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Marti Brutcher, N6XDS

As I sit down to write this column, I wonder, "Where do I start?" So much has happened in our travels over the past two months, that it is hard to remember everything. Having just arrived home three days ago, we are still not fully unpacked. Our HF antenna has a bug, so I could not join in the DX YL to NA YL Contest. What a disappointment that was. I have a lot of correspondence to catch up on (mostly YLRL related), not to mention the filing. And to top it off, I am just plain tired! But you know the old saying, "No rest for the weary."

I arrived in Phoenix to very warm weather and on March 4th, I was invited by some local YLs to a luncheon in Apache Junction, AZ, at Cobb's Restaurant. When I arrived, I found about 13 wonderful YLs, many of them YLRL members. I cannot remember all their names and callsigns, but it was really nice to meet our YLRL Secretary, Norma, N7GLQ, whom I had spoken with on the phone several times, but had never met. Also attending was Phyllis, W2GLB, a past president of YLRL and the current President of the Arizona YL Cactus Keys. Phyllis is also on my advisory committee and, though we have talked on the telephone and on the Tangle Net, this was our first eyeball meeting. In talking with Beth Lewis, KA7AKK I learned of her special romance and asked her to share it with us.

On the following Saturday, March 9th, I attended the ARRL SW Division Hamfest, sponsored by the Scottsdale ARC. The YLRL/Cactus Keys table was right next to the ARRL table, so we got a chance to see another former YLRL President, Sandi Heyn, WA6WZN, whom I had known when I was living in Southern California. She and her OM Fried, WA6WZO attended the Cactus Keys YL Luncheon



(L to R) Past YLRL Pres. Sandi Heyn-WA6WZN, Current YLRL Pres. Marti-N6XDS, & Past YLRL Pres. Phyllis Shanks-W2GLB/7 in Scottsdale, AZ.

that afternoon where I had a chance to speak. We handed out lots of YLRL applications and copies of *YLH* at the Hamfest and met a lot of YLs from all over Arizona. It was a really fun time, but boy, was it ever hot. It must have been 95°F and no shade. Thankfully, Phyllis, K7SEC brought some sun screen over and that helped keep us from getting burned.

Phyllis, K7SEC is our Membership Chairman and I had the privilege and pleasure of being invited to her home in Tucson for lunch, where I met Doris, KC7AQ and her OM Walt, K7KYW, both of whom are very active with disaster communications in the Tucson area. Phyllis and I found out that we had a lot more in common than just Amateur Radio, and if we had not been expected for dinner at another location, we would probably have spent the whole weekend with them.

I was able to check into the Cactus Keys YL Net each Tuesday evening and keep in touch with all the YLs for the six weeks we were in Phoenix. I really enjoyed meeting the Arizona YLs. They made me feel so welcome during our stay in Arizona.

Also visiting the Scottsdale Hamfest was Carol Hall, WD8DQG, our own District 8 Chairman. What a fun person she is. My OM and her OM seemed to hit it off pretty well. The day after the Hamfest, Carol, Phyllis, W2GLB, and I met en masse at W2GLB's QTH and spent seven wonderful hours getting to know each other. They taught me some of the ins and outs of YLRL history.



(L to R) Marti-N6XDS, Phyllis-W2GLB, & Ruby-W7JZA at the Scottsdale Hamfest. Ruby is making bookmarks for all YLRL Convention attendees.



(L to R) 8th Dist Chrmn Carol Hall-WD8DQG, YLRL Pres. Marti-N6XDS, & Cactus Keys YL Pres. Phyllis-W2GLB.

It's very hard to be President of an organization and have your Executive Board scattered all around the USA, so it was such fun to spend time with such really neat gals.

We had taken our HR radio, packet TNC, and computer with us and were able to keep in touch with our Amateur Radio family here in the Northwest, which was really special. I do hope that after that wonderful article on packet radio in the March-April issue of *YLH*, a large number of you will have taken the plunge and at least read the message from YLs around the US on the YL Packet Net. If you haven't, you're missing a wonderful experience.

We left Phoenix on April 4th and arrived that evening in the Los Angeles area, where we spent three nights with my best "non-ham" friend. Then we drove another 35 miles and spent a lovely week with our daughter and her family. This was the first time since she was born (over 30 years ago) that we had not seen each other for such a long time. Two of our grandchildren had flown up to Portland in January, but we do miss the whole family.

On Saturday, April 6th, I was the guest speaker for the Ladies Amateur Radio Association (LARA) of Orange County. This is the first YL group I joined, about two months after becoming a Ham. It was so good to be back "home" with this wonderful group of ladies who do so much in the community through their fund raising efforts to help various organizations locally and their involvement in disaster communications. It had been 13 months since I had last been able to attend a LARA meeting and I didn't want to leave.

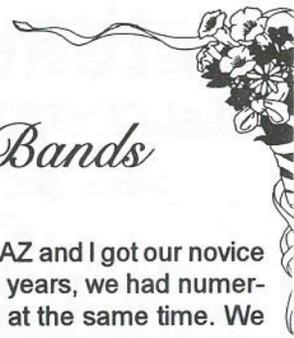
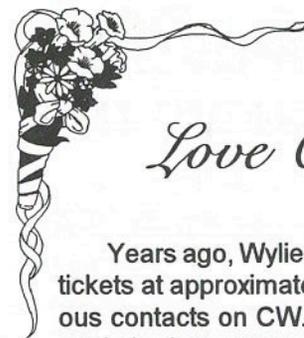
I was to have attended a Luncheon given by Midge, K7BUS for the Young Ladies' ARC of Los Angeles on Saturday, April 13th, but family commitments kept me from getting together with these wonderful ladies. I have met many of them, but a large number I have only talked to on their local 2 meter YL Net. I know that I missed a fantastic time, but it just could not be helped.

While in the Los Angeles area, we were able to have lunch, dinner or a short chat with many of our ham family, and it was especially nice to visit the Palos Verdes ARC, where I was President a few years back. Of course, all the YLs there that night got a YLRL application and a copy of *YLH*. Some OMs even took home copies for their YLs who were not in attendance. That radio club puts on a six week class for the No-Code license several times a year. I left about 100 YLRL applications with the person in charge of the classes, who happens to be a very, very good friend of mine.

Then it was on to the International DX Convention in Visalia, which I've written about elsewhere.

This morning I received a call from a YL in Southern California who is fairly new to Amateur Radio. She had just read the YL article in *QST* (check out the great article on page 97 of the May issue) written by our own Connie Dunn, KB5LES. She had not known that YLRL existed and wanted to know

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Love On The Ham Bands

Beth Lewis, KA7AKK

Years ago, Wylie Rogers, KA7ARZ of Holbrook, AZ and I got our novice tickets at approximately the same time. Through the years, we had numerous contacts on CW. We both upgraded to general at the same time. We again had a contact after my husband's death.

Then a couple of years later, when we met again, Wylie said, "I've a friend who is single and I think you two should meet." At that time, Wylie invited me to join with a group of fellows who lived in the Phoenix AZ valley and spent the summers in the cooler climate of Show Low, AZ, in the White Mountain area. This I did and heard Ermon Lewis, KD7EL who helped me, over the air, correct some RF problems I was having in my shack. When Ermon answered questions, I knew he knew what he was talking about.

He asked me to write a letter giving information about myself, and this I did, enclosing a snapshot and my phone number. He lived about five miles west of Taylor and must have haunted the post office until my letter arrived. When it did, he broke speed limits getting back to his home to call me.



*The Lewis': Ermon, KD7EL
& Beth, KA7AKK*

He sounded as nice over the phone as on the air. We made a date to meet for lunch in Globe, AZ. At age 68, I was a "chicken" because, although people can sound great on the air, they can look less than desirable in person. So I asked my dear friend, Jane Allen, WB7FDF to go with me. We were a bit early, but when a tall slender man with warm brown eyes stepped out of his vehicle, I knew everything would be fine.

Of course, our common interest in radio helped. He got his first ticket in 1938 and is now an Extra, while I was first licensed in 1978 and became an Extra in 1985.

We eloped in 1988 and the past years have been the most wonderful of my life. Our vital interest in Amateur Radio has created such a strong bond between us. We feel we are so fortunate to have health, love, companionship, friends and radio activities. *Editor's note: Beth sent her article to me with a wonderful drawing embellishing the top - hearts, flowers and ribbons, similar to what I've put on this page, only nicer. I only wish I could have used the original!*

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1995 YL Anniversary Party Correction

Ooops!! DJ1TE's SSB score should actually be 2225, putting her in second place. Carla, WO6X is redfaced over the error and apologizes profusely!! I also goofed by neglecting to put the correction in the last issue of YLH. Our apologies to Christa, DJ1TE and all involved.

- the Editor

YL Contest Results

Carol Hugentober, K8DHK

YL-OM Contest

SSB YL Winners

WB3EFQ	Gold Cup
K0GAS	2nd Place Certificate
KR4DI	3rd Place Certificate
DF9YY*	27,378
IK5MEQ*	22,563
SV3AGQ*	20,601
DJ1TE	7975
GM4YMM*	6902
CF7YL*	6438
WA4SRD*	2473
K2RUE*	2430
WA2NFY*	1512
WA0WOF*	1311
DL3LG	903
KA0BAT	600
EU1YL*	558
EV1YL*	492
KB7RRY	45

SSB OM Winners

W9LNQ	Gold Cup
K2LFG	2nd Place Certificate
KC5DCD	3rd Place Certificate
EW1BA*	120
KA0BHO	48
EA2LB	30
WS2U	24
LA2SJA	18
VE4MG	2
UT1ZZ	2

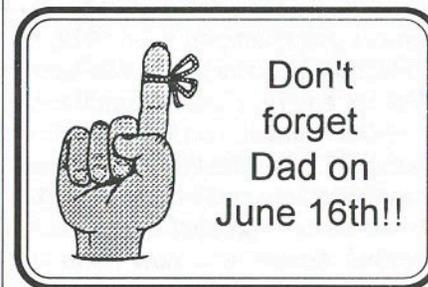
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K5YL	Gold Cup
CF2YL	2nd Place Certificate
WA1S	3rd Place Certificate
WA4SRD*	4578
WA8YPY*	4428
EU1YL*	3230
DJ6US*	2185
EV1Y*	1386
K2RUE*	1275
WA2NFY*	621

CW OM Winners

KC5ALW	Gold Cup
KJ0G	2nd Place Certificate
W9LNQ	3rd Place Certificate
VE4MG	66
K2LFG	48
EW1BA	18
K3WWP	10

* Denotes Certificate Winner



The only real comments I had about the YL-OM Contest is that the OMs wanted to know where the YLs were and the YLs wanted to know where the OMs were. Sounds like a common problem! ARRL sections will also be included in the next directory issue.

I also have YLRL log sheets and I would be happy to send a copy to anyone that wants one. An SASE would be appreciated.

33 & 76, Carol

A YL in YO & Other Adventures

Gloria Ackerly, G3VUN (BYLARA No. 959)

I think my OM Robin, LSH (Long-Suffering Husband) must have been quite relieved when I decided to take up amateur radio. He built me a beautiful Regency cupboard shack, pink, white and gold, in the bedroom. Open it up and there was all my equipment, including my dad's Codar receiver and transmitter. G3VUN, after three years' grind, was on the air again. As I write this article, my second anniversary is looming up. Prior to that I was G7OVI.

Operation Istria

I view my log book rather as a photograph album: an invaluable record of events. We love caravanning and a watchword with me is, "Have radio, will travel." Our journey to Italy, during the summer of 1994, had never passed so quickly. I transmitted on 2m all the way there and back; Belgium, Luxembourg, France and Switzerland. One contact of note was Edgard, ON4KEI, who told me of the time when he was just a lad during the Second World War and he had operated a transmitter hidden in the forest. He used the callsign OS4SAM to London and the USA, and his town, Tamines, was going to use the same callsign when, in September, they celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Liberation. My next contact of note was Raul, HB9/YO3LX/P, who was visiting his son in Geneva from Romania. He had been licensed since 1938 and addressed me as "girl friend Gloria". (Luckily, Robin was busy driving!) Then there was André, F6GUI, who knew Latin, Greek, German, Spanish and Arabic. He had been in the Free French Forces and had spent four months in Hull during 1943. After his training, he returned to France and the 1500 men joined General Patton's forces to liberate Paris. They were showered with embraces and champagne. In 1972, he returned on a "Voyage de Pilgrimage" to Windsor Castle and spoke with the Queen, Prince Charles, the Queen Mother and Princess Alexandra.

Our campsite on the Adriatic was in a pinewood running down to the beach. The nearest large town was Cesenatico, north of Rimini, where I have relatives and where I hoped to meet up with Dad's old radio friends. I had been a product of the Second World War, together with my twin brother Adrian, who now works in Canada designing non-detectable remote controlled planes and who has also designed parts of the Space Shuttle for NASA.

Naturally, during siesta time, when it was too hot for the beach, I would transmit. It was on one such occasion that I made contact with Branco, 9AZSLB, an emergency worker in Croatia. I was using my FT290R, 2.5w, and the half-wave co-linear magmount on top of the caravan. He was in Split, on the 10th floor of a block of flats (skyscraper to him) and was appealing for help in finding some medicine – monogammaglobulin – for a

thirteen month old baby girl with leukæmia, who also had whooping cough. It was Bank Holiday ("Ferragosto") and his usual contacts at Bologna Hospital were away, otherwise he and the baby's father would have come over themselves. The medicine would have to be found and delivered, refrigerated, to the captain of a ship due to leave for Croatia that night at 9:00 p.m.

I mentioned the predicament to my next contact and before I knew it, Franca, IW4CVN, from Ravenna, my only YL contact, came in. She worked for the Radio Amateur Emergency Services. Then Romano, IK4EFW, a firefighter based at Cesena, came on the air. Then Giancarlo, IK0WIN, travelling with his wife Simonetta from Venice to their QTH in San Marino, joined the group in order to solve the problem. Together, with other callers, they got themselves organized to see who could find and deliver the medicine first. However, they needed



Simonetta and Giancarlo, IK0WIN later visiting Gloria and her family in the awning. Avid travellers, they once found themselves in a north African desert region in a 4x4 following the tracks of a large vehicle. They later found themselves in the middle of a battle. The tracks had belonged to a tank. But that's another story!

someone to man the repeater, relay messages and diplomatically keep other callers off the repeater situated at over 1,000m on the top of Mount Fumaiolo in the Appenines. This is a major repeater capable of relaying signals from Switzerland to the north right down to Sicily. Franca had to go and look after her mother, who was very ill, and Romano of the "Protezione Antincendio" had to rush off to fight a forest fire. So guess who was made "capomaglia" or net controller, literally "head of knitting"? I suddenly wished I were knitting on the beach and wondered if my husband and three daughters

would miss me or whether they were too busy relaxing. Apart from the holiday, I certainly had had very little experience of nets, and the only time I had used a repeater in England, I had been a dismal failure. This repeater seemed different again. Still, I suppose I should have been flattered at their confidence in me, but I also realized I was the only operator not mobile. Would my powers of concentration last out? I thought I had left them far behind in England! But it was no time to switch off

Four hours I spent in that awning. "Operation Istria" (the ancient name for Yugoslavia) had begun. It all seemed unreal, but the scratch pad in front of me filled up as I did my best to keep abreast of how the various mobiles were progressing in their race against time. They would call in to

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YLRL 1996 CONVENTION

Albany, New York -- July 11 - 14, 1996



The YLRL Convention in Albany is nearly here!! Hopefully, everybody has their registration in. If not, hop to it! This issue of YLH has the last registration form before the big occasion, so don't lose it. If you need more information, see prior issues of YL Harmonics, beginning with the November/December 1995 issue, or contact an officer. See you there!!

TENTATIVE CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Thursday, July 11, 1996

Registration - All Day
Get Acquainted Social - Evening
QCWW Speaker - 8:00 P.M.

Friday, July 12, 1996

ARRL Tour w/ lunch - leaves 8:30 or 9:00 A.M.
Self guided tours of the Albany area
Evening Social

Saturday, July 13, 1996

YLRL Meetings - Morning
YLRL Luncheon
Guest Speakers - Afternoon
Banquet - 6:00 P.M., beginning with cash cocktail bar

Sunday, July 14, 1996

Farewell Brunch - 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.



YLRL CONVENTION INFORMATION

Minerva Fronhofer, WB2JNL, Presidnet of SAYLARC

The YLRL 1996 Convention will be here sooner than you think!! It will be held at the Omni Hotel, which is located in the center of downtown Albany, within easy walking distance of all points of interest. A block of rooms is being held for the convention. The cut-off date for our rooms will be June 28, 1996. We do have several Alcove suites available for \$100.00 per night if any group or individuals are interested.

There are two RV parks close to Albany: Alps Family Campground -- (518) 674-5565, and Deer Run Campground -- (518) 664-2084. For further information on the campgrounds, please write to Carlene Drake, WB1BTJ, PO Box 159, Stephentown, NY 12168.

NOTE: Checks are made out to "SAYLARC 1996 Convention Fund" because SAYLARC has a tax-free number that can be readily used by our Treasurer. For her to use the YLRL tax -free number would take reams of paperwork! See November/December 1995 issue of YLH for more info.

YLRL 1996 CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

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GENERAL REGISTRATION:

Registration, Get-Acquainted Social, Banquet - \$45.00 @ # ___ \$ ___
Baked Scrod # ___
Chicken Breast Chardonnay # ___
YLRL Luncheon (Saturday) - \$15.00 @ # ___ \$ ___
Sunday's Farewell Brunch - \$12.25 @ # ___ \$ ___

Banquet is Saturday!

TOURS:

Friday: ARRL and Lunch - \$20.00 @ # ___ \$ ___
Saturday: OM tour, Hudson River Cruise, Lunch-\$20.00 @ # ___ \$ ___

Group Photo: \$10.00 if mailed to US address # ___ \$ ___
\$12.00 if mailed overseas # ___ \$ ___

TOTAL ENCLOSED:

\$ _____

Make your reservations with the Omni Hotel, State and Lodge Streets, Albany, NY 12207. Telephone: (518) 462-6611 and FAX: (518) 462-2901.

Rooms: Single and Double, per night: \$89.00
Triple and Quad, per night: \$94.00

To get these rates, mention the YLRL Convention.

Please fill in the following information for our records and return this sheet, together with your check made payable to "SAYLARC 1996 Convention Fund" to the Convention Treasurer at the address below.

I expect to stay at the Omni Hotel for _____ nights and I will arrive on _____.
I will be rooming with: _____

(Call) (Name)



Name: _____ Call: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Include your callsign on your check, which you should make payable to SAYLARC 1996 Convention Fund. Send it to the Convention Treasurer:

Wanda Traver, N2JBK
48 Carroll Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Help Support YLRL's Scholarship Drive!

Donation: \$1.00
Drawing: July 13, 1996
YLRL Convention
Albany, New York

First Prize: \$330.00
Second Prize: \$188.00
Third Prize: \$173.00

We have almost reached our GOAL!
Please send your tickets to me.

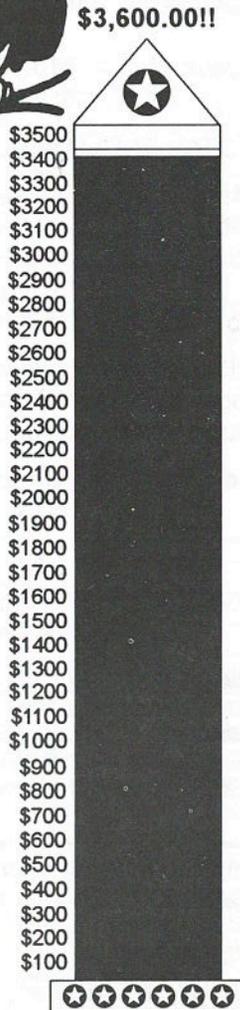
Marte Wessel, KOEPE
R.R. 1, Box 73
Liberal, KS 67901



**DON'T FORGET!
JUNE 30, 1996
DEADLINE!**

Be sure your tickets
are mailed to me! I
am leaving for Ohio
on July 6.

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Marte
KOEPE



Disbursing Treasurer's Report

Ginger Franzen, AB6WS



YOUNG LADIES RADIO LEAGUE, INC. STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1995

ITEMS	CHECKING SAVINGS PETTY CASH			SCHOLARSHIP PRESIDENT'S CONVENTION FUND		TOTAL
BALANCE AS OF 9/30/95	23,772.13	19,064.96	470.04	1,069.73		44,376.86
CASH RECEIPTS:						
Dues	407.00					407.00
First Class Postage	24.00					24.00
Interest Income	115.69	143.13	3.53	8.03		270.38
Sales of Supplies	111.00					111.00
Donations		20.00				20.00
Sales of CQYL		163.13	3.53	8.03		832.38
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	657.69					
CASH DISBURSEMENTS:						
YLH - Printing	3,378.12					3,378.12
YLH - FC Postage	1,630.00					1,630.00
YLH - Bulk Mail	616.12					616.12
Misc.	14.36					14.36
R.T. Expense	247.91					247.91
Supplies Expense						
Officers Expense	88.60					88.60
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS	5,638.60					5,975.11
INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH:	(4,960.91)	163.13	3.53	8.03		(5,142.73)
CASH BALANCE AS OF 12/31/95	18,791.22	19,228.09	473.57	1,077.76		39,234.13

Erratum (Oops!)

On page 27 of the last issue of YLH, Pauline was incorrectly identified as VE3LQH. Her actual call is VE3LQA. So sorry, Pauline!



Visalia's International DX Convention

Marti Brutcher, N6XDS

The 47th Annual International DX Convention was held in Visalia, CA on April 19-21, 1996 and was hosted by the Southern California DX Club. This annual get-together is sponsored alternately by the Northern and Southern California DX clubs. The main theme of the "friendly convention" is to "meet your DXing neighbor" and share experiences and knowledge. This convention is THE place for any serious DXer in the western United States. It is held at the Holiday Inn, just off I-99, about 43 miles south of Fresno, CA. Many of the BIG names in DX have been guest speakers here. Many slide presentations are given by those who have gone on those rare DXpeditions.

This year, among many events that took place, was a slide presentation given by A51/JH1AJT on the DXpedition to Butan. Another slide presentation was made by N6EK and AL7EL on the February 1996 DXpedition to Wake Island. G3ZAY, database manager for IOTA (Islands On The Air) flew in from England and gave a great slide presentation on what IOTA is all about. I learned a lot from the slide presentation by KK6EK about the history of Easter Island, where he had gone with many others on a recent DXpedition.

A DX Forum moderated by my good friend, John Alexander, K6SVL included the current ARRL President, Rod Stafford, KB6ZV. A question and answer period followed and was most interesting.

This was the third DX Convention that I had attended at Visalia and I really enjoyed it. I had the honor of being the main speaker at the Ladies Luncheon and my main



*Marti, N6XDS & ARRL Pres.
Rod Stafford, KB6ZV*

topic was, of course, YLRL and why one should become a part of our organization. I also talked about the 2 meter YL Packet Net and handed out copies of YL Harmonics along with applications for membership.



Visalia DX Convention's Ladies' Luncheon.

I was excited to see friends that I had not seen for many, many months, but I was especially looking forward to meeting Elizabeth, VE7TLK from Vancouver, B.C. For the past two years, I have had a sked on Monday morning at 1600Z on 20 meters with Rose-Marie, KM6VJ and Elizabeth. Rose-Marie and Elizabeth are friends who had met on HF and had visited each other's QTH. Rose-Marie and I are friends, but I had never met Elizabeth until the DX Convention. What fun to finally meet face to face. Elizabeth is the only Ham in her family. Her first and current rig is a Yaesu FT-1000 and she has a 75 foot tower.



After talking to VE7TLK for three years on HF each Monday, we finally meet at Visalia. (L to R) Rose-Marie-KM6VJ, Marti-N6XDS, Elizabeth-VE7TLK.

Chip Margelli, K7JA, one of the first Americans to operate from Albania, ended the convention with a great slide presentation on the Yaesu Cruise during the Caribbean Dxpediton. He was assisted by his wife, Janet, WA7WMB. His commentary was hilarious.

There were a lot of great prizes given away every hour, and though I was sure that I would win the Banquet Grand Prize of a Yaesu FT-1000MP, somebody rigged the drawing and my ticket was not drawn. Oh well, maybe next time!

If you love DX and want to rub shoulders with the really big DXers, then I would invite you to go to Visalia. My first visit there, I had the privilege of meeting and talking with Martti Laine, OH2BH who has been the force behind many of the more interesting DXpeditions in the past years.

One of the problems of going to a DX Convention is that you begin to want to go on your own Dxpediton and experience being on the other end of the pile-ups. Well, that will just have to wait for a few more years. But I am really thinking about it and hey, maybe I will activate a rare island or operate from Albania one day. You just never know.

(Marti sent quite a few photos from Visalia. Lack of space prohibits me from printing them here, but they will appear in the near future. — Editor

your temper is one of your
most valuable possessions.

don't lose it!

--from marti, n6xds

Anne Manna, WB1ARU

It's suddenly spring here in the Northeast. After one of the longest snow-filled winters in years, it is a welcome relief. Winter gave us one final blast in April with a storm on the 10th that dumped up to 20 inches of very wet, heavy snow. It caused many problems with trees and wires, including antennas. It was a Wednesday, so I planned to get on the Yankee Lassies net, only to discover that I had high SWR. A look out the window explained the problem — the snow load had taken down part of the 75m inverted V. For some reason, the SWR dropped and I was able to make one transmission, and I could hear the other YLs. Later, the rest of the antenna came down. My OM Tony, WA1ENO spent a good part of Patriots' Day (a holiday in Massachusetts) up on our 60' tower, re-hanging both the 75m and 160m antennas from a new boom, since the old one had bent at a 45° angle.

I had an e-mail note from Karen, WA1SQO with news of Vermont activities. The VT ARC State Convention will be on June 15 at the Holiday Inn in Rutland. The Burlington ARC is having a hamfest on August 3 at the Old Lantern in Charlotte. Both sites will have YL information and informal get-togethers. If you're in the area, plan to stop in.

Other Vermont news comes from Deb, KB1AOV. She and Linda, KB1BMO went to W1AW to operate the DX-NA YL Contest on 20 and 75 meters. The VT YL 2m net on the Killington 146.880 repeater is still on Sunday Evenings at 1930. It is open to all, not just YLs, with Dot, KA1LDS and Deb as net controls. They have about 9 to 10 check-ins each week.

The WRONE 40th Anniversary Spring Luncheon was held on May 4. Due to printing deadlines, a report of the event will be in the next **YLH**.

Jean, K1TVT wants all the YLs to know that she appreciates all the cards and notes on the death of her OM Phil, K1WUS. She traveled to Florida with her widowed brother to visit family in April.

Florida was also the destination for Barb, WB1EHS and her OM Jack, WB1APD on their first commercial air flight. They visited Barb's sister and did lots of birding. They saw 92 species in all. 30 were first time sightings, adding to their Life List. Their next project will be opening up their cabin on Swans Island for the summer.

It's great to get so much news. At this time, my e-mail address remains: Nschool865@aol.com. I may get another address, but I should be still available at this one. You can call me between 8 and 10 p.m. at (617) 878-9235.

Thanks, 33, Anne

Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC

Looking out of the picture window, across the lake, while sitting at the computer writing this column, the sky is a beautiful blue with white puffy clouds. One can almost feel the "summer winds" and lose all thoughts of the past long, cold winter. We live in the small community of Medford Lakes, which is about 20 miles away from the big city of "Brotherly Love" Philadelphia and 40 miles from the boardwalk in Atlantic City. Needless to say, we call this "our heaven".

This month, our mailing schedule was moved up because of the spring conventions — Dayton's Hamvention and SeaPac in Seaside, Oregon. Therefore our news is, shall we say, sparse.

However, I had a really nice long telephone conversation with Jan, WB2JCE/4 from Cape Coral, Florida. Jan now has her antenna up and is once again ready to burn up the air waves. She will be driving to New Jersey to visit her daughter on the way to Albany. Hopefully, Marge, WB3JUT from Lakeland will be able to accompany her.

Vera, WA1JYO came on the Rooster Net to inform me that Minerva, WB2JNL and Leonard celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Isn't that wonderful, especially in this day and age. CONGRATULATIONS Minerva and Len, and may you enjoy many more healthy, happy days together!!

I heard today on the SAYLARC Saturday morning net that Lois celebrated her birthday on April 13th and her son treated her to dinner at a fine restaurant, followed by a trip to the car wash. (Just had to put that in, Lois!)

I'm looking forward to seeing one and all in Dayton, and don't forget to get those reservations in for the big event in Albany.

Your mail will be appreciated. Remember, this is your column.

Until next time, take care and enjoy! Bye now and 33, Myrtle.

**Field Day 1996 ↔ YLH Deadline**

Field Day is coming up fast. I'd like to know what you did (or are planning to do) for the big event. I'd especially like to see pictures. So that events from our Convention in Albany can be included, the deadline for the next issue of **YLH** is being extended, so try to get your Field Day info to me by July 8.

In order to have news of Field Day and our Convention in Albany included in the next issue of **Harmonics**, I have extended the deadline to July 8. However, if you'll be in Albany, you can hand your items off to me there and save yourself a stamp!

Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN



Finally, we are having some warm weather, along with a lot of rain. Old man winter just didn't want to let go!!!!

The York Amateur Radio Club had their banquet April 20th, with 47 attending. Mary, N3RBT and Ruthanna, WB3CQN were in charge. Everyone had a nice time with good food and a magician for entertainment. The center pieces were prizes – fruit baskets, for a winner to enjoy. Hi hi.

The 3rd Call Area DX Bureau has been moved. Here is the new address:

3rd Area QSL Bureau
PA-DXA
P.O. Box 100
York Haven PA 17370-0100

Maryann, WA3HUP tells me all the Easter Island cards, XR0Y are in the mail. Estimates are that about 15,000 have gone out. This is not including the Bureau cards!! She had a spare room full of envelopes requesting QSLs. Good job, Maryann!

Ruth, 3V8BB was in Tunisia. Maryann and I both worked her, giving us each a new YL country!!! Ruth's home call is IT9ESZ. Her QSL info is as follows:

via OK-DX Foundation
Box 73
29306 Bradlec, Czec. Rep.

The Tunisia team was Renata - OK1GB, Ruth - IT9ESZ (OK8ESZ), Slavek - OK1TN, and Rudi - OK2ZZ.

Gals, it is tough to write a column when I don't hear from any of you!!! I know we have a lot of YLs in 3-Land. Take a minute and write to me or send pictures. I will be happy to have you and your info in the news.

To my DX friends: Hello and always good to hear from you. Poppy, thanks for the hand-outs for our convention and wish you could all be with us!! Mavis, Ivor, and Gwen, all from down under -- you'll be in my pocket for Albany!! Heather, take care and write soon.

Margaret, YL Harmonics is beautiful. Mary, we appreciate your hard work. You both do a super job. Vy 33, Ruthanna, WB3CQN



For those of you who would like to increase your code speed, check out the article in the May 1996 issue of *Worldradio*, on page 12.

Mary Moore, KL7P/4



Well, I goofed!!! Last month I listed Sandy Hanson's call as K3RUE. Her call is in fact, K2RUE. My apologies to Sandy.

The Olympics are almost upon us here in the Southeast. Many cities in Georgia and Alabama are hosting Olympic venues and many hams are volunteering for communications and other duties for the three weeks of competition. I do not have a list of participating amateurs at this time but would like to hear from anyone actually working with this event.

The FCC has okay'd special Olympic call signs for amateur radio operators in Georgia from April 15, 1996 to August 31, 1996. The complete details are in ARRL special bulletin 10, April 12, 1996. An FCC-licensed radio amateur operating in Georgia with a "4" in his or her call sign may replace that number with "96" (representing the year) or "26" (representing the 26th Olympiad) during the above mentioned period.

For those of you who may be planning a trip, Atlanta has quite a few repeaters, but one with the broadest coverage would be the 145.41 which is located in downtown Atlanta. In the Columbus area, use the 146.61 Columbus Amateur Radio Club Repeater. As an added note: no one will be allowed to carry handheld radios into the events for security.

I had a great time at the BirminghamHamfest even with the Tornado Warnings going off most of the day and night. I met Pam Hopson, KF4ANJ. Pam wrote a poem for the Hamfest and was responsible for the banquet this year. She did a terrific job. Look for her in the new members column. The Birmingham club members did a great job working the Skywarn nets and the hamfest at the same time. The YLRL Forum was attended by 8 YLs. We plan to have a forum in Huntsville with the help of the Huntsville Area YL Amateur Radio Club.

Barbara, KR4SJ received a reciprocal membership to ALARA from her Australian adoptee, Christine, VK5CTY. She also sent a beautiful embroidered scarf. Barbara says she'll be writing her back real soon when her work slows down.

I plan to be working Field Day at K4RY again this year. Cheryl, N4JFV will also be there. Hope to hear lots of YLs operating. This is a very good opportunity for those with Novice and Tech licenses to experience HF, so get to your local Field Day event and operate.

Speaking of field days, I received a letter from a very proud OM telling us about his YL, Kathy Kornacki, KE4PKD, of Jackson, SC. He says, "Kathy participated in the June 1995 Field Day as a member of the Low Key Contesters group. Kathy got over her initial jitters and did a great job operating the 40 meter SSB station. Apparently the contest bug bit hard because she was back at the controls during the 1995 November Sweep-

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Doris Anderson, K5BNQ

As I write this, I am very saddened by the terrible tornado that has hit my home town, Fort Smith, Arkansas and its sister city Van Buren. We still have many relatives and friends there and many are suffering from severe losses. Our prayer go out to them and all those who are working to relieve their suffering.

Our sympathy goes to Jean, W5ZXE, who lives in Fort Smith. Her OM John, W5OEF, became a Silent Key on April 4. Now Jean is heading to California to be with her sister who is terminally ill with brain and lung cancer. Jean really needs our prayers.

Jan, N5LVI, wrote that she and her OM, W5WKH, attended a Hamfest in Weatherford, Texas and she won a door prize. She is busy making "fancy duds" for her three little grandsons. Jan sent a very interesting article taken from the Spring 1996 QCWA Journal. The article was written by Esther, W6BDE, entitled "Sylver Belles", about our Helen, W5LGY. Helen is a true pioneer for all of us YLs. I strongly recommend you read the article. You will get some chuckles, but will really be inspired.

Congratulations to Jennifer, N5NFO, who has been nominated for Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges. This is based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Jennifer also writes a monthly column in "HAAM HAAPPENINGS", the newsletter of the American Airlines Amateur Radio Club. She is a busy and talented gal.

The Green Country Hamfest was bigger and better than ever this year. Carol, N5EPR, was the YL Chairman and I did the YLRL Forum. Carol taught several interesting crafts to the YLs who participated. Now she is making her son's tuxedo for his prom!! Interest in the hamfest picks up some each year. We must all keep encouraging the YLs.

I hope many of you are making plans for the biggie at Albany in July. Hope to see you there.

33, Doris



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 stakes and helped KS4DU to a first place multioperator finish in South Carolina." They urge everyone who has never tried contesting to find a contest club or group and give it a shot. It's real easy to get caught up in the competition and find a new aspect of Amateur Radio that appeals to you. I'll certainly be looking for Kathy during the YL contests. Thanks to Jim, KS4DU, for that interesting news.

For now, 33 de Mary, KL7P

Vi Barrett, W6CBA



On April 13th, the Young Ladies Radio Club of Los Angeles had its yearly luncheon at Midge's, K6BUS. She had four or five different breads, sliced turkey, ham and beef with all the fixin's, a wonderful potato salad made with red potatoes, plus strawberries, cantaloupe and honeydew melons. The ladies all brought desserts. Among all the visiting, we managed to have a short meeting. We held elections, and at the June meeting the following new officers will be installed for 1996/1997: President - Midge Hasper, K6BUS; Vice President - Ginger Franzen, AB6WS; Secretary/Corresponding Secretary - Vi Barrett, W6CBA; Treasurer - Irma Weber, K6KCI. Many of our members from the east of Los Angeles County were present, including Jerrie - K6INK, Elsa - W6JZA, Anges - W6MFP with her daughter Barbara, Denne - WB6TCA, Martha - W6QYL, and Jeanie - WA6UVF with her daughter Lynn. Midge, K6BUS reminded us that YLRC of LA will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. The club was founded in October of 1946 and has been in continuous existence since then. We'll be thinking about how we would like to celebrate this momentous occasion. Midge and Frank, WA6JEY were wonderful hosts. A wonderful afternoon was had by all. Our next meeting will be at Irma's, K6KCI home in Thousand Oaks.

From the YLRC of LA I learned that Kay, KF6GW and OM Paul, KO6D have purchased a motorhome lot near Palm Springs. They also leave for Branson, MO in May. Jeanie, WA6UVF says that she is still sailing every weekend. She is crewing aboard a small racing sail boat for the second year. BIG NEWS from Agnes, W6MFP who says that she just celebrated **60 YEARS** in Amateur Radio. She took her test for her General Class license in New York City and was issued the call W2JZJ. Martha, W6QYL is still teaching 4th Grade and going strong. My OM Noel and I are driving back East again this summer, but will be unable to make the Convention.

If anyone would like to contact Jerrie, K6INK, you can reach her by computer at JERRIK6INK@AOL.COM. Vi, W6CBA and OM Don are looking forward to the Southern CA/Northern CA DX Convention in Visalia, CA on April 19, 20, & 21.

The Ladies Amateur Radio Association (LARA) of Orange County held its



Ladies Amateur Radio Association (LARA) of Orange County, CA.

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Happy Springtime from 7-Land! I don't have a lot of news for you from here, but I can tell you that we have certainly had our share of wind this spring. Every time there is a storm in the northern part of the state, we get a fringe benefit (?) – the wind.

From the Cactus Keys Keynotes, word has been received of the death of Dottie Brown, K7SEA on December 28, 1995. Dottie was well known for her work in the Hats for Hearts project, selling hats at most ham fests, with the proceeds going to provide equipment for disabled hams. Shirley, KB7PHK will carry on this tradition in Dottie's memory. The Cactus Keys were fortunate to have Marti, N6XDS visit their club in March.

The Two Rivers YL Net sent me their newsletter and I found there an article about Patsy Barmore, KA7MZZ. I used to correspond with Patsy, but as time went by, so did the correspondence. I see she is a very, very busy lady – a member of ARRL, YLRL, and 10-10 International. She has Worked All States and Worked All Continents and is a member of the DX Century Club, having talked to over 250 countries. Patsy is also on packet, uses 2 meters to locate DX contacts and HF to make the DX contacts. Her hobbies are camping and knitting.

The Two Rivers YL Net is now an officially sanctioned part of the Clark County Amateur Radio Club, in Washington State. In January, they were honored with the presence of our YLRL President, Marti, N6XDS.

I had a nice letter from Margaret, KC7LXS, giving me some information on 7-Land Hams. On March 9, she was at the Mike & Key ARC Electronics Show & Fleamarket in Puyallup, WA. Their local 2 meter YL net, The Evergreen Intertie YL Net, sponsored a table there and provided free coffee and cookies. YLRL members there included Sara Lyon - AB7PS, Mary Pascavage - W7HPA, Lorraine Robertson - KA7WGG, Tami Hoenig - KC7EUE, Eunice Rupp - KC7EVI, Marcie Stilwell - KC7DAT, Carol Rehm - KC7AZN, Terrie Tenney - AB7PX, Jean Luebbert - N7YAU, and Ruth Barber - K1IIF. They signed up two new members, Debbie Riehl - AA7RW and Peggy Parker - KC7EQI. Welcome!

Please note that there are two new upgrades in the group. Sara Lyon, ex-KB7RRY, is now AB7PS and Terrie Tenney, ex-KC7JIM, is now AB7PX. Our congratulations to both of you!

Margaret also writes that while she was on Waldron Island in the San Juans, she met some Canadian YLs on 2 meters, holding QSOs with Vicki Durance, VE7DKS, who is President of CLARA, and Muriel Foisy, VE7LQH, who handles certificates for CLARA. Both are YLRL members.

Our local ham, Doris May, KJ7RF has just returned from a trip to Pensacola, FL, enjoying a visit there with her son who is a USN Orthope-

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We're home! I really got homesick after about two months on the road. Our pastor, WA8YVS told us that spring had not arrived and we should either not come home or, at least, bring some warm weather. We managed to bring the warm weather as far as Lansing, but by the time we reached Mt. Pleasant, the temperature had dropped to 36°. It snowed that evening, the next day, and twice since. It does seem to be getting warmer and all the snow in our yard is now gone.

Last issue I wrote that Donna, W8QOY's OM had been able to come home from the hospital. I am sorry to report that he became a silent key shortly after I mailed my report to YLH.

The Buckeye Belles' annual meeting on April 28 saw the installation of Terri Berchak, WD8LQH as President, Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD as Vice President, Peggy Parkinson, KB8SZI as Secretary and May Tomazic, N8MZJ as Treasurer.

The Buckeye Belles have a cook book for sale with **YUMMY** recipes. They will be available at Dayton or, if you aren't coming but are interested, send your \$10 to Terri Berchak, WD8LQH, 3543 Wilson Woods Dr., Columbus OH 43204. It might be nice to enclose a dollar for mailing.

I was able to check into the Belles net. Doris, WD8IKC has been suffering from arthritis and is having trouble getting around. She says her OM Stan is turning out to be a pretty good cook!

I received a wonderful letter from Carol, K8DHK, our new YLRL Vice President, who is also 2nd Vice President of the Greater Cincinnati Amateur Radio Association. She put on a program on "Women in Amateur Radio" in March. The panel of YLs who helped here were Olga - WD8MZZ, Marilyn - KD8US, Marion - K8VUR, Susie - N8CGM and Kandie - N8WRG, who served as moderator. Carol says she will also be doing a program for the Dial ARC in Middletown, Ohio on May 21. She plans on really pushing membership in YLRL and the Buckeye Belles, contests, and certificates.

I really enjoyed visiting with our new President, Marti, N6XDS in Phoenix in March. One of the things we discussed was acknowledging the tremendous effort and support by some YLRL members who don't choose to hold or run for an office. They are on the air, participate in contests and are active at the local level enlisting and teaching new YLs. They enroll new members, write letters and are good ambassadors for women in Amateur Radio. If you know of someone you feel deserves to be acknowledged, drop me or Marti a letter telling us about this person.

Dayton is just around the corner. It is hard to adjust to the new May time instead of April, but maybe the weather will be nicer. I hope to see a lot of you in Albany!

33 & 73, Carol Hall, WD8DQG

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Hi, Ladies. I think it is finally spring. My daffodils are blooming and the tulips are budding. I actually saw a little green on some of the trees this morning. I think there is hope.

Since I last wrote, we had our grandsons here. We had a great time. We bought them a "jump-O-lene" to play in (?) or is it on? It is a trampoline that can be used indoors and it has inflated sides like a child's wading pool. The sides are four rings high, I believe. It is yellow, and Sean said it was their "honey-pot". They loved it. We went to Chuck-e-Cheese for dinner one night. We also had Elizabeth spend Friday night with us. She was fascinated watching the boys get a bath.

On Saturday, our daughter, her husband and 10-year-old son joined us and we all went to Science Central, a hands-on museum that recently opened up here. I envisioned us all looking at an exhibit, pushing buttons, having fun, and going on to the next one. Think again, Grandma! They hit the floor running and, thank heavens, we had one adult for each child or we would have lost at least one (or maybe an adult). The place is wonderful, but Al and I definitely have to go back without children and really SEE it. Tyler's (age 2½) favorite thing seemed to be a keyboard on the floor, about seven feet long and two feet wide, that went a couple of octaves. There were buttons on one end that changed the sound from piano to organ to chimes to other sounds. He would gallop, dance, jog down the keyboard, change the sound and then do the whole routine up and down again. Change the sound again and away he would go. What a joy to watch.

The house was so quiet after they left. They are planning to come back this summer for a week. Grandma promised to take vacation while they are here. I only had to work a day and a half, but that was enough for them.

I haven't heard from anyone from 9-Land, but I received a lovely e-mail note from Dawn, ZL2AGX. I was most pleased to get it. By the time this is published, she will have received a reply from me. She and her OM Dennis, ZL2BFI, are active in Civil Defense, AREC and their radio club. She also is active in DX.

Come on 9-Land! I know that you are out there and doing things. Perhaps you are too busy to let me know. (We'll say that is the problem!) Speaking of being busy, the next big event is the Dayton Hamvention. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Until Dayton, keep well and best 33 to all of you.

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

Here's the news from Zero-Land. The good news is the bands have been hopping! My OM John, KT0F and I have heard some amazing HF openings, including Estonia on RTTY!

The bad news is that, although I am hearing all sorts of countries, I am not hearing from the Zeroes. Please let me know your news! You can reach me at one of the following:

1. Packet Radio: N0WBV@W0GVT.#NECO.CO.USA.NA
2. Evenings at (303) 841-1354
3. Write to me!

I will not be able to attend the Albany Convention, but I **WILL** be at Dayton. Let me know if you will be there, too. I would love to meet you in person.

73 & 33 to All, Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV

THEIR WANTS YOU!!



One of the most distressing things I hear from our district chairmen is "I don't have very much news for this issue" or "I didn't hear from anybody this time." I know that this bothers them. In one or two cases, they think it may be their fault! Of course, we all know that this simply isn't true!!

You've put pressure on them by electing them and we've put pressure on them to produce for you, but they can't do it without your help. **WE NEED YOU!**

This is your opportunity to shine! Brag about yourself. If you upgrade, let us know that you aced the test. (Wow, what a brain!) Tell us about the radio adventures you had on your last vacation. Send in that picture of yourself at your club meeting; climbing the antenna tower because you're lighter than the OM; supporting the local parade or fund raising run; or that rare photo of you volunteering during a disaster. Send in that cute photo of your grandchild in the shack or the poem you wrote when your trusty old HF rig bit the dust or the drawing you did of your daughter sending CW.

So send your news and other goodies to your District Chairman and make her smile when she opens her mailbox. Her deadline is usually around the 15th of the even months (February, April, June, October and December) so she can meet my deadline on the first of the odd months.

If you've got an article (or an idea for one) send it in to me or give me a call. I'll be glad to hear from you!

— the Editor



Easter Good Friday was beautiful and warm. It feels more like fall today, but hopefully, once April goes, summer will arrive. Lots of areas like Sault Ste. Marie and North Bay still have loads of snow to get rid of.

I updated my ham shack thanks to the OM. I've got a new Hewlett Packard colour printer and got rid of my laptop and replaced it with a 386 IBM. For packet, I'm now using a Kenwood TR7400, with 40 watts on High power. The packet path I use have been out-of-service for over a week, so I'm anxious to try my new setup.

33, Jeanne

VE3HIR - Tess was heard in the wee hours of the morning working the CLARA contest on March 12 and 13. Her OM Bill, VE3EFX also participated in the contest, and by the sound of the number of points he had, he could easily be the OM winner this year.

VE3LQA - Pauline was made Honorary Member in the Powasson chapter of the Eastern Star. She is the organist for the meetings. Her and the OM came down to Ayr, Ontario to spend Easter with her family and to get away from all the snow! She also had some two meter contacts.

V34ST - Bubbles has moved into an apartment and we wish her good luck. I hope to have more news from her for our next edition.

VE7DKS - Vicki was operated on during the second week of April to have her appendix removed. We wish her a speedy recovery. She also operated the CLARA contest. She has been doing crafts — Kleenex box covers and bookmarks.

VA3WX — Jeanne found more CLARA YLs participated in the CLARA contest in March. On Good Friday, Jeanne and her OM motored up to Ingersoll, Ontario where they were met by Pauline and Bill, and visited with CLARA member Minnie, VE3DBQ. Pauline and Jeanne brought a picnic lunch. Following lunch, Pauline and Minnie's OM Lloyd entertained by playing the organ. A lovely time was had by all.

33, Jeanne



Vicki, VE7DKS and friend Beau.



Well, spring has finally come to Alabama. The dogwoods are finished blooming here, but the azaleas are still going strong. I have a lot of damage to my roses and some other plants but I hope everything will sprout new growth and come back. It was a cold winter here and we had a very hard freeze right when a lot of plants were trying to bloom. Very 33 to all!

ANGUILLA: Dorothea, VP2EE writes via Mary, KL7P about damage from Hurricane LUIS. They sustained a tremendous amount of water damage. They had sustained winds of 140 MPH and gusts to 215 MPH for 36 hours. Dorothea and husband Dave decided that they would not have any glass anywhere in the house again. They are replacing it with wood shutters and doors. They hope to be back in shape before the 1996 hurricane season arrives.

Dorothea and Dave helped with radio communications from before the eye to two months after the storm. It took five weeks to get electricity and eight for the phone lines.

The isle of St. Maarten/St. Martin will take longer to recover. On a visit by ferry, Dorothea saw a freighter boat still inside a hotel.

GERMANY: This issue, the news from Germany is relayed via Lorraine, WA1EDR and Mary, KL7P. Thanks to both of you for forwarding the letters to me for use in the column.



Olga, DJ0MCL (left) & friend Dorle, DF4YL enroute to Hongkong/Bali. They made all DARC trips together.

Olga, DJ0MCL writes that she traveled with DARC to Hong Kong and Bali. She and 20 others were at the New Year's Party at the Regent Hotel in Kowloon. They went sightseeing and especially enjoyed the fishing boats, houseboats, etc. Bali, Indonesia was very warm and humid. The people were very friendly. While visiting the holy temples, they had to wear a sarong or trousers.

Anita, DK1HH says that she was first licensed in 1966. Her OM Dieter is licensed as DK1HG. They have two children, a son 34 years old, and a daughter who

is 29. Neither are married. Anita hopes conditions improve so she can talk to all her friends in the USA.

Ingrid, DL3SAR writes from southern France that the trees are beginning to blossom and so are the spring flowers. She says she is glad to be in France as there is still ice and snow in Germany. Ingrid will be in Berlin this summer and looks forward to seeing everyone who can make it.

Edeltraud, DL1SYL "Traudel" writes via **Mary, KL7P** that it is hard for her to write in English. She is taking classes and has also learned a lot from watching television. Traudel has a daughter who is 35 years old. Traudel is a teacher of children ages 6-10 years. She is a member of DARC. She enjoys CW and sometimes a SSB net or contest. Traudel's husband Karl is licensed as DL6SXI.



Traudel, DL1SYL & OM Karl, DL6SXI

ENGLAND: Barbara, G0SKC says that her sponsor **Arline, N1OMA** is coming for a visit in June and she is looking forward to seeing her. She is looking forward to better conditions. She has been licensed for four years and has not experienced conditions at the top of the sunspot cycle.

NORWAY: Ruth, LA6ZH is an "old timer". She has been active off and on throughout the years, depending on various circumstances. She looks forward to Berlin 96, and also to meetings in Sweden and Japan this year.

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monthly meeting at Coco's Restaurant in Cerritos on April 6. After a nice breakfast and some visiting, the meeting was called to order. Our program was Marti Brucher, N6XDS, now of Portland, Oregon and our new President of YLRL. She gave us insight on the YL Packet Net that is available to us on packet radio. She showed us some messages that she had copied off packet, and how the messages are listed, so you can leave messages. The Convention in Albany, NY was also discussed. Everyone enjoyed seeing Marti again, since she was a member of the LARA club before moving.

33, Vi

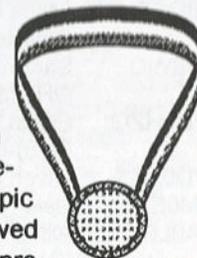
Olympic Update

The latest word from Atlanta is that Amateur Radio will be welcome at the Olympics this summer after all. ARRL Southeastern Division Assistant Director Jim Altman, N4UCK, reports ham equipment, including handie-talkies, is not on the list of items excluded from Olympic events. "There was some thought at one time of banning all communications devices, including cellulators," Altman said. He said he had assurances "straight from the Horse's mouth" that H-Ts would not be banned from Olympic venues, as had been announced earlier and confirmed by Michael Smalls of the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games' technology department.

Altman said he's been in close contact with the top security people in ACOG in his capacity as head of the ad hoc group under the ARRL umbrella that's coordinating the Amateur Radio volunteer force for the games in July, and the security heads have assured him that ham radio H-Ts—as well as CB transceivers and cellular telephones—will not be kept out and may be used in Olympic venues. Altman said not only will ham radio be allowed through the gates, hundreds of ham radio volunteers will provide "contingency communications" to support the security force's radio system. He expects to have approximately 350 ham radio volunteers.

Altman had no explanation for the earlier, contradictory announcement, but he did offer a word of caution: "ACOG's decision-making process changes daily. This is the state of affairs today," he said. "But I don't see any indication that it will change."

—from April 26, 1996 edition of the American Radio Relay League's *The ARRL Letter Electronic Update*



BE CAREFUL when you're out DRIVING.
CARS ARE NOT the only thing
that can BE RECALLED BY their maker!

--FROM MARTI, N6XDS--

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dic Technician, stationed there. She had a wonderful time, also visiting New Orleans and enjoying the sights there with her cousin. Doris finally got her QSL card from Easter Island and she is really happy about that!

Until next time, here's wishing everyone a happy spring, and be extra good to yourself!

33, de Anne-Marie, N6QPY/7

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

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CONGRATULATIONS ON THE UPGRADE!

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AB7PS Sara J Lyon, ex KB7RRY, Extra
AB7PX Terrie Tenney, ex KC7JIM, Extra
KB0OPF Nancy Nosker, General

*There is no beautifier of complexion, or form, or behavior,
like the wish to scatter joy and not pain around us.*

---Ralph Waldo Emerson

WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

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Zealand /KR4SJ

SILENT KEYS

Our heartfelt condolences to the families and friends of...

K1WUS Phil Thompson, OM of Jean Thompson K1TVT
N4LSF Dorothy Bailey, SK 1/16/96
W8LCU Ralph Burch, OM of Donna Burch W8QOY
K0JFN Tom Bracket, OM of Cleo Bracket K0JFO, 1/5/96

♥ *Happy Mother's Day!* ♥

Reflective Moment



And in the sweetness of friendship let there be laughter, and sharing of pleasures.

For in the dew of little things the heart finds its morning and is refreshed.

-- Kahlil Gibran

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more about our group, and was excited about joining. I had a really great conversation with her (glad it was on her phone bill, not mine!) and was able to give her a couple of phone numbers of YLRL members in her area. I want to personally thank Connie, KB5LES for not only the great article she wrote in the May '96 QST, but also for the past articles she has written about YLRL and YLs in general. Write to QST and let them know that we appreciate their inclusion of this column every other month and tell them what a great job Connie is doing. Remember, we almost lost having this column. In fact, it has been cut back from nine times (I believe) a year to only six times a year. We need to support it by writing to the Editor and letting him know how much it means to us.

Now, for all of you that will be attending the Dayton Hamfest, don't forget to stop by the BUCKEYE BELLES & YLRL table. Make sure you also attend the YL Forum. I also have the great pleasure to inform you that YLRL will have a quarter page ad in the Dayton Hamfest Directory! I think that this may be a first for YLRL and I am really excited about the inquiries that this will bring to us. So, check out the ad. I hope that at least one person will send me a copy of the directory so I can have my own copy. I really wish I could be at Dayton, but it just is not possible for this year. Maybe next year. But I know that the YLRL members there will put on a great program. Be sure to attend the YL Forum and support them by helping out in some small way.

I hope that you all have registered for Albany and have renewed your dues for 1996. I am still waiting to hear from you about items that you want discussed at the "President's Forum" in Albany. So far, I have received only two letters.

33, Marti
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From The Editor's Desk

Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS



It looks like I've finally gotten the green light for Albany! My registration is in and plane tickets are purchased. And since they are non-refundable, I've got to go. I'm very excited and can't wait to meet everybody that I've talked to over the past few months. What a great bunch of ladies you all are!

All of the contributors to this issue of *YLH* deserve a pat on the back. I, nasty person that I am, moved the deadline up on them because of the upcoming conventions. (Dayton will be history by the time you see this!) I had something from each of them, most with time to spare. So, the next time you see them, say THANKS!

A YL in YO & Other Adventures *continued from page 9*
me and somehow I managed to keep the repeater clear of all other callers.

I had a little trouble trying to remember who was who. Branco had left his two daughters to man his station while he travelled to the baby's house. All credit to the Italian radio amateurs who organized themselves into an effective force, obviously used to helping their neighbors across the Adriatic. In the end, Giancarlo, IK0WIN, and Riccardo, IW0RKS, from Città di Castello, had each found certain amounts of the medicine from friendly chemists (a prescription would normally have been necessary). They had opened up specially and also provided the necessary cool boxes to keep the phials as refrigerated as possible. Each mobile managed the deadline, despite the holiday traffic. The ship set sail from the port of Ancona and we later heard that the little girl had received the medicine at 6:00 a.m. the following morning and was doing well. The parents also sent a photograph of the little girl by way of saying thank you to their Italian friends.

Suddenly, it was all over. Bathed in perspiration and with head reeling, I staggered out from the awning to find it was almost time to come off the beach! I made lasting friends that day. I'll always remember the words of Franco, IK6AIQ, an ancient and wise grandfather from Ancona. He spoke of the blessings of international friendship. I also remember enquiring about the planning permission needed for aerials or rather the lack of it in Italy. Further memorable words from Franco, IW3FTV, from Venice: "The freedom to communicate is the right of each and every citizen and this is written into Italy's Constitution." There's no answer to that, is there?

The way I felt when I emerged from that awning after removing my headphones, you'd have thought I would never transmit again as long as I lived, but just hide away and never get involved any more. But it didn't last, of course. A quick dip in the Adriatic and I was raring to go.

Editor's Note: Gloria is the Secretary of the Medway Amateur Receiving and Transmitting Society. She also is a new member of YLRL. Reprinted from the BYLARA Newsletter, March 1996 issue.