time. Please let me hear from you 5-Land gals, telling us all what you have been up to.

33, Doris, K5BNQ

District 6

Vi Barrett, W6CBA

The YLRC of LA held their June meeting at Irma's, K6KCI in Thousand Oaks and celebrated Evelyn's, N6DEJ birthday at the same time. Other club member news, passed on by Irma: Jerrie, K6INK has just returned home from an Alaskan cruise. Billie, K6ANG is on 2-meters in Frederick, MD. Wendy, KD6OAX has joined the volunteer Fire Department in Mountain View, AK and her new house plans are completed, along with a 450 foot driveway that she backhoed herself! Way to go!!

The LARA Club held its monthly meeting in June at Coco's Restaurant. Bobbi KA6JDO volunteered to do the monthly bulletin ***Watt's Cookin'***, in place of Louise N6JDE. The LARA Club will be participating in Field Day this year. Good Luck, Ladies!! The next LARA meeting is in August.

An e-mail from Claire, K6ZCR says they are coming to Northridge CA to visit her 96 year old cousin on June 29. They will return on July 1. Claire writes, "Wish we had more time for conventions and seeing my YLRC of LA friends. 33 to all."

Vi, W6CBA & OM Don, KA6DJK have just returned from a 6 week trip in their RV. They started with a 5 day tour in Branson, MO with Good Sam members. One theme park, one Imax movie about the Ozarks, & 10 shows. WOW! Then on to Dayton for the 1997 Hamvention, down through Kentucky & into Pigeon Forge, TN to Dollywood, then on to Nashville and the Grand Ole Opry, and a dinner cruise on the General Jackson paddle wheel boat. Next came Memphis, TN to visit "Elvis" at Graceland. In Arkansas, we spent the night near Fort Smith, so I gave Harryette W6QGX/5 a call and had a great visit with her and Baron. Then we moved on to New Mexico and were home by June 5.

Our bad luck started June 1, before we got home. Our dog became seriously ill, we lost all power in the RV on the I-40 freeway, AAA kept us waiting for seven hours and we had to be repaired in Flagstaff, AZ. A member of our extended family passed away the night before we returned, and just when you think it can't get any worse, I fell June 19 and severely bruised my arm, hand and both knees. But, looking on the bright side, our dog Sandy got well. Some other good news is that Don & I won a 1st prize–a three-day, all expense paid trip to the inaugural opening of the California Speedway in Fontana, CA. 33 & have a safe summer. Vi.

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there are two ways of spreading light:
to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.
~~edith wharton~~

District 7

Sara Lyon, AB7PS

May and June have been busy months in the 7th district.

May 17, the MINOW Net held their annual meeting and picnic at the lovely woodsy 4-H Center a few miles out of Salem, OR where Janice, NL7NJ and her OM Phill, KC5OFT are managers. There were nine MINOWs in attendance: Flo KU7F, Audrey N7HAT, Ruth K1IIF, Janice NL7NJ, Sara AB7PS, Frieda K7PVG, June W7RAX, Ruth WA7RVA and Alma WB7AKR. After a delicious dinner Saturday evening Audrey, N7HAT showed slides of their trip last summer to Portugal, Spain and the International YL meeting in Berlin, assisted by Ruth K1IIF and Flo KU7F (with comments from their OMs).

MINOWs at their Annual Meeting, May 1997. L to R: Janice-NL7NJ, Ruth-K1IIF, June-W7RAX, Sara-AB7PS, Frieda-K7PVG, Alma-WB7AKR, Audry-N7HAT, Flo-KU7F, & Ruth-WA7RVA.

Phyllis, W2GLB of the Cactus Keys wrote "The Showlow luncheon on June 14 was great; we had nine YLs and 4 OMs. Since it is a three hour drive from Phoenix, we were lucky to get that many. Quite a few of our Cactus Keys members have summer homes in the Showlow area which is over 5,000' high and much cooler than the valley!"

June 14 and 15 was the SeaPac Ham Convention- the ARRL Northwest Division Convention in Seaside, Oregon. This was my first year to attend and I was surprised at how many people were there that I knew. I was especially happy to meet our president Marti, N6XDS, and Donna, K6DNG, our interim secretary. I also enjoyed visiting with other YLs at the YLRL luncheon. Mary Lou, NM7N the featured speaker, gave a very interesting talk, illustrated with slides on what it is like to go on a DXpedition.

Marcie, KC7DAT was one of the approximately 1000 bicyclists participating in the STP (Seattle to Portland) Bicycle Classic on June 21 and 22. This is a 197 mile ride and what makes Marcie unique is that she is bicycle mobile (she has her callsign on a license plate attached to her bike) and was able to keep in touch with her OM and friends as she rode along. The weather was cold, windy and wet both days but, according to Marcie, it was

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District 8

Carol Hall, WD8DQG

By now everyone probably knows that Dayton was a fun time. We really enjoyed having Marti with us at the Buckeye Belles/YLRL booth. We had a lot of YLs stop by the booth to sign-in and visit. The forum went very well even though we had to ride the bus over to the High school and they changed rooms on us at the last minute. If I remember correctly, we had over 40 YLs attend the forum and hear Marti talk to us about packet and the low cost of setting it up with an indoor antenna and dumb terminal. Nancy talked about the contests and the results of the YL-OM contest. We were very pleased to have Doris,WD8IKC at Dayton again this year after several years of absence. Lois, WB3EFQ, our supplies chairman, was also able to make it.

I don't have a lot of news from 8-Land, but I hope the gals will let me know what is going on for my last column after the directory issue.

We are in Montana. It was not a very good trip since our old dog "Mac" had a stroke in Iowa and we had to have him put to sleep in Broadus, MT. He had made a lot of friends, going to hamfests over the years, and played a big role in our making new friends. He will greatly missed. We have looked at houses and are now building. I have a full time job in a nursing home and am leaving the house building to the OM. We did get to work field day this year with the local radio club up in the mountains.

I will be attending the CLARA Gala in Toronto and would like to remind everyone that Cathy, VE3GJH has a wonderful time planned, so get in your registrations. 33, Carol Hall, WD8DQG

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a fun experience and listening to the repeaters helped pass the time away.

The next big activity in the ham world is Field Day. Marcie KC7DAT has plans to hook her bicycle up to turn a generator and charge a battery for auxiliary power. She comments: "After riding the 200 miles to Portland, it shouldn't be too bad." Robin, KJ7BI is helping to tie up the loose ends for the HandiHams Field Day in Portland to be held at Oral Hull (Park for the Blind). They will be using her call - maybe you worked her. She says "the group doesn't really contest; we sort of put on a 24 hour radio demonstration for interested ham wanna bes, and just have fun making contacts on all bands.

What did you do for Field Day? Please let me know. Are any of you officers in your local radio clubs? I'll be waiting to hear from you.

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District 9

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Happy Summer!!

The Dayton Hamvention has been here and gone. We had a great time. We arrived Thursday evening and stayed until Sunday. It was so great to see old friends and meet some new ones. I was really pleased to meet our President, Marti, and Vice President, Nancy. It's nice to be able to put a face with a name. They are delights and have such enthusiasm. In fact, I think Nancy must be triplets!!! I was hoping that I would meet more 9-Land YLs.

We survived Field Day last weekend. I don't know about other clubs, but ours has gotten very apathetic. The same people do the same things. Every one wants a great event, but no one wants to to the work involved and people do burn out. As a result, Field Day was very sparse this year. I was cook and bottle-washer again. I've done that for years. I guess I know where my talents lie.

Yesterday was my daughter's birthday. Kelly is 29 and holding. Evan, our three month old grandson, rolled over yesterday to celebrate his aunt's birthday. His mom said that once he started, he wouldn't stop.

We are planning on heading to Chicago next weekend with Kelly and family. Should be a great time. I will listen for some YLs on two meters while there.

Have a great summer. 33, Carole, WB9RUS

Women in Amateur Radio ---------- *continued from page 17*

League. I belong to the Japan Ladies Radio League, the New Zealand Ladies Radio League, and the German Ladies' Radio League through YLRL and do communicate with ladies in those countries. I go to the conventions when they have international conventions."

This organization has been around for quite some time.

Harriet Misinski, WB0ZQZ: "I'm Harriet Misinski, WB0ZQZ and I'm from Hibbing, Minnesota. I did go to Las Vegas for a convention of the YLRL, which is the Young Ladies' Radio League. You know, they call all of us old ladies, they call us young ladies when we're on ham radio. The meeting in Las Vegas, I believe was the 40th anniversary of YLRL. And there were an awful lot of ladies there They were all great people. My husband was not interested although he was very happy to help me build things. He actually bought my first radio for me. He passed away two years ago, so I'm on my own at the present time. From the time when we started, he was into CB. Even so, he thought it was better to get into ham radio. But he himself did not get into it."

Look for Amateur Radio in the schools, and Sister Alverna and Handi-Hams in Part Two, in the November/December Issue of ***YLH***.

District 10 — Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

Once again, field day has come and gone. Conditions are definitely improving!! I heard stations from Connecticut to Alberta, Canada to Arizona. Quite an amazing variety from Denver, Colorado with a vertical. 10 meters had been open long into the night, helping the novice station as well. I was pleasantly surprised to hear a large number of YLs from all over on the phone stations. A number of stations responded to calls by answering, "The YL, go ahead." Let me know what your group did for field day. Please include photos. I would love to find out what other YLs encountered during the field day weekend.

As the summer progresses, many of us will be taking vacations. As you plan your travels, don't forget to include your radio as one of your packing priorities. If you plan on hiking or making day trips into isolated areas, your 2-meter HT can be an important safety item, along with your first aid kit. On long car trips, both 2-meter and HF rigs, when available, can keep you entertained while driving across the country. Close friends of ours recently worked Greece and most of Europe on the trip to Dayton!! Meet new people and check into new nets as you make your trip. One word of caution–don't try to use your rig on an airplane!! Wait until you are destinated to use your radio. If you aren't planning any trips, keep scanning the bands to look for new calls in your area. Be sure to welcome any vacationing hams. Have a great summer.

33 and 73, Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

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KL7 District — Betty Marsh, KL7FJW

Greetings from warm Alaska. We had the warmest day of the summer yesterday–79 degrees. Fairbanks, as usual, did beat us last week with an 86 degree day! But today is back to its usualy overcast with a bit of breeze. It was great to have the May/June ***YLH*** before the new column goes in. I hope Margaret is able to find the new Database/Circulation Manager in a hurry so she can relax a bit.

I had a nice letter from Cheri, WL7MA in Wasilla. Her daughters will both be home for the summer. One is in high school and the other is at the University of Idaho. Then, too, the usual servicing of the antennas needs to be done before cold weather sets in, though the best time to do that is always the middle of the first cold spell, HI HI! Her OM has a new metal detector, and they plan on a little prospecting this summer. Good luck, Cheri.

Florence, KL7AZJ and her OM Al, KL7AG are home in Fairbanks after enjoying a couple months in Arizona.

Hazel, AL7OT will be home about the same time my OM and I leave for a trip outside. We leave Prince of Wales Island on July 8, ferry on the Prince Rupert, BC and drive through Jasper National Park and Banff on the way to Calgary. After attending the last two days of the Calgary Stampede rodeo, we continue on to Montana and visit my sister and family, attend my 50th high school reunion in Butte, and visit ham friends on the way back to Seattle. After the usual shopping for the coming winter, we'll drive north and ferry on home.

I hope all you ladies have a nice summer. PLEASE SEND A NOTE TO ME WITH SOME NEWS! 33, Betty, KL7FJW

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page. (http://www.keylink.com.au/odxg/odxgwillis97.html) Ann is also planning to spend an additional 7 or 8 days exploring the Great Barrier Reef. It sounds like a trip of a lifetime! I'll be traveling to Hawaii with my OM in July. This is our 25th Anniversary present to ourselves. We will stay on Maui at Sea Q Maui for 5 days. Maybe I'll work some YLs from KH6! We are also going to Hawaii, Molokai, and Lanai for 3 days each. We're really looking forward to the trip.

There have been 10 to 12 check-ins every week on the Yankee Lassies Net. Everyone seems to be doing fine and keeping very busy. I was glad to get so much news for this issue. Next deadline is late October, so send me news over the summer and I'll put it all together for a summer/early fall column. 33, Anne WB1ARU

VE District

Jeanne Gordon, VA3WX

CLARA Events

CLARA Nets: Mark your calendars. CLARA Nets start back up on September 2.

The 80 meter CLARA Net meets on the frequency or 3750 at 7 p.m., Ontario time. NCS for this net varies.

The 40 meter Eastern Canada CLARA Net meets every Tuesday morning from 9:00-10:00 a.m., eastern time, from September to May, on 7055. NCS is Helen, VE2YAK with relays from Minnie - VE3DBQ, Audrey - VE1PK, and Joyce - VE3JCE.

The twenty meter CLARA Net meets Tuesdays at 1700 GMT on 14.120. NCS for this net varies.

CLARA 1997 Gala: This is your last opportunity to sign up for CLARA's Gala Celebration. After talking with Cathy Hrischenko - VE3GJH, this event promises something for everyone!! Currently, there are 47 signed up from 10 countries, with another 12 to 15 verbally committed. Please make every effort to pay in Canadian funds, ideally a money order in Canadian funds. Check with your bank.

Cathy also says that Saturday Night's dinner and dance will be a New Year's celebration, as CLARA is beginning a new year. Cathy's promising a surprise or two, but isn't saying anything else. I wonder what she's got up her sleeve???

Another event has been added: There will be a steam train ride after Sunday's breakfast. Lest you think this is not related to ham radio, think again! The engineer is a ham, the fire-woman is a ham, and several of the conductors are hams. Currently there are 20 signed up, with room for more. If the numbers are high enough, there may be enough of us to fill our own car. Cost is $10 or less, depending on age, payable after you arrive at the Celebration.

CLARA 97 GALA CELEBRATION

Aurora, Ontario
September 26-28, 1997

Check out the Gala's web site: http://www.osha.igs.net/~lsolomon/clara/clara.htm

GENERAL REGISTRATION *(Please underline registration needs.)*

Early registration by January 31, 1997:
YLs ... $12 YLs 18 & under ... $10 w/ birthdate OMs ... $5
Registration as of February 1, 1997:
YLs ... $16 YLs 18 & under ... $14 w/ birthdate OMs ... $7

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, 1:00 PM (approx.), Bus leaves for visit to Fred Hammond Radio Museum (one Hr bus trip each way) $20.00

Friday 7:00 PM Dinner Theatre until 11:00 PM $45.88
OM & XYL Bagpipers 11:00 PM - 1:00 AM
Home Brew and Entertainment! Let us know what you can contribute!

Saturday Lunch Meeting. Three forums to follow. $14.33

Saturday Night 7:00 PM Dinner and Dance $33.33
Plus! The Yavir Ukrainian Dance Group

Sunday Morning 9:30 AM Bon Voyage Breakfast $10.88
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DX YL News

Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV

Cheryl's Mother-In-Law recently passed away and she has been occupied with administrative details of her estate. She will be continuing her column with the November/December issue. Cheryl, our condolences to you and your family.

A YL in YO or Dum Transmittant Accipiemus

(As Long As They Transmit, We Shall Receive.)

Gloria Ackerley, G3VUN

It was Easter 1995 and I had been asked to go to Romania by some Romanians who had visited my school and seen me teaching severely handicapped children. They had planted the seed in my mind the autumn before: my husband had been driving in a convoy for the previous two years, the girls were of college age, so why shouldn't I go? I would dedicate eight days to visiting various institutions in northeast Romania, and would include home visits, as well as holding seminars for teachers and workers, as there is little teacher training organized since the revolution of 1989–not long in which to organize an education system which prior to that had not recognized handicapped children and orphans. My flight was sponsored by the King's School, Rochester and through my traveling arrangements had been seen to by the group, we were working for, I had been given the address of an FOC member who lived in Bucuresti and I decided to take up the offer and unwind at the end of my tour of duty. (FOC is a club for the 500 top CW keyers in the world.

D-Day for my OM arrived and chaos reigned as I was trying to get myself organized as well. He would be traveling each way for three to four days, with only a short time in between for delivering and unloading the goods: over 3000 miles round trip in ten days. The following day, it was my turn and my driver was kept waiting for two hours while I tried to come to grips with my own chaos. I had decided to stay in Earl's Court that night, so as to be within easy traveling distance from Heathrow. I set up my half wave co-linear on a biscuit tin lid and switched on my FT290R with its 2.5w. Quite by chance, Dorreen - G0MTL in Grays, Essex picked up my signal. It was Dorreen who had encouraged me to join BYLARA and I felt this was a good omen. However, after a good night's sleep, I realized I had left my single reflex camera in the car and I had bought that camera especially for the journey. My daughter had to go all the way to Sidcup from Rochester, pick up the camera and then meet me at Heathrow in time for my flight. A long-standing friend of mine, Susan, who works at the airport, ushered me through customs and on to the plane for my first-ever flight and then waved me good-bye, I suspect with a sigh of relief. The flight took place only one week after the TARO air crash at Bucuresti Airport and my confidence was not enhanced by the sight of an air hostess crossing herself as we took off. I took videos and audio cassettes to record my experiences and must have taken a photograph of every cloud formation. It was daylight, but the moon above made me feel as if I were on a space journey. As we flew over the snow-capped Transylvanian Mountains, I began to wonder whether I should have taken some garlic with me, flying as I was into the unknown.

It was sunset as we landed at Bucuresti. Broken planes lay strewn along the runway, but I had made it. Inside I was met by a small reception committee and presented with three red tulips and gypsophilia, while having my hand kissed by perfect strangers. Apparently this is the custom and I do miss it! I then had a five hour journey to the northeast, not that far from the Russian border, and spent the night in a hotel. The following day, the driver took me further for another one and a half hours into a snow-clad valley. I asked him if he would mind if I put my mag-mount on his Dacia roof. I didn't know the Romanian for that particular phrase, but he seemed to understand. He drove through the villages as if he were a member of the old Securitate and was just approaching 60 mph when the aerial dropped of in quite a spectacular way. That made me doubt the metallic content of the whole car and also deflated my driver's ego.

The reception commmittee that met Gloria, G3VUN (3rd from right) at Bucuresti.

The town of Onesti was to my HQ while I stayed with a family. The two sisters there had given up their careers to found a day centre for children called 'Bless the Children' and they hoped to expand it and make it a centre of excellence for other centres and schools, with outside assistance, while building closer links with the emerging Romanian Government agencies. The two sisters acted as my interpreters and I spent time getting to know the children and the problems faced by the teachers and caregivers. The ages ranged from infants to teenagers. There were mental and physical handicaps, but also some bright children who spoke English, but who

had been denied a place in mainstream education because of slight physical imperfections. The teachers employed by the Government used formal methods., wore suits and high heels and could not understand why the children found it difficult to write, for instance. I introduced them to task analysis, breaking learning into tiny stops: could the children actually hold a pen and did they realize the teacher was there at all? I introduced learning through play and dance and soon everyone was walking about in tracksuits and trainers and relaxing with the children, even a teacher who had worn mourning black for the best part of the year. One of the boys there was obviously used to ruling the roost and I showed, by example, behavior management strategies to bring him back into the fold. I was introduced to Valentin, the driver of the minibus which had been donated. A further hand-kissing session, and then we set off to fetch a teenager who had not wanted to come to school that day. A musical box put together by David, G4VFQ did the trick of soothing the troubled brow and luring him back to the centre. A teddy bear given by Colin, G3VTT had had Velcro sewn on the back and I demonstrated how that bear and similar toys could be attached to clothing, enabling children who cannot hold toys the pleasure of feeling that toy close by.

The three days of seminars for the adults covered topics such as physiotherapy, speech therapy, the three Rs, sexual development, dealing with parents' problems and behavior management. I had to be ready for whatever would be fired at me as this was the first time they had had someone to ask. Valentin had a problem: namely the particularly difficult boy, Silvio, who did not want to get off at the stop he should be getting off at, but who preferred another one. What could be done? I established there was no bus escort nor anyone to meet Silvio and I couldn't advocate just pushing him off the bus. It was time for everyone to take a united stance in dealing with this child, for his own sake. Valentin was to take Silvio to the appointed drop-off place, switch of his engine and wait for Silvio to leave the bus. It might take an hour or two and Valentin could bring some sandwiches (not for Silvio!), but they had to call Silvio's bluff or suffer the consequences. There were to be no words spoken after the initial instruction to leave the bus nor any further eye contact. I could tell by looking at my audience that this method had never been considered. I wonder if Valentin is still waiting??

Two of the pupils from 'Bless the Children', Onesti. The little boy is holding the music box made by David, G4VFQ and has the teddy bear donated by Colin, G3VTT attached to his jumper by Velcro. The older boy is the teenager who had not wanted to come to school.

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

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SILENT KEYS

Our condolences to the families of

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JF1WMY	Toshiko Someya, on the passing of her mother
K8KCD	Elisabeth Acheson, SK on May 25, 1997
KB6MXH	Leila Henderson, on the passing of her OM Cliff, KB6MAA on April 6, 1997
N4JFV	Cheryl Whitlock, on the passing of her mother-in law in June 1997
W1FOF	L. Eloise McLean, SK on July 5, 1997
WD0AKS	Gwen Rider, SK, April 1997
XE1CI	Nellie de Lazard, on the passing of her mother

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K0GO/6	Nell Devitt, ex-NB6A
K2D0	Diane Ortiz, ex-KA2GWM
K4JD	Nancy Morris, ex-KD4JD
K4PVR	Rose Porter, ex-KC4OTI
K8OVV	Florence Valentine, ex-KC8AIO; upgrade to General
KF6LAF	Arleen Kaltman, ex-WA7QIS
KJ4N	Jan Scheuerman, ex-WB2JCE, Vanity Call
VE3RW	Mary Card, ex-VE3FEB
W0JJ/5	Judi Jaksa, ex-N0IDR
WA5GLM	Ann Beadel, ex-N5GHS, Vanity Call

Packet and e-mail changes can be found on page 28.

From The Editor's Desk

Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS

With the addition of our new database manager, there is a light at the end of my tunnel. I must say that the last seven or so months have been quite a challenge for me, but I am more than ready to pass the database on to Barbara. I am looking forward to being able to spend more time on the things I really enjoy–***YLH*** and the website. There may be one other project lurking about out there, but it is still very much up in the air. Thank you so much Barbara!!

It has come to my attention that there were some members who were not happy with an item printed in the last issue of ***YLH***. Unfortunately, since I received the information 'last hand', so to speak, I was unable to clear the air one way or the other. So, if there is something that you are unhappy about concerning the content of ***YLH***, give me a call and we'll talk about it. Better yet, send in something yourself. It doesn't have to be an article. I'd love to see art, poems, photo essays, or whatever you come up with. Remember, ***YLH*** is the primary way YLRL stays in touch with all its members. If YOU are a member, then lets hear from you. Keep in touch with your District Chair as well. She really needs your support.

Supplies Update

Lois Gutshall, WB3EFQ

There have been many recent changes in what is available to be purchased. We no longer carry name tags or mugs. We have upgraded our t-shirt line to include 3-button placket staff shirts and sweatshirts, all with personalized embroidery and three colors to choose from. Self-inking stamps in black or blue have been added. Confused? Check out the supplies page for everything you need. I've added an order form below to help you sort out your choices! Have fun. 33, Lois

Stamp: Self inking ___ Wooden mount ___ Diamond ___ GOG ___
Blue ___ Black ___

Shirt: **Style:** T-shirt ___ Staff Shirt* ___ Sweatshirt ___
Color: White ___ ~~Light blue~~ ___ Birch/ash ___
Size: Sm ___ Med ___ Lrg ___ XL ___ XXL ___

Please print name & call for imprinting:

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*** Staff shirt is still available in light blue.**