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the Prez Sez . . .

Marti Brucher, N6XDS



Well, by the time you receive this, the Dayton Hamfest will be just a memory, but it will be a memory that I will be able to share in for the first time. I am so looking forward to Dayton, but honestly, more to meet some new YLs and to renew friendships made in Albany last summer. My OM will not be going to Dayton (someone has to keep the home fires burning till my return) so I will be sharing a room with our Supplies Chairman, Lois, WB3EFQ who has become a very dear friend.

This is the season for Hamfests, and Field Day is not too far away. I'm asking you to reproduce the YLRL Membership Application printed in the 1996 directory issue of YLH and take some with you when you go to ANY Hamfest. Give these out to YLs you see or, if you have a two-way contact with a YL, send her one. We really need to increase our membership and it depends upon you doing your part. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Isn't it wonderful being a Ham! Last year when I was in WVA I saw a tower down the street from a friends house and went by to say hello. They ended up inviting me to dinner a couple evenings later and I met some other hams in their family. One of them, John, shared how they went to Dayton each year. We talked about the possibility that I would go some year. Well, here I am going to Dayton and needing a ride to Huntington, WV to visit my terminally ill brother after the convention. I called John and talked to his wife and she told me not to worry a bit about it, that they would see that I got to WV, as they never missed Dayton. She gave me the telephone number of the motel where they will be staying in Dayton, so that I could make contact with them after I arrived. Isn't God good! If I hadn't taken the time to stop and say hello, I would never had known these people. Now they are an answer to my prayers.

Let's talk about why you worked so hard and got that Amateur Radio License that you hardly use. Come on ladies, let's get on the air and be heard. Some of the OM's remarked during the YL-OM Contest that there were not that many YLs on the air. So why did you get your license if not to have fun with it? What I am saying is that we need to be operating in some area of Amateur Radio. Even packet can be really exciting. Have you checked your BBS for messages addressed to "YL@ALLUS"? Lots of neat Ladies sending messages back and forth across the U.S., and even some YLs from overseas join in. Packet can be very simple and anyone can do it. If you don't know anything about packet, check with your local Amateur Radio Club or call me. I use the KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid)

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Field Day 1997

HEY GALs!! Here is your opportunity to have some fun! Field Day's the day to break out all that equipment that you never use and make sure you're prepared for anything! It's also a good time to try out a new mode or band. This is especially a great opportunity for Novices and Technicians to try those General bands and get a little incentive to upgrade.

Like Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV said on 10-Land's page, "Female voices work wonders on SSB!" Let's show 'em what we can do!!

So, send in photos of you in action on Field Day, no matter what position you filled -- logger, operator, chief cook and bottle washer, general gofer, or mattress/sleeping bag tester! We wanna see!!



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method. Even when we were living with our daughter and couldn't put up an outside antenna, we used a J-pole and set it in the easy chair in front of the window and got out just fine.

Recently, I had a nice chat with Tiny, ON4CAT in Belgium. We met first thru packet. Then a long four page letter to me brought about a phone call to her. She is currently President of the Belgium YL Club and is having a hard time getting YLs to come alongside to get the club up and running. That made me count my blessings that, as President of YLRL, I took the reins of an organization that was so established and to whom so many give of their time and effort, that things, for the most part run pretty smoothly. I have been so blessed to have so many step forward and fill in the gaps when needed and I appreciate ALL of you.

I guess that is all until next time. I encourage each of you to keep updated by reading QST regarding upcoming legislation that would cut our band frequencies down. We must, at all cost, keep that from happening.

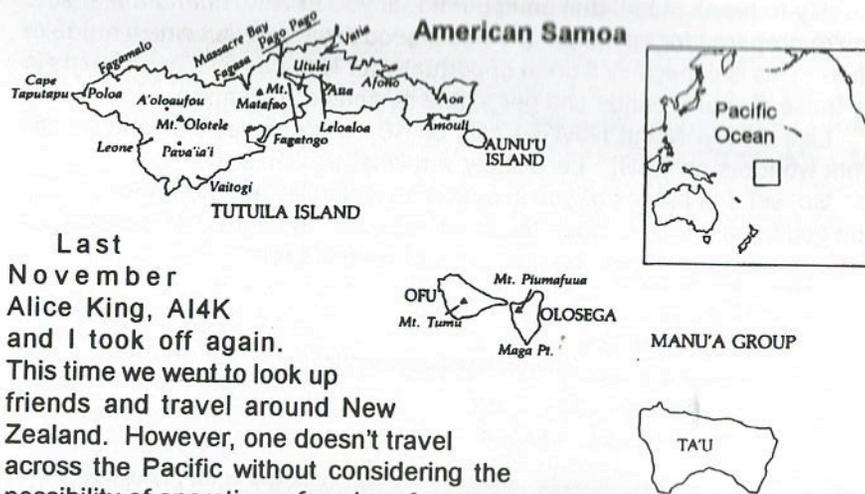
Oh yes, one last thing. I am now on e-mail! I resisted it for a long time because it is not amateur radio but had to finally give in and though it will not replace packet, I am having fun keeping in touch with non-ham friends and family around the world. I was even able to send and receive a letter from a friend in Albania. So, make note of my e-mail address listed below and send me your thoughts, complaints and encouragements.

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OPERATING FROM KH8

Mary Lou Brown, NM7N



Last
November
Alice King, AI4K
and I took off again.

This time we went to look up friends and travel around New Zealand. However, one doesn't travel across the Pacific without considering the possibility of operating a few days from some island. After studying the map and realizing we did not have a lot of time to arrange for licenses, we settled on American Samoa (KH8). Then came the time for a little research on where to stay. In a letter to Larry Gandy, KS6DV, asking about the Rainmaker Hotel where hams usually stay and operate, we received a most welcome invitation to stay at his place and use his station antennas. This turned out to be a real stroke of luck, as the terrain surrounding the Rainmaker was not particularly good for getting out to the US and north. Larry's place was much better situated.

Transportation to American Samoa involved two possibilities: round-trip to and from Hawaii or take Air New Zealand to Western Samoa (5W) and change to a local flight to American Samoa. Since we would be going on to New Zealand, we opted for the latter. As it turned out, we spent more time in airports waiting for flights than we did in the air! Somehow they seem to arrange these trans-Pacific flights so that they take place at night. Nothing like small airports during the wee hours of the night. We did manage to find a sympathetic person in Western Samoa who let go into a lounge reserved for those getting back on the Air New Zealand flight, where we could at least lie down on the benches and get a short nap. We weren't so lucky on the return flight though. Anyway, we arrived bleary eyed around 7:00 a.m. in KH8 and were met by Larry. At his place we met his wife, Uti, a Samoan, and his son.

After a nice breakfast courtesy of Larry we did the next most important thing—took a nap! After lunch, we set up the station and connected to

Larry's antenna system (triband beam and dipoles). We had carried with us my new ICOM 706, with its power supply and antenna tuner. We also brought my old laptop computer for logging. This proved to be a good test of the new rig and we were most pleased with its performance. There was one major operating problem from KH8, horrible QRN, both atmospheric and electrical line noise. I had been warned of this, but thought the person telling me was exaggerating. He wasn't!

Our plan for operation was for Alice to handle SSB and I would do the CW. Poor Alice called and called CQ, but got very few takers. One helpful Canadian even tried to stir up some action for her with little success. Meanwhile, I had good pile-ups on CW. Alice eventually switched over to CW, but felt out of practice as she hadn't done much with it for a couple of years. As it turned out, after discussing this with Larry, the KH8 hams are only on SSB, so the world was hungry for CW contacts and not SSB.

After lunch our second day, Larry said to point the beam to 120 degrees and work long path. I thought that mid-day was not the usual time for long path operation but did it and had plenty of action, starting with eastern Asia and moving westward through eastern Europe as the afternoon progressed. (When I got home I found an insanely jealous husband when he looked at all the long path I worked on 20 meters!) I ran a sampling of the contacts through the Mini-Prop propagation program and could then clearly see that we were indeed working long path and following the eastern edge of the grey line as it moved westward. Obviously, on the way, we picked up southern South America on short path.

We picked up Japan off the back of the beam. When pointed toward New Zealand and Australia we must have been skipping over as we heard little and made only an occasional contact. However, when pointed in the opposite direction we could work them. Our guess is that the lobe off the back of the beam may have had a higher angle of radiation.

Because of the QRN, working on 80 meters was impossible. Even on Larry's rig, with DSP it was bad, but not as bad as on our rig which did not have DSP. Forty meters was bad, too, but I did manage some contacts there. As expected, twenty meters was our bread and butter band and when open we did work some 15 meters. Antennas were not set up for the WARC bands, so we were not able to work those. Considering the poor propagation during this part of the sunspot cycle, we managed quite well. Because Larry's place was located a few miles from town, Pago Pago, and we did not have our own transportation we did not have the opportu-

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nity to see much of the island and life there. However, Larry's wife Uti, KS6FO, was able to get away from a family business she runs and took us for a drives around parts of the island during our last two days there. On one of the drives it rained buckets, but we tried to take pictures anyway. The island is very mountainous and the coastal areas, in the parts we saw, are not particularly conducive to swimming. Beaches are small and the water too shallow and full of coral for swimming. The population is mostly Samoan and, of course, that is the dominant culture. Samoans are big on family and families have "family houses" where the extended families can gather for celebrations. These are primarily open-walled shelters and are encountered throughout towns like Pago Pago. The people are also very religious, both Catholic and Protestant. A good part of Sunday is spent at church services—morning, afternoon, and evening.

Larry's son is a senior in high school and will probably go on to college either in Hawaii or the states. He attends a private school and our first contact with him was when he was dressed for school. The uniform consisted of a blue lava lava trimmed in yellow and a white shirt. On our drive around the island we saw some boys playing soccer at the school. On the side lines were their lava lavas and all were wearing shorts. So I guess that is what they wear under their lava lavas.

Both Larry and Uti run several small businesses on the island. They are real entrepreneurs! Because everything has to be shipped or flown in, stores don't have all that one is used to finding. Therefore, Uti sews her own clothes and does beautiful work including tailoring.

The hospitality was marvelous. Larry provided us with a sofa bed and three meals a day. When I made arrangements for our travel, I failed to note that we would be there during Thanksgiving. We were included with the immediate family and another ham couple for a traditional turkey dinner.

Larry and Uti also have two dogs. These greeted us every time we went from the house to the shack which was located in a building back of the house. They quickly learned that we would stop and pet them. One soon learned to run up to us and assume the position on her back so we could rub her chest.

After a week we had to say good-bye to our new friends, pack up our gear, and go sit in the airport for another all night stint of flying and waiting. This time in 5W we had to go through customs and sit in the main waiting area for several hours waiting to connect with Air New Zealand. It was great to be met in Auckland by Celia, ZL1ALK, and her OM, Geoff.

Editor's Note: Mary Lou will be giving a presentation on her recent DXpeditions to during the YLRL Luncheon at this year's ARRL Northwest Division Ham Convention—SEAPAC. Hope to see you there!

YLRL Appoints Interim Secretary

I am sorry to announce that our Secretary, Norma Griffen, N7GLQ has resigned her office.

She writes, "As of May 1, 1997, I am resigning the position of YLRL Secretary. Over the last several months, the workload has been in conflict with my husband's job and has caused much adversity amongst the family. He is involved with a major project and this project has to take top billing with the family."

She continues, "I have enjoyed writing to the membership and my membership in YLRL. I will not be renewing my dues this year. I am burned out and need some time to rejuvenate my energies. My best to you all." Our best wishes to Norma.

In her stead, Donna Deyoe, K6DNG has agreed to step in as Interim Secretary, until elections have been held. However, it is expected that she will remain as Secretary, as she is running unopposed for the position. Thank you, Donna!

Wanted: Dead or Alive!! Database/Circulation Manager

I have vacancy that needs filling deperately. I am in need of a Database/Circulation Manager. Mary, AD4HC has been unable to continue in that position, so I have temporarily (I hope!) taken on the task myself, with help from our printer. But, I am in sore need of relief!

The person I am seeking has some knowledge of computers and databases and their manipulation. The database software itself isn't so important, but the ability to use or learn it is. The job includes upkeep of the mailing database, sorting and printing of mailing labels in the appropriate order (as dictated by the Post Office!), readying YLH for mailing and delivery to the post office, all in a timely manner, every other month.



There is a cushion of time, so that the new manager will not have the entire job thrown at her all at once, and can instead have a gradual break-in curve. Whew!! Of course, the ideal person is a tireless worker, will make as much as the highest paid officer we have, has a strong back and nerves of steel!☺

If you have any interest, or know of somebody that might, please give me a call or drop me an e-mail. ~- the Editor

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SSB Contest

K2LFG*	638
K6RQ*	360
K4JRB*	336
W9LNQ*	248
KB0JYL*	120
KB0MZG	116
KA0BHO	88
DL1RA*	80
W2SU	53
VE5BCS	53
TA3J	18

SSB Contest

KA1YKW*	35,217
AB7PX*	30,660
KL7P/4*	23,664
N8UOO*	21,620
SV3AGQ*	19,608
N6XDS*	14,976
KB1BMO*	11,223
KU7F	9750
VE7YL*	9408
GM4YMM*	8658
N7LR*	7536
DL2FCA*	5130
K0EPE*	4173
WA4SRD*	4140
AA2IO*	3333
KB4RGW*	2604
VE2YAK*	2448
IK5MEQ*	2070
WA2NFY	1913
N0XVQ	1898
K2RUE	1332
WA8YPY*	1026

OMs

Gold cup
2nd place certificate
3rd place certificate



YLS

Gold Cup
2nd place certificate
3rd place certificate



CW Contest

K5LH*	179
K6RQ*	96
N4WZH*	83
K3WWP/QRP	45
K2LFG	45
W9LNQ	14
W4ZPR/M	14
VE5BCS	2
W8TSF	2

CW Contest

N8UOO*	17,077
K2RUE*	11,466
WA4SRD*	4697
DL3KWR*	2450
W06X*	1904
EV1Y*	1323
WA8YPY*	1320
WA2NFY*	1125
W8YL	332
K2DO	14
KL7P/4	14

YL SSB Continued

EV1Y*	878
KC4IYD	429
N1PVT*	399
TA3YJ*	297
W8WRJ	18
AB7PS	14
DL3LS	9
KA0BAT	2

I want to thank all the people who have sent their logs to me. The logs in both the CW and SSB category for the YLs and OMs were an increase over what we received last year. Some of you will notice that your scores are different from what you submitted. This is due to some common mistakes that several people made while adding up the scores. Last, but not least, I want to thank Carol, KB8VYB for helping me check the logs. 33, Nancy

What An Honor!

Kay Holzman, KB5VJR

I am speechless! It is such an honor to have been the first YLs to use the YLRL Club Call, KC8EWC, Every Woman Counts. When I read the message from Nancy, KC4IYD that we were the first to use the club call, I just jumped up and down. Thrilled was hardly the word. I went immediately to packet and wrote Marie, KC5HKB, but made her suffer a little bit, as I made the note long and drawn out. Then I told her at the very end. I wanted to build her up to the excitement I was feeling. It worked!



We used the YLRL Call sign for the first net meeting of our third year as a YL Net. We are a very small group, but somehow we make the hour to hour and a half go by swiftly. Although the YL Net is sponsored by the Choctaw Ama-

teur Radio Club, we have ladies check in from other areas. One gets to slip in just for the count as the path doesn't always hold to have a good conversation. I think we have more listeners (OMs) than we would ever imagine.

Last Tuesday night at 8 pm central, I opened the net as usual and called for mobiles and portables. Hearing none, I went through the rest of my little speech and, at the end, requested, "Please call, KC8EWC." I had one check in at that time, welcomed her, then asked if there were any more. That is where the fun came in. A voice came on, called KC8EWC, identified herself, and then added, "That voice sounds like Kay, but the call sign is different." The next voice checked in and just about said the same thing. Both of them had a question in their voices. So I went to explain that we wanted the start of our third year to be special, and with the help of YLRL and the opportunity to use their club call sign, thought that would fill the bill. They liked the idea, and everyone who came on after that agreed. So, on behalf of the YLs on the YL Net on 147.09, Choctaw, Oklahoma, our thanks to YLRL for making this a special "Birthday" net for us. We hope to start a tradition of celebrating with the YLRL call each new year of the net. Thanks to Nancy for being so quick to answer the e-mail.

33, Kay, KB5VJR



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY, JULY 4!

YLRL Scholarship Fund

MEMORIALS

The following have made donations to the scholarship fund in memory of

Ethel Smith, K4LMB:

Cleo Bracket, K0JFO	Carla Watson, WO6X
Marti Brutcher, N6XDS	Ann Arnholt, K9RXK
Jackie Van de Kamp, W6YKU	Sylvia Sobel, W3SLF
Jan Scheuerman, WB2JCE	

Donations were made to the scholarship fund

In Memory Of:

By:

Marguerite Soel, NU2U	Lia Zwack, WA2NFY
Anny Schwager, DF2SL	Lia Zwack, WA2NFY
Anny Schwager, DF2SL	Carla Watson, WO6X

HONOR DONATIONS

To Honor:

By:

Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS	Marti Brutcher, N6XDS
Irma Weber, K6KCI	Marti Brutcher, N6XDS
Marte Wessel, K0EPE	Marti Brutcher, N6XDS

"For all that they have contributed to my life in friendship and love through Amateur Radio."



The scholarship account now stands at \$1,127.24.

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

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

33,
Marte
K0EPE

I was brought up to believe that the only thing worth doing was to add to the sum of accurate information in the world.

~~margaret mead~~

YLRL Candidates for 1998/1999 Office

President:

Nancy Rabel Hall, KC4IYD Nancy has been licensed since 1989. She has been a member of YLRL since 1995. She was appointed Vice President in 1996. She is a member of the Buckeye Belles, Chix YL, & NASA ARC. She has held the position of V.P in each of these clubs and President of the NASA ARC in 1994, 1995, & 1996. She lives in N. Olmsted, Ohio.

Vice President:

Cleo Bracket, K0JFO Cleo has been licensed since 1958. She has been a member of YLRL since 1959. She has held the office of 10th District Chairwoman, is a member of the Pioneer Amateur Radio Club and frequently checks in to the Open House. Cleo lives in Fremont, Nebraska.

Secretary:

Donna S. Deyoe, K6DNG Donna has been licensed since 1993. She has been a member of YLRL since 1994. She belongs to the Clark County ARC and is serving a two term on the Board of Directors. She checks in to the Two Rivers YL Net. She lives in Vancouver, Washington.

Disbursing Treasurer:

Ginger Wonderling, AB6WS Ginger has been licensed since the early 1990s. She has been a member of YLRL since 1993. She was appointed to the position of Disbursing Treasurer in 1996.

Jerri St. John, WB7OXX Jerrie has been licensed since 1957 and has been a member of YLRL since 1994. She is also a member of the Two Rivers YL Net, of which she is Vice President. She lives in Ridgefield, Washington.

Receiving Treasurer, Districts 1-4:

V. Jean Chittenden, WA2BGE Jean has been licensed since 1975. She has been a member of YLRL since 1976. She has served as Receiving Treasurer since 1985 and has done a wonderful job. She is a member of the SAYLARCs. She lives in Mt. Vision, New York.

Receiving Treasurer, District 5-7:

Phyllis Douglas, K7SEC Phyllis has been licensed since 1962. She has been a member of YLRL since 1963. She has served YLRL as 7th District Chairwoman, Membership Chairwoman, Nominating Committee Chairwoman and on the By-laws committee. She is a member of the Cactus

Keys and has served as its President and is currently their Vice President. She is custodian of the Grandmother Award. She checks in frequently to the Cactus Keys two meter net, the Ironing Board Net, Open House, and Tangle. She is Secretary of the Amateur Radio Council of Arizona. She lives in Tucson, Arizona

Receiving Treasurer, District 8-10, KH6, KL7, & VE:

Twila Greenheck, N0JPH Twila can't remember when she first got her license, but she has been a member of YLRL since 1988. She is the co-founder of the 33s, was ARRL, Associate Director, Dakota Division, and a member of the St. Paul ARC. She is St. Paul Radio Club's Education Chair and Licensing Class Coordinator, and The 33s Newsletter editor. She likes working DX and contests as well as joining in on the 33s YL weekly two meter net. She has a Business Administration degree and welcomes the opportunity to put it to work for YLRL. She lives in Shoreview Minnesota.

Carol Schmitkons, KB8VYB Carol has been licensed since 1994. She has been a member of YLRL since 1996. She is a member of the Buckeye Belles and is their treasurer and is a member of Chix YL. She frequently checks into the Chix and Buckeye Belles nets. She lives in Lorain, Ohio.

DX Receiving Treasurer:

Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV Cheryl has been licensed since 1983. She has been a member of YLRL since 1994. She is a member of the East Alabama ARC and held the office of Secretary/Treasurer for three years and is call sign trustee of W4LEE. She is currently the DX Receiving Treasurer for YLRL. She lives in Opelika, Alabama.

1st District Chair:

Anne Manna, WB1ARU Anne has been licensed for over 20 years. She has been a member of YLRL since 1977. She is a member of WRONE and is currently YLRL's 1st District Chair.

2nd District Chair:

Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC Myrtle has been licensed since 1956. She has been a member of YLRL since 1982. She is a member of SAYLARCs. She enjoys the Rooster net and has been going to the Dayton Hamvention for many years. She lives in Medford Lakes, New Jersey.

3rd District Chair:

Blanche Bender, KA3VXR She has been licensed since 1990. She has been a member of YLRL since 1994. She is a member of the Horseshoe ARC and the Dividing Ridge ARC and has held the office of Vice President in each of these clubs. She is also the ARRL EC for Cambria County

Pennsylvania. She likes to listen in on YL Open House and Tangle Net. She lives in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

4th District Chair:

Pam Hopson, KF4ANJ She has been licensed since 1995 and joined YLRL that year. She is a member of the Birmingham ARC, of which she is Secretary, and the Blount County ARC. She plans to join some of the nets, it just takes time. She lives in Warrior, Alabama.

Roseann Johnston, N4ZNO She has been licensed since 1990 and a member of YLRL since March 1995. She likes to join in on the Teakettle Net. She lives in Pell City, Alabama.

5th District Chair:

Doris Anderson, K5BNQ She has been licensed since 1955 when she also joined YLRL. She is a past President of YLRL. She belongs to the Broken Arrow ARC, American Airlines ARC and TYLRUN. She has served as President and Secretary/Treasurer of TYLRUN. She has served YLRL as 5th District Chairwoman, Nominations Chairwoman and on the President's Advisory Board. She lives in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

6th District Chair:

Jerri Haines, KB6USX Jerri has been licensed since 1987 and a member of YLRL since 1989. She is a member of LARA, YLRC-LA Chapter, and ARRL. She has held the offices of President, Secretary and Treasurer for Lara (Ladies Amateur Radio Association of Orange County). She lives in La Mirada, California.

7th District Chair:

Sara J. Lyon, AB7PS She has been a licensed since 1993 and a member of YLRL since 1995. She is a member of the MINOWs and is currently their Secretary/Treasurer. She checks into Open House and Tangle Net. She can also be heard on the Evergreen Intertie YL Net that covers the Northwestern United States. She lives in Olympia, Washington.

8th District Chair:

Terri A. Berchak, WD8LQH Terri has been licensed since 1977 and joined YLRL in 1993. She is currently President of the Buckeye Belles and has served as Vice President. She checks into the Buckeye Belles Net. She lives in Columbus, Ohio

Carol Iams, W8WRJ Carol has been licensed since 1956 and has been a member of YLRL, initially, since 1963. She is active in the Buckeye Belles serving as President three times and editor of the Burr. She a

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Election of 1998/1999 YLRL Officers

It's time for YOU to stand up and be counted!!

Please complete your ballot and return it in an envelope signed by you, to:

Donna Deyoe, K6DNG
YLRL Interim Secretary
15408 SE 14th St
Vancouver WA 98684-8975
USA

SHE MUST RECEIVE IT BY JULY 21, 1997.

The YLRL Constitution and By-Laws prohibit write-in votes. If there are no nominees for an office, it will be filled by the incoming President.

Vote for one District Chairwoman for the district in which you live. **ALL MEMBERS** (except Honorary Members) also vote for Receiving Treasurer #4-DX Chairman.

Be sure to include your name, call sign, and the district in which you live as part of your return address, or your vote will not count!

1998/1999 Candidates ----- *continued from page 14*
member of Chix and the Cleveland ARC.

9th District Chair:

Carole L. Burke, WB9RUS Carole has been licensed since 1975 and a member of YLRL since 1976. She is currently 9th District Chairwoman. She is active in the Ft. Wayne ARC and has service as President, Secretary and a Board Member. She lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

10th District Chair:

Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV Cheryl has been licensed since 1992 and has been a member of YLRL since 1994. She has served YLRL as 10 District Chairwoman since 1995. She lives in Parker, Colorado.

KL7 District Chair:

Betty Marsh, KL7FJW Betty has been licensed many years and joined YLRL in 1966. She has served YLRL as KL7 District Chairwoman and has graciously offered to do so for another two years.

VE District Chair:

To Be Appointed.

YLRL Ballot for Election of 1998/1999 Officers

PRESIDENT: Nancy Hall, KC4IYD..... _____

VICE PRESIDENT: Cleo Bracket, K0JFO _____

SECRETARY: Donna Deyoe, K6DNG _____

DISB. TREASURER: ... Ginger Franzen, AB6WS _____

..... Jerri St. John, WB7OXK..... _____

RECEIVING TREASURERS*

RT #1: Jean Chittenden, WA2BGE _____

RT #2: Phyllis Douglas, K7SEC _____

RT #3: Twila Greenheck, N0JPH _____

..... Carol Schmitkons, KB8VYB _____

RT #4: Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV _____

DISTRICT CHAIRS

#1: Anne Manna, WB1ARU _____

#2: Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC _____

#3: Barbara Bender, KA3VXR _____

#4: Pam Hopson, KF4ANJ _____

..... Roseann Johnston, N4ZNO _____

#5: Doris Anderson, K5BNQ _____

#6: Jerri Haines, KB6USX _____

#7: Sara Lyon, AB7PS _____

#8: Terri Berchek, WD8LQH _____

..... Carol Iams, W8WRJ _____

#9: Carole Burke, WB9RUS _____

#10: Cheryl Muhr, N0WBV _____

!! IMPORTANT !!
!! SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON PRIOR PAGE !!

* RT #1-Districts 1, 2, 3, & 4
RT #2-Districts 5, 6, & 7
RT #3-Districts 8-10, KH6, KL7, VE
RT #4-DX

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OHIO YLS GATHER

Chix YL Meeting

The Chix YL group met on April 12 at the QTH of May Tomazic, N8MZJ, to finish work on the egoodie bags for the Buckeye Belles Annual Meeting. May had painted logos of the Buckeye Belles and Chix YLs on the front and back of the bags. The ladies finished outlining and lettering them. A total of 66 bags were completed. The next meeting will be on June 21 at the QTH of Bobbi Holton, WA8BWT, in Ashland, OH.

Belles' Annual Meeting

In our (KB8VYB, KC4IYD and KB8QAN) haste to leave for Columbus, KC4IYD forgot to latch the rear hatch on KB8VYB's minivan. The end result? KC4IYD's luggage ended up in the middle of Route 83! After a quick retrieval, we were on our way. We took a side trip to Amish country to pick a few goodies, and then continued to Columbus via the scenic route.

We arrived in Columbus in time to hit the Outback Steakhouse for dinner, where we were joined by Terri, WD8LQH-Buckeye Belle President; May, N8MZJ-Buckeye Belle Treasurer; and Bobbi, WA8BWT. After dinner and with our tummies full, we filled the goodie bags, ragchewed and did some other paperwork.

We woke up the next morning red-eyed and grumbling because WD8LQH decided we needed a 5:30 a.m. wake-up call. We arrived in Lancaster at 7:30 and began setting up the registration and meeting. We had a business meeting, lunch, slide show on Operation Deep Freeze, 50/50 drawing, door prizes and a white elephant gift exchange before we adjourned.

39 people attended the meeting, with 12 of them being OMs. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were forged that will ensure that our YL organization will remain strong in the future.

I don't think I'd want my name in print either, after I lost my luggage like that!! --the Editor.

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# Disbursing Treasurer's Report

Ginger Wonderling, AB6WS



YOUNG LADIES RADIO LEAGUE, INC.  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH  
FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1996

| DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                      | CHECKING     | SCHOLARSHIP  | GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT |                             | TOTAL        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                                                                                  | PETTY CASH   | FUND MM      | GENERAL FUND                      | PRESIDENTS' CONVENTION FUND |              |
| CASH BALANCE AS OF 6/30/96                                                                                                                       | \$ 25,751.95 | \$ 18,857.00 | \$ 479.74                         | \$ 1,093.73                 | \$ 46,182.42 |
| CASH RECEIPTS:                                                                                                                                   |              |              |                                   |                             |              |
| Dues *                                                                                                                                           | 642.00       |              |                                   |                             | 642.00       |
| First Class Postage *                                                                                                                            | 160.00       |              |                                   |                             | 160.00       |
| Interest Income                                                                                                                                  |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| Sales of Supplies                                                                                                                                |              | 4,420.00     |                                   |                             | 4,420.00     |
| Donations                                                                                                                                        |              |              |                                   |                             | 4.00         |
| Subscriptions                                                                                                                                    | 4.00         |              |                                   |                             | 4.00         |
| Transfer to Money Market                                                                                                                         | (15,322.00)  |              | 15,322.00                         |                             | 0.00         |
| TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS                                                                                                                              | (14,516.00)  | 4,420.00     | 15,322.00                         | 0.00                        | 5,226.00     |
| CASH DISBURSEMENTS:                                                                                                                              |              |              |                                   |                             |              |
| YL Harmonics Expense**                                                                                                                           |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| Scholarship Expense                                                                                                                              |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| Officers Expense                                                                                                                                 | 190.78       |              | 300.00                            |                             | 490.78       |
| R.T. Expense                                                                                                                                     | 56.59        |              |                                   |                             | 56.59        |
| Chairman's Expenses                                                                                                                              | 211.26       |              |                                   |                             | 211.26       |
| Supplies Inventory/Expense                                                                                                                       | 109.61       |              |                                   |                             | 109.61       |
| Trophies and Awards                                                                                                                              |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| Convention Seed Money                                                                                                                            | (1,000.00)   |              |                                   | 1,000.00                    | 0.00         |
| Convention Prize                                                                                                                                 | 309.54       |              |                                   |                             | 309.54       |
| Presidents Lunch                                                                                                                                 | 115.00       |              |                                   |                             | 115.00       |
| Misc.                                                                                                                                            |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS                                                                                                                         | (7.22)       | 0.00         | 300.00                            | 1,000.00                    | 1,292.76     |
| INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH:                                                                                                                   | (14,508.78)  | 4,420.00     | 15,322.00                         | (1,000.00)                  | 3,933.22     |
| CASH BALANCE AS OF 9/30/96                                                                                                                       | 11,243.17    | 23,277.00    | 179.74                            | 93.73                       | 50,115.64    |
| * Dues & First Class Postage have been adjusted for returned checks.<br>** Harmonics expenses were incurred during the period, but not reported. |              |              |                                   |                             |              |
| (a) Reflects Adjustment of \$4,420 deposited to wrong account by bank.                                                                           |              |              |                                   |                             |              |



# Disbursing Treasurer's Report

Ginger Wonderling, AB6WS



YOUNG LADIES RADIO LEAGUE, INC.  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN CASH  
FOR PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1996

| DESCRIPTION                                                                                                                                      | CHECKING     | SCHOLARSHIP  | GENERAL FUND MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT |                             | TOTAL        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
|                                                                                                                                                  | PETTY CASH   | FUND MM      | GENERAL FUND                      | PRESIDENTS' CONVENTION FUND |              |
| CASH BALANCE AS OF 9/30/96                                                                                                                       | \$ 11,243.17 | \$ 23,277.00 | \$ 179.74                         | \$ 93.73                    | \$ 50,115.64 |
| CASH RECEIPTS:                                                                                                                                   |              |              |                                   |                             |              |
| Dues *                                                                                                                                           | 228.00       |              |                                   |                             | 228.00       |
| First Class Postage *                                                                                                                            | 76.00        |              |                                   |                             | 76.00        |
| Interest Income                                                                                                                                  |              | 173.88       | 1.49                              | 5.21                        | 297.61       |
| Sales of Supplies                                                                                                                                | 237.25       |              |                                   |                             | 237.25       |
| Donations                                                                                                                                        |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| Subscriptions                                                                                                                                    |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS                                                                                                                              | 541.25       | 173.88       | 1.49                              | 5.21                        | 836.86       |
| CASH DISBURSEMENTS:                                                                                                                              |              |              |                                   |                             |              |
| YL Harmonics Expense**                                                                                                                           |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| Scholarship Expense                                                                                                                              |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| Officers Expense                                                                                                                                 | 636.30       |              |                                   |                             | 636.30       |
| R.T. Expense                                                                                                                                     |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| Chairman's Expenses                                                                                                                              | 43.84        |              |                                   |                             | 43.84        |
| Supplies Inventory/Expense                                                                                                                       | 218.31       |              |                                   |                             | 218.31       |
| Trophies and Awards                                                                                                                              |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| Convention Seed Money                                                                                                                            | (748.13)     |              | 748.13                            | (748.13)                    | (748.13)     |
| Misc.                                                                                                                                            |              |              |                                   |                             | 0.00         |
| TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS                                                                                                                         | 150.32       | 0.00         | 0.00                              | (748.13)                    | 150.32       |
| INCREASE / (DECREASE) IN CASH:                                                                                                                   | 390.93       | 173.88       | (631.10)                          | 753.34                      | 688.54       |
| CASH BALANCE AS OF 12/31/96                                                                                                                      | 11,634.10    | 23,450.88    | 181.23                            | 847.07                      | 50,804.18    |
| * Dues & First Class Postage have been adjusted for returned checks.<br>** Harmonics expenses were incurred during the period, but not reported. |              |              |                                   |                             |              |

## Meet YLRL's First Handi-Ham Camper!

Meet Shannon Roe, KB6QYV, YLRL's first camper sponsored to Courage Foundation's Handi-Ham Radio Workshop. Shannon attended camp in Malibu, CA March 2 through 8, 1997. While she was there, she passed her technician test to upgrade to Tech Plus. (Yippee!) Ginger Wonderling, AB6WS was part of the VE team, as was Irene Osea, KS6I on March 8. As you can see from the photo, it was a picture postcard day in Malibu.

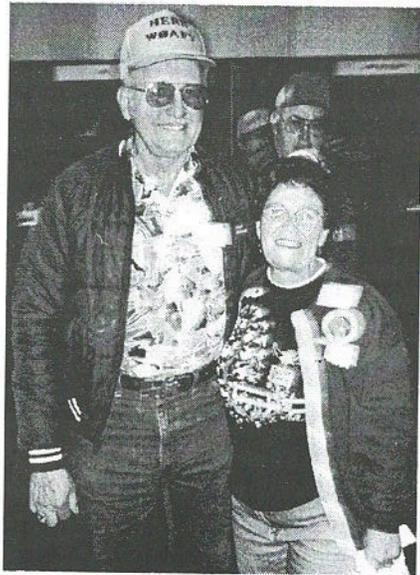
L to R: Shannon Roe, KB6QYV (look at that grin!) and Ginger Wonderling, AB6WS. Photo by Patrick Tice, WA0TDA of Courage Foundation.



## And Then There's Herb!!

I'm pleased to be able to publish a picture of a handsome gentleman who's performing an extra special service for us YLs. This is Herb Peteriet, W0AFY. If you've perused your *YLH* over the past year or so, you've seen his name pop up here and there. Herb currently does the YL Packet Net a huge favor. On request, he forwards bulletins from the Net to those YLs who are interested but are not on packet.

The photo was provided courtesy of Kay Holzman, KB5VJR, who met Herb and his XYL Bonnie at the Green Country HamFest in 1997. Kay fills in for Herb when he goes on vacation. Thanks for all you do, Herb!!



L to R: Herb Peteriet, W0AFY & Kay Holzman, KB5VJR

District  
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## Anne Manna, WB1ARU

I imagine that by the time this is read, summer will be here, but now we're in the midst of a cool spring in 1-Land. The snow is gone, except high in the mountains, and flowers and leaves are appearing.

WRONE met in Keene, NH on May 3 for the annual Spring Luncheon. About 35 members and guests enjoyed lunch at the Wright Mansion, a lovely old home now operated as a B & B. The luncheon was hosted by Dawn, K1TQY and Sandy, KA1TLP.

Ktt, WA1WQM will be traveling with OM Bob, WA1TKH to Alaska in June. They will tour by boat, bus, and train. Kit's son, daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren (ages 2, 4, and 6) have moved from Egypt to Perth, Australia, so we know where Kit and Bob will be planning their next trip to!

I know that Kit will be back in Vermont before Field Day, because she and some other VT YLs, including Dot, KA1LDS and Deb, NN1C, are planning to run an all YL Field Day site. They will be operating either 3 or 4D using their club call. If anyone else participates in Field Day activities, be sure and let me know so I can include the information in the next issue of YLH.

The best story I heard at the luncheon was the one that Gail, N1UVJ and Pat, N1LZH had to tell. It seems that although both are members of WRONE, they had never met until they both attended the Grand Strand ARC Saturday morning breakfast in Myrtle Beach, SC in March! Pat heard Gail give her call, and went over and introduced herself. There's nothing like amateur radio to make the world a smaller place.

It was great to see Blanche, W4GXZ back in New England again. She and OM Wes, W4COW had a lovely winter in Tampa, but are now happily moved in to their new summer home in Amherst, MA. It is an apartment that is attached by an enclosed porch to their daughter's home. The second bedroom has become the ham shack, computer room, sewing room, and Blanche's office. It sounds like that will be the room they will spend most of their time in!

Blanche and Wes had a bit of an adventure on their trip up from Florida. It seems they visited a QCWA Chapter in northern NJ to present an award. Unfortunately, they lost the new muffler off their car, due to a bump in the road, and it was Friday night. Needless to say, getting a repair on the weekend was hopeless, so they had a LOUD trip home!

The Yankee Lassies Net has averaged 10 to 12 check-ins every week. I was able to check in on April 2 due to the April Fool's blizzard that kept school closed for three days. I also got on April 23 during my spring break. That day, check-ins included Minerva, WB2JNL and Carolyn, K1BJZ. Neither of them had been on the net for quite a while. Regulars on the net

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## Myrtle Farnsworth, N2AKC



Mother Nature is totally confused—here it is April 18th and we are in the midst of a snow storm. Spring flowers are totally covered, as are the trees, grass and sidewalks. However, it is spring and, oh my, if this be spring, what can we expect of summer?

With that thought to ponder, we know what our good and faithful Lia is doing regardless of the weather. She had more contacts on the YL/OM Contest than last year. Keep up the good work, Lia. Also, we are sorry to hear of the loss of Lia's dear adoptee. How sad that you can no longer call, "CQ DF2SL." We know you were like sisters and that you will miss her.

Minerva, WB2JNL writes with sad news. Our condolences to Christine, WB2YBA who lost her OM Sam on April 16. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

I heard from Marion, KA3ZKM that she and OM Joe, K2ZLF had a nice Easter. Attending mass, and then spending the day with their 17 year old grandson made it perfect. Joe hasn't been up to par lately, but we hope and pray things get better soon.

Thanks to e-mail from Bobbie, AA2JO, we received the great news that the Ogdensburg Amateur Radio Club had a "Big Surprise Party" for the 85th birthday of Lois, WA2RXO. There were 30 Amateurs and friends present for the celebration. Along with two extra large cakes, cards and e-mail greetings, Lois also received a 25 year continuous membership pin from ARRL. Needless to say, Lois was overcome with joy. ☺

When I checked into the Saturday SAYLARC net, it was nice to hear Roberta, KA2AFL, who is healthy and happy running the net in good form despite the bad band conditions. Vera, WA1JYO is another dependable SAYLARC member who regularly checks in. I was glad to hear that she is healthy and busy and waiting to get outside in the sunshine after the long cold winter. Lia was also on the net, but due to conditions, we were unable to copy her. Sorry Lia, maybe next time.

That covers the news for this issue. Please note that I would like to hear from you gals in 2-Land. Take a minute to write a card, e-mail or whatever. Just to get in touch.

If you are going to Dayton, I hope to see you there. In closing, stay healthy and keep smiling. Bye now – 33, Myrtle



it is nice to be important  
but it is more important to be nice.

~~contributed by myrtle farnsworth, n2akc~~

## Ruthanna Pearson, WB3CQN



Our weather has been crazy and I am sure we are all confused about spring—even Mother Nature doesn't seem too sure! HI HI!! The peach crop in this area has been hit very hard, and our prayers go to all our friends in the flooding areas.

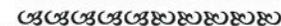
Dayton Hamfest is soon and I know everyone will have a great time. I can't make it this year but I'll be along in mind. I'm building a new home and hope to be in it by July. It will keep me busy moving and getting up my tower and antennas. At this typing, they are getting ready to do the framing. Sure hope we don't have a lot of rain 'til it is under roof!!

Bert, W3TNP wrote me about her annual trip to Florida with OM Ernie, W3KKN. They left January 22 and spent a week on St. Simons Island in GA, before arriving in Madeira Beach, FL for a four week stay. On the way home, they stopped in Lakeland to visit Marge, WB3JUT and her OM. They attended a luncheon with the Pelican Chapter of QCWA and saw Blanche Randles, W4GQX who is very active in that chapter. Bert spent a couple of afternoons with Harriet Creighton, WA3ATQ who now lives in Seminole FL and is now a widow. Thanks, Bert, for the news. I'm glad you enjoy the 3-Land news. I appreciate your news and nice comments.

I had a nice letter from Gwen, VK3DYL who says that she will be going to the CLARA Convention along with Lois, WB3EFQ. It sounds like there will be a lot of YLRL gals attending.

Our York Amateur Club had their annual banquet April 12 and all enjoyed to good food and friendship. This summer we've planned a corn roast and a pig roast. We had four of our members pass their 13 wpm code and they are now Generals. Two of them were YLs!

33, Ruthanna



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include Marion, KA2ZKM; Arline, W1LIO; Dawn, K1TQY; Barb, WB1EHS; Kit, WA1WQM; Dot, W1TGY; and Vera, WA1JYO. Dot told us that Jean, K1TVT's father passed away recently. He was in his 90s.

I guess that's it for this time. Send news for the next issue before Field Day. Don't forget to let me know if you're operating Field Day so I can listen for you. I'll be operating with the Capeway Radio Club using the call W1AA. 33, Anne WB1ARU

**Mary Moore, KL7P/4**

Roseann, N4ZNO sent me a copy of the Tea Kettle Net Directory. That gal has been doing lots of good work with the net and promoting YLRL in the Pell City, AL area. We appreciate you Roseann. Hope to hear you back on HF real soon.

Thanks to Pam, KF4ANJ, for donating a door prize for the Birmingham Hamfest. The lucky winner of a collector plate was Helen Watters of Birmingham. Pam also made the arrangements for the YLRL table there and made some bright pink flyers with YLRL information on them to hand out. Everyone had a good time and the Bar-B-Q banquet was a success. We got to meet and sign up Audra Davis, KF4HFD, as a new member from Wattsville, AL. Other YLs stopping by the table were Edie Heald, KS4OK, from Millington, TN and Jan Law, N4SNN, from Montgomery, AL.

I ran into Michelle, KF4FYF at the Columbus, GA hamfest and she is going to re-instate her membership with YLRL. I'm glad to have her back with us.

For some personal news, I received my QSL cards from Heard Island this week. I was fortunate enough to work them on 20 meters, both CW and SSB. That was quite exciting. I attempted to work the DX-YL contest. Never got a reply nor heard anyone operating while I was on. I wasn't on all the time though, since I had to work. Maybe next year will be better.

My OM volunteered me to index and cross-reference the 1948 QST's for an ARRL project. This was very time consuming, but I really enjoyed it. Reading all of the articles was fascinating—the first sideband QSO's, the homebrew projects, the advent of TVI, FCC authorizing mobile operation, the history of the founding of ARRL, and many other items of interest. This turned into a learning experience instead of a job. The outcome of all this is that the ARRL will soon have all of the QST's indexed and cross-referenced in a data base and you can "search" for any subject or call sign that has been in QST over the years. I hope they will put it on the Internet for easy access.

With summer on the way, we've been re-building our boat and getting ready to get out on the lake. Let me hear from you about your summer plans.  
33, de Mary, KL7P/4

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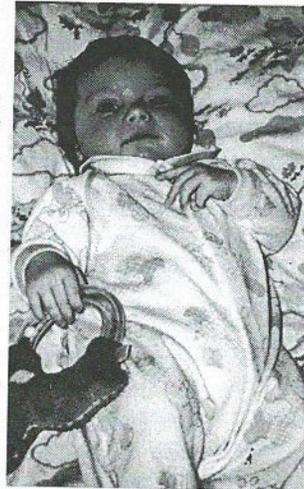
Don't Forget To Vote!!!

Doris Anderson, K5BNQ

Well, spring is busting out all over, and so have storms and floods. Hopefully, the worst is over.

Hamfests are popping up, too. Kay, KB5VJR asked for YLRL material for their swapfest and for the OKC Ham Holiday which is coming up in July. She has been busy with FCE and camping and the radio club.

Linda, AA5GS says she hasn't been on the air much because she started watching Home & Garden TV and that led to the remodel of her house. She tells of a QSO in 1988 with a Russian OM Val, UA3DEA which led to a last relationship with him and his wife Lena. Linda and her OM have visited them in Russia each year with the exception of 1992 when they brought Val and Lena over for a five week visit during the ChristmasHolidays. The couple had been praying for a baby for 10 years. Well, nine months after they returned home, Little Alexander (Sasha) was born!



Sasha, a "Made in USA" baby.

Our Harryette, W6QGX/5 was featured in Esther, W6BDE's "Sylver Belles" column in the spring issue of QCWA Journal. What a colorful story about our very determined Harryette. Look it up if you haven't read it. It leaves you breathless!

Kathryn, WM5O moved on April 17 from Las Cruces NM to Ocala FL. Our loss is District 4's gain. Kathryn is hoping to get on the air soon as she has missed Irma and the Open House Net. Her Ocala number is (352) 237-0536.

Alma, AB5AB enjoyed the Hale-Bopp Comet and the spectacular bluebonnets this spring, as well as the exotic songbirds. She is still very active with Volunteer Exams and CD work.

Anita, WA5JMC and OM Eugene, WA5CYI (better known as "Pump Handle") returned in February from a trip on the Amazon River. They are regular world travelers.

Burnette, K5JGC and OM T.P., K5EYN have just returned from one of their most glorious trips ever. They cruised Australia and New Zealand for three weeks via Sky Princess. For those who have "been there, done that", you realize how impossible it is to describe the magnificence of that experience! They met an Extra Class Ham, W1PP, a retired professor

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At the April Meeting of the Ladies Amateur Radio Club of Orange County the discussion continued as to whether to host the YLRL Convention in Southern California in 1999. Thanks to Bobbi KA6JDO who filled me in on the meeting and told me that Jeanette DeLong KD6GA is doing much better.

The Young Ladies Radio Club of Los Angeles had its April Meeting at the Calimesa, CA home of Midge, K6BUS and Frank, WA6JEY. Midge always puts on a wonderful luncheon buffet—several breads, lunch meats, cheeses, potato salad, summer fruits with all the trimmings. The gals brought different desserts, from pies and cakes to rice pudding. When dessert was served, a large candle was put in the middle of a delicious pudding-cake and everyone sang “Happy Birthday” to Frank. Many members from the outlying areas of Los Angeles attended, including Martha, W6QYL of 29 Palms, Meta, WA6BNS and her daughter Pat of Lakeside (near San Diego), Donna Chiurazzi of Camarillo and Irma, K6KCI of Thousand Oaks, with a total of 15 members and guests. During the meeting portion, a new Vice-President was elected and unanimously approved—Madge WA6LWE. President Midge, K6BUS, Secretary Vi, W6CBA and Treasurer Irma K6KCI will all remain for another term. Thanks Midge and Frank for a wonderful time.

Irma, K6KCI sends greetings from some YLs around CA, including Esther W6BDE, Roxy K6ELO, Evelyn N6DEJ, Ginny K6MQS, Joanne WA6QKC and Val KH6QI in Nevada.

I received a letter from Mable W6YZV. She celebrated her 50th year in Amateur Radio on February 7. She also will be celebrating her 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 17. She says they have lived on the same antenna farm for the past 43 years.

I was absolutely delighted to receive an e-mail note from Claire, K6ZCR. Claire was a LAYLARC member in the late 50's and early 60's. She is not on any YL nets, but does have two weekly CW skeds and the OM Russ, W7LXR is on the air most of the time. Thanks Claire.

Nell, ex-NB6A has a new call—K0GO. She says it's great on CW. She left on April 10 for Bismarck, ND with her sister-in-law. Then it was on to Perham, MN to celebrate her sister's birthday, and then home to Desert Hot Springs, CA. She says when it gets hot in Desert Hot Springs, she will be enroute north, near Seattle, where her son lives. She is planning on attending the County Hunters Convention in July, at Orlando, Florida.

My OM Don, KA6DJK and I attended the Big Northern/Southern California DX Convention in Fresno, CA in April. Northern California puts on a really fine Convention.

33, Vi (E-mail address: w6cba@juno.com)



It's tulip time in Washington. We've had a lot of rain the last few months so we really appreciate it when the sun peeks out of the clouds and spreads sunshine and warmth around.

The YLs of the Evergreen Intertie YL net had a great time at their table at the Mike & Key Electronic Swap Meet in Puyallup on March 8th. I counted 14 of those who regularly check in on Monday nights including YLRL members Margaret, KC7LXS; Terrie, AB7PX; Lorraine, KA7WGG; Mary, W7HPA; Tammi, KC7EUE; Eunice, KC7EVI; Marcie, KC7DAT; Robin, KJ7BI; and myself. Terrie, AB7PX had made a wonderful board with photos of many of the gals. It was framed with drawings of YL faces that she had sketched as she listened to the net! It will be on display at SEAPAC June 14 and 15. I understand that the Two Rivers Net is also making one.



Sitting, l to r: Robin-KJ7BI; Marcie-KC7DAT; Terrie-AB7PX; and Lorraine-KA7WGG, with her grandson. Standing, l to r: Margaret-KC7LXS and Wallene-KC7HYI.

Barb, KC7KQI reports that the Two Rivers YLs had a potluck lunch at her house on March 22. They brought out all of their salad recipes and enjoyed the variety. Attending were Patsy, KA7MZZ; Marti, N6XDS; Donna, K6DNG; Barbara, KC7KVT; Lucretia, KB7TSQ; and Barb, KC7KQI. Patsy's OM John, KE7CR has designed a logo for the net that they will use for nametags! For their service project they have chosen the battered women's shelter in Vacouver and are collecting money and needed items. They are planning a get-together in May with other local YLRL members.

The MINOW annual meeting and picnic will be held on May 17 and 18 at the Oregon 4-H Center about 5 miles west of Salem where Janice, NL7NJ and her OM KC5OFT live and work. The program for the Saturday evening dinner will be by Ruth, K1IIF; Audrey, N7HAT; and Flo, KU7F on the International YL meeting in Berlin last summer. Sounds like a fun weekend. MINOW member Joan Gallagher became a silent key in early March.

News from the Cactus Keys: Phyllis W2GLB reports that Maria, KB7INH and her OM Jim welcomed a new grandson early in April. Margaret, WA0KVP, a snowbird, has had both knees replaced. She is recovering

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Spring is on it's way. The robins are back, we we've had some warm weather, and my tulips are up. I don't know if the latter will survive since it was down in the 20's last night for the second night in a row. They are hanging on by a thread.

I checked into the Buckeye Belles recently. By the time everyone reads this the Annual meeting scheduled for April 27 will be history. To date, they have 29 reservations, so it should be a real nice time for all. I'll give you the results of their election of officers in the next issue.

Doris, WD8IKC had her family for Easter. They are expecting to go to Dayton this year after several years of absence do to health problems. We will sure be glad to see them.

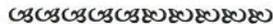
Mae, N8MZJ, who has never been to Dayton is hoping she will be able to make it. She says that she had enjoyed seeing the Hale-Bopp comet. It has been exceptionally visible from here also.

Jean, WB8FIC, took off for the east coast to visit her children and grandchildren, so I assume her leg is better.

Our sons were all together in Royal Oak, Michigan in late March and took us out to a fancy steak house to celebrate Jim's 60th birthday. He's a lot older than I am girls, by many, many months.

We have sold our house, and as of this date are still looking for that perfect 40 acres for my OM to grow antennas. My faith is still holding, the movers are scheduled to load our belongings May 5, so we can go to Dayton as homeless people.

33, Carol Hall, WD8DQG



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well and by the time you read this she should be back home in Lawrence, KS.

Other news includes word from Claire, K6ZCR who reports that Grandson "Jeremy" was born on Easter morning. He has had a few problems but according to his proud grandmother, "Looking at him, he appears to be ready to take on the world!"

I just received word that Cindy, KC7MJL has passed the "slippery" code and has upgraded to general! Congratulations, Cindy! Way to go!

Guess this is it for this time. I know several of the gals are working on code, so I hope to have news of some upgrades be fore too long. Hang in there—it's tough but you can do it! Be sure to let me know when you make it.

I can be reached by e-mail: jean@halcyon.com; by packet: AB7PS@KB6LE.#WWA.WA.USA.NOAM; or by mail. 33, Sara



It is finally spring in Indiana. The daffodils are gone, but the tulips are blooming now, the days are getting sunnier, and the temperatures are finally reasonable.

With spring, came our new grandson. His name is Evan James and he was born March 24, 1997 at 2:42 p.m., weighing 8 lb. 2 oz., at 21 inches long. Mother and son are doing great. His big brothers think that he is terrific and he is! Al and I were able to be in Dayton when he was born. They came over to Fort Wayne last weekend so he could meet his great-grandma. She just loved him and all the residents in the nursing home were thrilled with him.

I heard from Dot, N9ALC. She is busy with granchildrens' birthdays, bowling once a week, and getting outside grounds ready for spring. She is definitely going to have a busy May. The first week she will be in the Ozarks. The following weekend will see her overnight at the Empress Hotel and Casino. Memorial weekend, she will be in Iowa for her granddaughter's wedding. After that, she will be spending time at her summer place, which has a new roof.

Ann, K9RXK will be at the Dayton Hamvention this year. She is looking forward to seeing her adoptee Teresa, PT2TF and her OM Walter, PT2TE. They had spent a weekend with her two years ago so she is excited to see them again. She is then going to Florida to visit her sister for a month of activities.

It was so nice to hear from you gals. I hope that more YLs get the courage and write or e-mail me. It really is painless and I don't bite. I even answer messages. Also, when I hear from you gals, it makes my job so much easier. Besides, then you won't have to read about the grandchildren.

I am looking forward to the Dayton Hamvention and meeting many of you. And, I hope that if you see me at the YL forum, that you come up and say "hello". I will be on the look-out for all of you. I hope everyone has a safe trip to Dayton or to wherever you may be travelling. We'll do this again in a couple of months.

33's Carole, WB9RUS



god evidently does not intend
us all to be rich or powerful or great,
but he does intend us all to be friends.

~ralph waldo emerson~



It sounds as if the 10-Land YLs have been keeping busy! There have been a lot of different groups working the MS walks and runs throughout the district, as well as other charity communication duties. Thanks to all the YLs who are helping these good causes. Your help is a big part of Amateur Radio!

Sherry Wier, KB0SQQ writes that some of the YLs in her area will help the Arthritis Foundation with their radio skills during a joint parade. They are also planning to have a station for Field Day and will be using the call sign W0SOE.

If you are in the Kansas area, don't forget to try to attend the Salina Hamfest and the Kansas State ARRL Convention in Wichita.

Though the Dayton Hamfest will be over by the time this issue comes out, don't forget that Field Day comes up at the end of June. Field Day is a great chance to practice your emergency skills. Female voices work wonders on SSB! Let your local group know if you are interested in participating in Field Day. Most groups love to have extra help.

The Sunflower YL Group in Wichita KS is not officially a club, but they are planning a great 1997. On April 13, the YLs got together to learn the basics of soldering and on May 4, they put together a simple kit. It's great to see YLs learning more than how to operate the radio.

Don't forget to congratulate Jodi Law, former N0ZQU, now AB0EG, when you see her next. She upgraded while spending the winter in Texas. Congratulations on the new call!

If you have built a radio, antenna or other kit recently, write and let me know. What other radio projects or clubs are you involved with or want to work on more? What aspects of Ham Radio do you enjoy the most? Have you heard of any upgrades or call changes? Let me know!

Have a great summer and let me know what's keeping you busy this year.

73 & 33, Cheryl, N0WBV



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from the University of New Hampshire, and his lovely XYL, June. They were disappointed that they didn't get to see their friends Cathy, ZL2ADK and Brian, ZL2TPS who live on the south island of New Zealand.

Burnette added that the Gulf Area Young Ladies Amateur Radio Klub (GAYLARK) just welcomed its most newest member Helen Schadler, WB5GIN. She is a native Houstonian—a rare bird indeed!

Well, that about does it from here. The OM and I are trying to get everything arranged for an extended trip to Alaska this summer.

33, Doris



Spring is slowly coming up here this year. A few early wild flowers and berries are in bloom, but the poor little humming birds were hard pressed as the temperatures were below freezing at night 'til the 19th of April. They were at the feeders from dawn until dark, but I have seen very few the last couple of days. Hopefully, they're just nesting.

Thank you Marti-N6XDS, Marte-K0EPE, and Kay-WA0WOF for the remembrances of our dear Ethel, W4LMB. We will all miss her. Ester-W6BDE and *Worldradio* also wrote excellent articles.

I was happy to see that Hazel, AL7OT in Soldotna has joined YLRL. I haven't heard her on the air yet, but I hope to soon as a close ham, John, KL7IGZ is on AK net in the morning. She writes that she is going on a trip to North Dakota to see her granddaughter's graduation in May, and then she'll be on to CA for another graduation in June. The plan is to return home in July.

Geri, KL7ALZ, I want to apologize for spelling your name wrong. I couldn't find my answers from you gals until after I'd sent in the column last time. Are the Parkas still meeting now and again?

Cleaning out a desk drawer, I came across some old Alaska Lassie QSL cards we had silk screened. What fond memories of the group of gals I have. After the OMs and children were off and the coffee was poured and maybe the ironing dug out, we'd chat, exchange recipes, and just share the morning several times a week. With us spread out all over the state, we had eyeball QSOs once or twice a year. Fifteen meters was open and the Snowflake Net, run by Rosie, KL7FQQ and I as NCSs was in full swing. Rose now has fibremyalgia since a very bad automobile accident when a car came across the four lane and hit them head on. She is slowly improving but is not on the air just yet.

Florence, KL7AJZ, soak up a bit of that sun for me too. Have a great time in Arizona.

Please gals, drop me a line or two, or a radio relay by one of the hams on the AK-Pacific net, and let me know what is going on. Any of them will be glad to relay to me. It should reach me by the 15th of the even numbered months so I can have the column to the Editor by the 1st of the odd months. Greetings to all you YLs. 33, Betty, KL7FJW



true contentment is the power
of getting out of any situation all that there is in it.

~~ G. K. Chesterton ~~

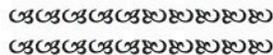
Updates on CLARA Events

CLARA Pot Luck Picnic: The Ontario Hamfest will be held July 5, 1997 at the Milton Fairgrounds, with the CLARA pot-luck picnic meeting at 11:30 a.m. Minnie, VE3DBQ will have a draw on her CLARA Pillow Doll. There will be other draws and prizes and a variety of great food and liquid refreshments. If you need more information, contact Jeanne, VA3WX in Burlington, or Cathy, VE3GJH.

CLARA 1997 Gala: CLARA is celebrating it's 30th year! The Gala will be a full weekend of education, fun, friendship and whatever! We have YLs from 10 countries already registered. Come meet old friends and make new ones. We have great meals (buffet, so you're sure to find something to temp you!), a CW contest for YLs, several surprise contests and exams/upgrades.

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER

All prices for ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞
CLARA's Gala Celebration ☞ ☞ ☞
are in Canadian funds! ☞ ☞ ☞ ☞



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 Park and shopping on Oxford Street. Hmmm . . . I have done that before. They must have been homesick for London when places were named during the early years in Sydney! The Opera House in Sydney is really something. I had to go on a guided tour during the day, as well as attend a concert at night. It was marvellous!

As if that weren't enough, I made day trips to Canberra and the Blue Mountains, and the weather was perfect the whole time I was "down-under". What a lovely trip it was!

CLARA 97 GALA CELEBRATION

**Aurora, Ontario
 September 26-28, 1997**

Check out the Gala's web site:
<http://www.osha.igs.net/~Isolomon/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
 ☞ All meals are buffet style. Prices include Provincial Sales Tax (8%), Government Sales Tax (7%), and Gratuities (15%).

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MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO CLARA 97 GALA & send to CATHY HRISCHENKO VE3GJH, 13451 CONCESSION 1, R.R. 1, ZEPHYR, ONTARIO L0E 1T0.



DX YL News

Cheryl Whitlock, N4JFV



Cheryl is taking this issue off to tend to family matters. She will return for the next issue. In place of her usual, well organized news, I have a smattering of news and an article written by a Swedish YL in Australia.

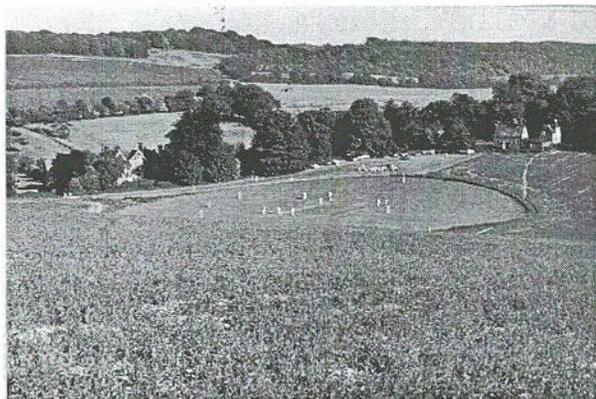
BELGIUM: Tiny, ON4CAT, a new member of YLRL and the President of the Belgian Young Ladies Club writes that her club will sponsor a station commemorating their national holiday. The station will run from 1600 UTC on July 20 until 1600 UTC on July 21. The station will be operating on 10, 15, 20, 40, & 80 meters, as well as two meters and packet. (The local packet node is ON4AWP, on 144.675 MHz.) Listen for the club call of ON4YLC or ON4YLC/21. QSL to ON4AMM.

ENGLAND: Marti, N6XDS writes that her adoptee Ann, G0LAN traveling on weekends to their caravan site in Whitby, Yorkshire on the North Sea. Her current HF antenna allows her to hear few US stations, and those she does hear are weak.

On a recent stay in Whitby, they saw an Australian ship—an exact replica of Captain Cook's ship that sailed from Whitby in the 1700s to explore the Australia/New Zealand area. She said the town was packed and it was a great thrill to see this ship pull into the harbor.

Ann is NCS for the two meter WAB (Worked All Britain) award. Her two daughters have graduated from University and are living in the London area.

Gloria, G3VUN writes that she has acquired her deceased father's former callsign after three years of study. She was G0VUN. She also enclosed an article (to be published in *YLH*) about her recent trip to Romania and says that there are further adventures to come! Busy lady!!



A typical English country summer scene near Gloria's home. (Cricket players.)

Waltzing Matilda . . .

Raija Ulin, SM0HNV

ALARA, the Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Association, was founded in 1975. It's membership includes 100 VK and 115 DX members. Their meeting, ALARAMEET, is held every third year.

The most recent meeting was held in Perth, Western Australia. It was spring in this city of 1.2 million inhabitants, and with over 100 different wildflowers, it was beautiful.

The meet was scheduled for September 28 and 29, 1996, with programs for four days, including lunches, dinners, and sight-seeing by both bus and ferry. Bev, VK6DE was in charge of pulling it all together. The meeting was attended by nearly 70-30 VK YLs, 11 ZL YLs, Aimee - FK8FA, Elizabeth - VE7YL, myself, 25 OMs and some children. All went very well.

Events included a lottery, of course. All clubs need income! Something quite new for me was a craft table, on which we could see examples of hobbies other YLs enjoy. There were many fine examples.

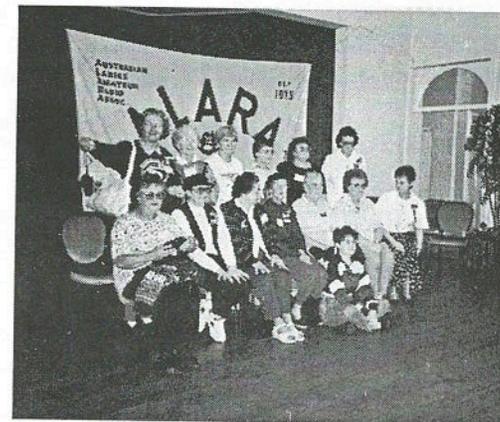
The days went by quickly. At the final ceremony, the ALARA flag was taken down, folded and was given to YLs from Queensland to take to Brisbane, where ALARAMEET 1999 will take place.

I spent the next two days sight-seeing. We took a bus to a water power station, which had overflowed for the first time in 22 years. We also enjoyed a ferry trip to an island named Rottnest. I saw a number of quokka, an animal that looks a bit like a little kangaroo, that only lives there, and a number of dolphins.

Next on the agenda was a visit with Bev, VK6DE and her OM Brian at their farm in Geraldton, a town north of Perth. The farm was very interesting to visit, with 3000 sheep and several fields. They also own a kangaroo that they found abandoned as a baby. Now it is big enough to annoy the dog and they quarrel all day long, HI HI!

We continued our tour of Australia with a flight to the east side of the continent and eight days in Sydney. There I found myself jogging in Hyde

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WELCOME TO THESE NEW MEMBERS

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SILENT KEYS

Our condolences to the families of

WB3GTU Mary Ingersoll, SK
DF2SL Anny Schwager, SK
K1TVT Jean Thompson, on the passing of her father.
WB2JNL Christine Haycock, on the passing of her husband.

Editor's Note: I have many, many more items for this page, but they could not be included here due to space limitations. They will be included in the next issue. My apologies.

From The Editor's Desk

Margaret Dunn, KC7LXS



It must be a conspiracy, at least that's what the OM would say. I seem to be plagued with all manner of obstructions (primarily illness—all four of us sick at different times and computer problems) to getting this issue of YLH out on time! But, in spite of this issue's reluctance to leave the nest, I am giving it the heave-ho! So ready or not, here it comes!!

On the other hand, I have been blessed with an abundance of material for YLH, at least for the time being. This does not mean that you should stop send items for publication. We all need to keep up with what's current in the world of YL Amateur Radio, so keep it coming!!

As I approach my second anniversary as a Ham, I have realized just how much Amateur Radio means to me, even at the tech plus level. A few days ago, the two meter side of my dual band mobile rig stopped transmitting. I was very upset by it, and by the impending loss when the rig goes in for repairs. I'm surprised by my reaction, but it has prompted something of an evaluation of my feelings towards the hobby and a certain amount of pride that this is something that I truly like and not just a flash in the pan. I tried it and I like it!! And there's so much more to learn. I can't wait!!

33, Margaret, KC7LXS

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## 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

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Blue \_\_\_ Black \_\_\_

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Size: Sm \_\_\_ Med \_\_\_ Lrg \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_

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