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Merry Christmas to you all



ZL6YL

**NEW ZEALAND WOMEN AMATEUR RADIO
OPERATORS**

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President's Message

Hi All,

Here I am getting ready for Christmas and of course visits from my family that live in other parts of New Zealand. This is really a lovely time of year here in New Zealand with much warmer weather, the gardens all looking great with all the beautiful roses and rhododendrons in bloom. There are many Christmas decorations already visible in the shops and around the towns especially some homes beautifully decorated with Christmas Lights. The local electricity supplier in our area runs a competition each year for the best decorated homes.

In the last three months some of our YL members have enjoyed meeting up with others at the many Amateur Radio Sales which have been held especially in the North Island. These sales are a really good opportunity to catch up with our many friends.

Many of our YLs have been involved with helping with the provision of radio communications for many sporting events i.e car rallies, horse events, mountain races, along with other community events and also taking part in search and rescue. I would like to thank you all for your involvement with these community events.

I would like to thank all the YLs who send in articles and photos to help make the WARO Bulletin a very interesting publication. I for one really enjoy reading the Bulletin. For those of us that sponsor YLs in other countries it is always very interesting to hear and read about the YL activity in their countries. Now that the morse code seems to no longer be a requirement for the amateur radio licence in many countries we look forward to hearing many more YLs on the HF bands.

Three of our DX YLs have just come back from a DX pedition to Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Island unfortunately propagation was very poor whilst they were there, by all accounts they had an enjoyable time just the same.

I know of several of our YLs and OMs who have not been very well of late I do wish you all a speedy recovery and hope to hear you back on the bands again real soon. On a much sadder note some of our YLs have had their OMs become Silent Keys I am sure that all our thoughts are with them and their families.

Best wishes to all our members and their families for a happy, safe holiday season, may you all enjoy the Festive Season and the company of your family and friends. If you are travelling have a safe journey.

I am sure you will all join with me hoping for a more peaceful, settled world for 2004.

A Happy, Healthy New Year 2004.

33 Bev ZL1OS.

THELMA SOUPER MEMORIAL CONTEST

The Thelma Souper Memorial Contest will held on the 3rd and 4th April 2004 from 0800z - 1000z on Saturday and Sunday evenings. All Contacts to be held on 80 meters phone or CW may be used. YLs contact YLs and OMs. **OMs contact YLs and Oms**. One contact with each station permitted in each half hour period. Call "CQ WARO CONTEST" exchange report, serial number (commencing 001) and name. To qualify as a multiplier **WARO MEMBER** stations must have contacts with at least **10** different stations.

A Bonus Station using the WARO callsign ZL6YL will be in operation for random periods and will count as a multiplier one on each night of the contest if worked. Club stations may be operated by multiples of YLs providing that they are WARO members and have licenses applicable to the band being operated. These stations count as one multiplier. All radio regulations must be observed.

SCORING:

To Qualify: Enter date at beginning of each evening. Each log must contain: Time of Contact, callsign of station worked, cipher sent, cypher received and the name of the operator contacted and points claimed for contact.

Score 5 points for each WARO contact including ZL6YL .

Score 3 points for OM contacts, Score 2 points for club stations. Multiply by the number of WARO members including bonus station if worked.

Logs to have each contact claimed as a multiplier **underlined**. Include a separate summary sheet showing: Your callsign, name and address. The number of contacts. The number of WARO members worked. Your score. Declaration that all radio regulations, have been observed. Logs that do not comply with all the above requirements will be disqualified.

LOGS:

To reach the Contest Manager no later than May 1st 2004

Send to: -

Bev Osborne ZL1OS

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New Zealand

No logs will be returned and No Correspondence will be entered into.

AWARDS:

The highest scoring WARO member will be awarded the Thelma Souper Memorial Cup to be held for one year. The highest scoring OM operator will be awarded a trophy to be held for one year. Certificates will be awarded to: The first three WARO members, the first three OM operators, the highest scoring VK/YL operator.

Please Note:

Contacts made during the contest will count towards the NZ WARO Awards.

Notes from Blue Highway by Ngaire Harrison ZL1KN



Ngaire ZL1KN and Iain ZL1KK

As the song goes we are back on the road again, leaving the Waikato we had our first stop in Rotorua, (wild pork on the menu) then on to Lake Waipawa north of Mangakino. Next day a pleasant drive to a motor camp at Wai-iti, then on to New Plymouth arriving on Friday morning we gave the men a hand to set up the hall for the Amateur Radio Sale. It was an auction very interesting and had a good attendance.

I met Carol ZL2VQ and Jill ZL2DBO, Celia ZL1ALK was there also Reg ZL2LX and his wife Rose who seem to follow us around the amateur radio sales or maybe we follow them.

Left New Plymouth and on to Eltham to a free park over, very nice and very quiet. On to Wanganui, with a stop at Maxwell to see a fellow Ham ZL2TMA, having a few days in Wanganui with sister-in-law. Then on to Palmerston North staying in the same camp as ZL2BCZ Ivan and his wife Aveen, next morning on to Longburn Hall for the Amateur Radio Sale. It was a bigger sale than New Plymouth.

We left the next morning for the Waikato staying the night in Waiouru with the temperature dropping to zero, would not like too many nights like that. Went to Te Puke and helped their Amateur radio Club with JOTA. Then on to Edgumbe to see Bert ZL1OP and found we had arrived on the night of the Kawerau Amateur Radio Branch meeting being held at Bert's residence. It was good to see Bev ZL1OS, her OM Graeme and fellow Hams. Then travelled to Galatea staying a couple of nights at Lake Aniwhenua.

We are on our way to the South Island.
33 Ngaire ZL1KN.

(Ed: Ngaire and OM Iain live permanently in their Motor Home, they are now in the South Island and we hope to hear more about their travels).

Introducing my Sponsors – by Lyn ZL2PQ

At YL 2000 in Hamilton, I had the pleasure of not only meeting AIKO SUZUKI JE2QEX, but we sponsored each other to JLRS and WARO. As I do not have HF we corresponded mostly by snail mail. My last message from Aiko in early 2002 was that she had been in hospital, but no further details were given. It came as a big shock later in 2002 to learn that Aiko had become a Silent Key in July 2002.

However the bright side of this is that my new sponsor is MICHIO SHIBATA JE2LWN. Michio introduced herself as a pensioner, and sent a photograph – she does not look like a pensioner as we expect in NZ.

She lives with her husband and has many hobbies such as painting in Japanese style (haiku – Japanese poem.)

She has sent me copies of these paintings and they are awesome. I took these to the WARO AGM for those there to see this wonderful artwork. I have copied some of them and hope they are able to be reproduced as they are as I said – ‘awesome’.

Michio, I look forward to many years of communication, even if it is e-mail or snail mail as we do not have a station set up here, but welcome to WARO. Kia Ora Aotearoa WARO. (Welcome to New Zealand WARO.)



Michio Shibata JE2LWN

Also my Swedish sponsor Birgitta Astrom SM0 FIB who was also at YL 20000 had a stroke last Nov (2002) and is slowly recovering. Her right side is paralysed and she is in a wheelchair. She has had to change her apartment as it was too small and too many stairs. Perhaps those YL's who met Birgitta at YL 20000 could send her a message. Her e-mail is sm0fib@swipnet.se

We, (my partner Trev ZL1TAD and myself) met Birgitta also during YL 2000. It was in Rotorua and at the Tarawera Hidden Village when I saw a lady trying to buy anything with a Kiwi on it. It turned out that by mistake, Birgitta had been on the wrong bus during the trip and had missed the Sheep shearing and Kiwi house programme and was on the other bus tour to the Gondola. To see a Kiwi was her greatest wish on her trip ‘down under’. As we had our own car on the trip we found out from the Hotel when the Kiwi House closed and rushed off to see if we could get to see the Kiwis. Well what an experience. Not only did we get to have a better view and more action from the Kiwis than when we had been earlier in the day, but

also found out that a new baby chick had been hatched since Trev and my earlier visit. Less crowd's, more Kiwi action, more retail therapy and a very happy trio made the extra trip a special memory for us as well as Birgitta.

Birgitta has worked for the Swedish Embassy and has held many different callsigns including D2FIB Angola and SM0FIB/Z2 Zimbabwe and R/SM 0FIB Russia. No doubt Birgitta has many interesting stories to tell. I have a photo of Birgitta to include, but only from the back of one of her QSL cards and the reproduction is not all that great. Maybe one day I will have a better one for the WARO database.

My ALARA sponsor Christine VK5CTY deserves a whole page to herself and that will follow later!!!!!! (as a procrastinator – later really means later) Meanwhile, any blackmail, stories, etc., relating to Christine and Geoffrey would be appreciated – she is like a sister to me, so no holds barred!!!!!!! Hi Hi

Dates to remember

Nominations for the WARO Executive to be in the hands of the WARO Secretary Rhondalin ZL1RBH By 31st March 2003. A nomination slip is included with this Bulletin.

If you know of anyone who you think is deserving of the “NZ WARO Achievement Award” nominations including a summary of the nominee's activities which need not be restricted to the preceding year, are to be sent to: The WARO Awards Custodian, Lynnette McDonald ZL1LL, 25 John Street, Pukekohe 1800 before 31st March 2004.

Closing date for copy for the next Break-In to be in the hands of Margaret ZL3UD no later than 2nd January 2004. Margaret is always on the lookout for articles and photos that may be of interest to the many readers of the NZART Break-In.

Cathy ZL2ADK needs any interesting snippets of YL news for the NZART Official monthly broadcast. Cathy records the WARO segment on the evening of the Tuesday prior to the last Sunday each month.

Closing date for copy for the next WARO Bulletin will be 20th February 2004. Please remember to have all annual reports in the hands of the Bulletin editor in time for the printing of this issue.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Sally-Anne ZL1UBZ and Grant Gaudin ZL2UBZ on the birth of a baby girl Jorja born on 9th October 2003. Congratulations also go to the proud grandparents Carol ZL2VQ and Wayne ZL1VN.



Welcome to New WARO Member.

We would like to welcome Mary Dacombe ZL3MD as a member of WARO Mary lives at Waikuku Beach in North Canterbury South Island of New Zealand. Mary's interests include reading, Church involvement, correspondence and music – both listening and playing a lovely piano/organ. Walking in the country is also a very special pastime of Mary's. Check out Mary's Website at <http://www.nzhomestay.co.nz/emmanuelhouse.html>

Doris Cody Memorial Award

The winner of the 2003 Doris Cody Memorial Award is Cathy Hrischenko VE3GJH (Cathy is sponsored into WARO by Aola ZL1ALE). Cathy was a founding member of CLARA and is the only remaining continuously active founding member. She joined in November of 1967.

Over the years, she has sponsored 12 DX members and several Canadian members into CLARA. Constantly promoting CLARA, Cathy frequently donates CLARA memberships as prizes for various ham events. She has held a variety of executive positions including Area Rep, Secretary, Vice-President and President (two times).

She has been Net Control many times and was Editor of the Clarion. Currently, she is the Club Historian.

Some of her original ideas to promote CLARA include:

- Implementing our sponsorship program.
- Through CLARA, starting a library in the NWT to assist an adult reading program.
- Initiating the first Santa-on-the-air. (This project operated from the Hospital for Sick Children. Cathy arranged for OMs from Alert to be the voice of Santa).
- Organizing many of the CLARA Conventions including the first YL Convention in Western Canada, where she received our first dedicated member plaque.
- Organizing the Milton/CLARA YL picnic meetings for several years.
- Launching Guides On The Air for their 75th Anniversary. GOTA has continued to be a popular annual event. Cathy approached the Guides with the idea of GOTA as a way to encourage young women to become interested in our hobby.
- Initiating CLARA crest, pin and seals.
- Creating CLARA contests and certificates including Family Day.
- Displaying the autograph doll that she made and takes to flea markets where she invites YLs to autograph it. (The doll has traveled not only in Canada and the USA but was once taken to Sweden).

In addition to her continuing support of CLARA, Cathy supports our national club (RAC). She has written their YL column for the past 20 years. She also wrote the YL column for The Ontario Amateur prior to that. On the local level, she was the Scarborough Club Bulletin Assistant Editor for several years.

While she has had on-air contacts with more of our members than most of us, she has also had some high profile OSOs with King Hussein and Prince Charles. During these conversations, she always promotes CLARA.

We would all like to congratulate Cathy on receiving this award and her many accomplishments over the years as a CLARA member.

Cathy's nomination was submitted by Ann Nutter, VE3HAI.
Congratulations go to Cathy on winning this award from NZ WARO members.

New Zealand Visitors



Louise VE3LJA, Rose and Ann ZLIANN at Cape Reinga Lighthouse

On Wednesday the 15th of October we picked Louise and Rose (who are from Canada) up from Cleveden, Auckland as they were over here with Louises mother who was visiting New Zealand to see her sister to celebrate her sisters 80th birthday in Hastings.

Louise and Rose wanted to see more of New Zealand so we offered to take them both up to Cape Reinga. We travelled as far as the Kari Kari Peninsula the first night and on the way up there we stopped off at Kawakawa to see the toilets that are made of glass bottles. Then we called at Opuia and caught the ferry over to Russell where Joe (my hubby) left us and went back on the car ferry and met Louise Rose and myself at the passenger ferry terminal in Pihia. We had a look around the shops in Russell.

We then motored up to the Kari Kari Peninsula and stayed the night at a motel on the beach. We went walking on the beach that night and also the next morning, which was enjoyable. The next day we left to go to the top of the North Island to see where the Tasman sea joins the Pacific it was a nice day when we got to the top.

On the way back we stopped off for lunch at the Swamp Kauri shop and had lunch and looked around the place picking up a couple of treasures. We then made our way back down to Whangarie and stayed the night there. (Joe and I used to live up there many moons ago) Then we came back to Rotorua the next day Friday as on Saturday I had a Brazillian Embroidery class to attend.

On Saturday morning Joe took them both in to town and then picked them up later to take them to the Redwoods so they could go for a walk. Bev ZL1OS and OM Graeme joined us for dinner to meet up with Louise and Rose. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

On Sunday lunch time we took Louise and Rose to the Bus to go down to Napier to stay with Aunt Louise and Louise's mother and continue on the next part of their journey. I think that they enjoyed themselves, Joe and I did.

Condolences

Our Condolences go to the following WARO members whose husbands have become Silent Keys over the last couple of months. Firstly to Norma ZLANP on the passing of Ewen ZL1LP we will miss having him in attendance at our YL get togethers. Zelda ZL3AAB our thoughts are with you on the passing of Russ ZL3AAA, and Marcia ZL2MX we are all thinking of you on the sudden recent passing of Brian ZL2AJS.

“WELCOME TO AMERICA.” – A TRAVELLER’S TALE

We were last in the US immediately after the unforgettable 9/11 events in 2001. Fast forward to October 8 2003. Our flight from Auckland was due in Los Angeles two hours before our connecting flight to Washington DC. A thought flitted through my mind that the timing was too tight and I should get the travel agent to book us on a later plane from Los Angeles to DC. I had done exactly that in 2002 with my connecting flight from Los Angeles to Heathrow on my way to Armenia. But somehow I didn’t get around to asking to be booked on a later flight this time. It was to be ZL1ANF Morris’ third trip to the US with no travel insurance for his heart.

Of course our flight from Auckland was delayed in Auckland for a little over an hour – we would now arrive in Los Angeles with only one hour to collect our luggage, go through customs, re-check our luggage and make it to the correct gate for our connecting flight. We spent the usual uncomfortable night on the plane jammed in like sheep in road transporters. After our 11 hour stint in economy class we staggered out of the plane at Los Angeles dirty, sweaty and bleary eyed. And so began that frantic nerve wracking process going through all the hoops and checks and balances that international airports demand these days with just one hour to do it all in.

It was queue here, queue there. Queue somewhere else, show this document, that document, the other document, with jumped up little Hitlers in uniform constantly flexing their power marching up and down the queue demanding documents and adding immensely to the general stress by threatening to send us to the back of the queue if we didn’t have the right document to hand. Right then and there at the third “road block”, I suddenly lost our documents and lost it. (my composure) Muttering “never again!” Morris took the documents out of my hand, gave them to little Hitler and told me that I had just sworn at her.

In the midst of it all of this it’s go through this Xray machine, that Xray machine, the other Xray machine, take off your shoes, take off your jacket, put all your precious documents and money and cabin luggage in this tray to sail away through the machine for any opportunist to pick up and walk away with while you go through your own Xray door. Uh oh. The Xray door has gone mad and insists you are carrying dangerous goods. Step aside here madam. Legs apart, arms outspread. Last time I had to do that was in my high school gym class. And yes, that gym teacher was yet another typical jumped up little H constantly bouncing around aggressively on the balls of her feet. Haven’t thought of her for years. Hang on, yet another uniformed woman is suddenly there with an Xray wand which she plunges high up between my legs, that’s getting a bit over familiar - across my tummy – what’s that noise – oh that’s the buckle on my cloth money belt - let’s see – and she prods into my soft belly folds with her hands – no use saying now look here – wand has hysterics above my left hip – oh lordy I forgot I’d slipped that change into my pocket – she pulls out the coins – who’s a naughty girl then? - then the wand across my chest – noise again oh that’ll be my bra catch I say holding my breath – is she actually going to poke into my bra? Higher up - oh no the wand makes yet another noise – that’ll be my earrings – see? Oh, I’ve lost one. I liked those earrings too. - All this while panicking about the flight to Washington that is due to leave anytime now.

No chair to sit on to put shoes back on – wearing lace up boots because they wouldn’t fit in the luggage – can’t put boots on standing up – sit on the floor surrounded by jacket, passport, boarding pass, hand luggage, that book I didn’t finish reading. Laces done up, grab passport, boarding pass, book, bag and run. Run like mad along seemingly miles and miles of corridor to Gate at uttermost end. Half way there! Jacket? Jacket! No jacket. Oh dear. It wasn’t picked up from the floor where I put my boots on. If I run back now I’ll be able to retrieve it. If I run back now I’ll miss our flight. Wonderful jacket, lovely colour, soft, comfortable, very

expensive – goodbye jacket, shed brief tears of grief in dash to Gate. Gate deserted. Everyone else already on plane. No officials anywhere. Oriental persons arrive. They seem in same boat as us. They don't want to be in same boat. Want to be on same plane. Our sentiments entirely. Officials reappear in puff of oriental smoke. Suddenly we're on board. Plane takes off immediately. Need the loo desperately. Several hours of utter beside myself boredom later we're there. It is dark. Have shower. Fall into bed, ah what bliss it is to sleep lying down.

AN AMERICAN WELCOME

Next morning tell daughter Miranda can't live without jacket, it is imperative she take me shopping immediately for new jacket – will buy cheapest jacket that fits in shop to punish myself for being so careless. Before we go Miranda tells Morris that a walk would help him with jetlag, gives him key, tells him front door lock difficult, use back door.

Arrive back some hours later true to word – have cheapest jacket in shop – cost US\$16.88. Call out to Morris, we're back. Morris lying on bed. Says, there was a bit of excitement while you were away. He'd been for his walk and had duly used key in lock on back door. Went to lie on bed. Shortly afterwards two police cars came screaming up to house. Police helicopter arrived and hovered overhead with loud blating noise. Police call Morris out of house with loud hailer. He walks out, is confronted by eight policemen with riot shields, pointing guns at him. He's scared they will shoot him. They make him kneel down and handcuff him. Then search all over house looking for ? Companion in crime. Find nothing. Ask Morris what he is doing in house. Daughter's place. Prove it. Escorted to bedroom to get passport with arrival in Los Angeles yesterday stamp in it. Disappointed police finally give up and pack up. Helicopter flies noisily away. Police tell Morris neighbour dobbed him in. They don't apologise – instead tell Morris - you know how it is, and go.

Another neighbour from top of road phones to speak to Miranda. Morris tells her Miranda is out, he is her father. She asks what all the excitement at the house was about, there were two other police cars blocking the top of the road. Morris tells her. She says Welcome to America. I worry to myself about what this sort of experience could do to a guy with an uninsured heart? It so happened that a couple of days ago a senator's wife had been kidnapped from her home in the local neighbourhood, one of the kidnappers had escorted her into her bank while the other waited in a getaway car. When the money was put on the counter, she broke and ran down a corridor. The kidnapper escaped with his accomplice in the getaway car. The police had hoped that Morris was one of the kidnappers.

We were more or less quietly domestic for the next two days recovering. After all we did come here to see granddaughters Holly (9) and Mae (7) not just to collect that new rotator for the mast. Mae obliges the very next day by losing her very first baby tooth. Great excitement. Her best friend's tooth fairy writes a letter as well as leaving a dollar for the tooth. Miranda has to explain gently that her tooth fairy doesn't do letters. Holly has to do a book report for school. She decides to do a Harry Potter book report and will make little



Holly and Miranda

cauldron cakes after researching recipes on the internet. There will have to be enough for one for each member of the class. That means three batches. We were most impressed that a nine year old could concentrate for more than two hours making each batch from scratch and then decorating them all. Holly tries to make hollows in cakes with large sharp knife to turn them

into cauldrons. Miranda hastily gets smaller knife and shows her how to do it safely. I take charming photograph of mother and daughter.

GATHERING PUMPKINS FOR HALLOWEEN

It is Fall. But the sky is a deep blue and the sun is shining and it is hot. The leaves are



Mae, Miranda and Holly

reluctant to let go and fall. Too warm. Halloween is not far away. We need pumpkins to decorate the house.

Halloween pumpkins are bright orange. The supermarket has then stacked in piles outside in the front.

But we drive out into the countryside to Homestead Farm in two vehicles - because we don't all fit into one - along with hundreds of



Decorations

others, to pick our very own pumpkins from the pumpkin patches on Homestead farm. Farm has enormous parking lot. We pay to enter farm. We pay to climb onto the hayride – a tractor pulling two wagons – we sit on floor of wagon on prickly hay. Man loses his car keys in hay. Like needle in haystack, keys never found. Holly and Mae try to heft pumpkins too large to carry. We finally choose and carry own pumpkins from pumpkin patch back to wagon. Jolting ride on hay on wagon floor back to farm's market. Miranda shocked to see that after all that we still have to pay for pumpkins. Pumpkins weighed and price calculated. Could have got them at supermarket cheaper. Ah yes, but we had added value with the farm experience.

Holly and Mae now want toffee apples. But they are not called toffee apples here – they are caramel apples. I line up to buy them caramel apples. Morris wants one too. I buy three caramel apples. They are also selling apples from the farm orchard. I buy apples. Am most intrigued by sign beside bags of caramel mix saying “Make Your Own Caramel Apples the Old Fashioned Way in your Microwave Oven.” There are animals to pet, goats to feed and a corn maze to get hot and bothered getting lost in.



Morris ZLIANF with grandchildren

THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

We had avoided the Holocaust Museum the previous times we had been here but after visiting the Genocide Museum in Yerevan, Armenia last October I finally felt ready to cope with the horrors of Washington's United States Holocaust Museum. With the girls safely in school, son in law John, Miranda and Morris and I thought a couple of hours would be plenty of time for the museum but we were sorely mistaken.

The man controlling the automatic lift introduced himself to us as one of the US soldiers who had liberated a concentration camp and described his first impressions of the shocking scene they came across. Suddenly we were all very quiet and somber. We had each had to collect an identity card. Mine told the story of Channah Mazansky-Zaidel who was born in Lithuania. She had one child before the Germans invaded Lithuania in their attack on the Soviet Union. All the Jews in her town were rounded up by Lithuanian collaborators who forced them to dig trenches, strip naked and climb into the trenches. They were machine gunned. Thus Channah, her husband and child died. She was just 33. Channah's photograph is on the identity card. She looks young and beautiful, her face is full of strength.

One of the most interesting facts we learned in this museum was that when the governments of invaded countries refused to collaborate with Hitler's Final Solution most of their Jewish people were saved. Denmark is a notable case in point. The museum display begins on the 4th floor with the build up to WW2 and the rise of the Nazi party. Step by step we go through the whole history – how in just 12 years Hitler is in full control of Germany and then we're into WW2. We were so interested that we lost track of time and two hours simply raced past. We had to come back another day to spend another two hours completing the museum journey which we did.

But before we left that first day we visited a special exhibition "Anne Frank – the Writer – an Unfinished Story" set up on the ground floor in honour of the museum's 10th anniversary. Everyone has heard about the Diary but we didn't realise what a brilliant writer Anne was shaping up to be. We discovered that between the age of 13 and 15 Anne wrote short stories, fairy tales, essays and the beginnings of a novel. Her ambition was to become a journalist. Excerpts were being read out on video tape. We were each given a copy of her essay "Give!" Anne wrote with a maturity far beyond her years as you can see from this sentence of hers from "Give!" "Human greatness does not lie in wealth or power but in character and goodness."

There is so much more to tell you about what we saw and did in Washington before we visited my brother in New Mexico. But all that will have to wait until the next Bulletin. – Joline ZL1UJB.

YL Get together

You are invited to attend a get together at Biny ZL2AZY's QTH, 550 Kane Street Pirongia on Saturday 31st January 2004 starting at 11am. All YLs and their OMs are welcome. Just bring a plate of food for a shared lunch, (tea and coffee will be available) also a folding chair and perhaps a sun umbrella.

All who attended this get together in February 2003 had a very enjoyable day, with YLs and OMs travelling from Auckland, Coramandel, Sanson and the Bay of Plenty.

Paengaroa Market Day

This is being held on 6th March 2004 and is a great opportunity for YLs from the Bay of Plenty to meet over a cup of morning tea while our OMs hunt for that elusive bargain.

UK Revisted - By Biny Owen ZL2AZY.

The OMs 80th birthday celebration provided the motivation to return to the UK to visit ham friends and relatives, and to see a bit of the English countryside. I am pleased to say we had 5 weeks of glorious sunshine starting in early August when we caught the tail end of the hot weather; even sleeping with just a sheet for cover was too much.



IronBridge

As with New Zealand, England has a number of World Heritage Sites but the focus differs somewhat as they include significant historical events in industry. The Ironbridge Gorge on the border of Wales is one of these. As an 18thC historic settlement, it lays claim to producing pottery and tiles of such quality they were in demand worldwide. The foundaries created iron products in every shape and size imaginable from pots and pans to large boilers,

train wheels, decorative gates and benches for parks, to the famous iron coal ranges and fireplace surrounds. All is now displayed in numerous original buildings alongside the Shropshire Canal. Ironbridge reached unprecedented fame when one of the foundary owners had a bridge built totally of iron. Hence its present name..

Our daughter Wendy was staying at one of the two Youth Hostels at Ironbridge. We were so impressed with the facilities there that we booked in for the night ourselves. At £10 each for bed, it made a more satisfying way of parting with our precious dollars too. We had paid £50 for bed and breakfast which we considered pretty steep and to be avoided whenever possible! If you are wondering why us 'oldies' were allowed to stay in the Youth Hostels, they are now open to all. Some have catering facilities. All have kitchens so that you can prepare your own meals. Sheets, pillows and duvets come with price and there are family rooms available.

So when we thought of going to see the Eden Project in Cornwall, we eagerly booked into the YHA at Tintagel. A fairly spacious ex-slate miners cottage was manned by volunteers and had one of the most enviable locations imaginable. We were warned not to attempt getting to it down a track in the dark, but when we did find it, the building and carpark was located right on the edge of the cliff. Red and golden sunsets reflected in the water at dusk was reward enough for having made the effort.



The Eden Project

The Eden Project was created out of a huge clay pit. It is run by a Charitable Trust that gains a 29p income from Government for every £1 donated. Its aim is to tell the stories of (quote) 'useful plants that have changed the world and wild plants that could change the future'. There are 3

geodectic domes, ranging from the Humid Tropics, to Warm Temperate Zones. Waterfalls and exotic palms vie for space with spices, tropical fruit, poisonous plants, rice and many, many more. To view the outside exhibits, one can catch a people transporter, or take the walk themselves. The only New Zealand vegetation spotted was the flax and the lemonwood, the latter produced as a topiary and so its natural form was obliterated. Australia was identified as the country with the tree ferns!

The OMs passion is steam trains and Wales. Quite a combination and fortunately there are a number of small steam trains available. We had two attempts at getting up to the top of Snowdon, first time they were fully booked out, and second time, we could only go halfway as the wind was too strong. Believe you me when you stepped outside for the view, you were well buffeted.. Wales is known for its laverbread and guess who ordered it for breakfast. Well it wasn't until I had forced the first 'cake' down that I learnt that Laver is an edible seaweed collected from the rocks around the Welsh coast.! To make up for this lapse, I brought a recipe home with me of Welsh Tea Cakes.

Not related to the Eden Project, is the Eden Camp near York. Eden Camp was a prisoner of war camp for the Italians and Germans. It still retains its compound. We went there with my nephew and spent the day walking in and out of 28 nissan huts each with different themes covering from the aftermath of World War 1, to the follow up to World War II and beyond. Some had exhibits of landgirls and women at war. I personally liked the theme of the Rat Catchers - girls from all walks of life including hairdressers and one professional dancer from Jamaica. In some parts of the country land girls formed themselves into anti-vermin squads. Four girls in North Wales travelled around by bicycle and killed 7,689 rats, as well as 35,545 rabbits, 1,668 foxes and 1,901 moles in fourteen months.



Geared Up for BigPit

Blaenafon in Wales is home to another UNESCO World Heritage Site which looks into coalmining in South Wales. We met my niece at Abergavenny for a tour of Bit Pit, which is the National Mining Museum of Wales and is run by ex-coal miners to give authenticity to anyone's visit. Miners hats and lamps are donned for a real experience and gasmasks provided if needed. We were then taken underground in the miners cage to where coal had been dug and hauled out in days

gone by. Stalls for horses were there to see and security gates shut at key points. Miners had to be careful of explosion and so we had to forfeit our cameras, watches and anything else that had a battery. All were put into the same bag and then tipped out on a table for collection at the end of the tour. This visit is as real as it gets. The miners taking these tours, love their work these days, and everyone is out to enjoy the experience.

We had hired a car which made it easier for us to get around. Before we handed the car in at Heathrow we had clocked up 3000 miles. As most people know, driving in England and Wales is quite different to home. Average speeds on the motorway we found since we were there 2 years ago had decreased from 80mph to 70mph after a concerted clamp down by the police and hefty fines imposed.

Visitor Centres provide accommodation leaflets and bookings. But if you wanted to park just to pick up a pamphlet, carpark meters are there to be used. No free parks. Signs to Visitor Centres could be improved. Small brown ones not always evident led into a maze of one-way streets and in some cases we never found what we were looking for. We took a cellphone with us which proved to be very useful. The Sim Card was changed for an UK one and a new telephone number issued. This meant we only had to pay UK phone charges. We had learnt our lesson the hard way in Italy when a rental phone from Telecom meant all calls had to go via Australia to reach New Zealand or the UK, even when you were talking to someone in the UK.



Llangollen Youth Hostel

Our final highlight was staying at a Youth Hostel at Llangollen in Wales. We had booked a bed for the night, ridden on the steam train and then made for the Hostel which was well signposted from the main road. This led us to a gated driveway through a canopy of trees to a large country home. Inside was accommodation for over 100 guests and a huge kitchen that provided a variety of meals for a small charge. We gathered that this Youth Hostel was let out at weekends for weddings, so guests stayed

there, a disco was organised and fireworks let off. We had a 2-bunk room with private facilities and to avoid the hassle of climbing to the top bunk, we put the mattress on the floor and both slept in comfort.

Llangollen is known for its narrow boat canal and in particular the aqueduct. We managed a short trip on a narrow boat pulled by a horse which was quite unique. There are footpaths alongside the canals which provide a pleasant way to spend a couple of hours both because of the scenery and being able to watch the narrow boats manoeuvre past each other.



Horse Drawn Narrow Boat Llangollen

We stayed with Ted G3JMY and his XYL Marjorie who joined with us two years when we toured the South Island together in our respective motorhomes. Ted gave a technical

talk to Branch 40 and now we keep in touch via EchoLink. We met some other hams, one who frequents New Zealand and another who must have the smallest den imaginable with the most equipment available that enables him to work all bands.

The Yorkshire Moors, the Brecon Becons, Westonbirt Arboretum, and small picturesque villages like Stow in the Wold, and Lower Slaughterton are now only memories. But it was a wonderful visit which we would love to do again.

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Hamilton get together 2003 by Rosemary ZL1RO



Celia ZL1ALK, Aola ZL1ALE, Lynnette ZL1LL and Bev ZL1OS

This year's get-together morning tea took place at the Used Equipment Sale venue enabling those YLs working on sales tables to join us when they had some free time.

About 15 YLs came from as far afield as Auckland, Bay of Plenty, coromandel and Waikato areas and we look forward to getting together again at the Hamilton sale in 2004.

It is worth mentioning that a YL does not have to be a WARO

member to attend these get togethers and if members would like to bring a friend along they would be most welcome.

From Celia, Sponsorship Secretary

Many thanks to all those who have readily responded their DX YLs this year. I realize it can be quite a commitment, especially for those ladies with YLs in many different countries. Please do not hesitate to let me know if you are not able to continue for any reason, or you find that your sponsored YL stops communicating with you. I know that this latter can be very disappointing. We have a unique set-up in WARO in that the individual ZL YL sends off DX Bulletins, which is great for personal contact, but does break down if we do not do our part and send on the Bulletins as soon as possible after receiving them.

At the last ALARAMEET held in Murray Bridge South Australia, some VK and ZL YLs floated the idea of a similar MEET to be held in New Zealand midway between the ALARAMEETs which have been held every 3 years. That means round about March 2007, or maybe staying with the month that the VKs use, ie October, we could choose October in a year when there was no International Meeting being planned. We are not thinking of a grand world-wide meeting. This sounds like a long way off, but the time soon passes. Those YLs who planned and organized the YL2000 here, have done their turn, and some of us long serving members on the Exec have also.

Is there some YL or group of YLs who would love to organize a weekend meeting for the Australians and New Zealanders ? Please let Bev ZL1OS hear from you, or this idea will just have to fade away.

Christmas Greetings to all ZL and DX members,

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The world wide YL Meeting 2004 in Seoul, Korea

Dear Friends!!

I am sorry for your waiting the news from the Korea and thanks for your consideration of lots of applications for the "2004 YL Meeting in Seoul". Closing date was the end of September 03, but we would like to change the next closing date is the end of February 2004, and payment will be by the end of June 2004.

As of now, we have 104 attendees (59 from the 7 countries and from 45 attendee of Korea)

Thanks for your lots of good idea and opinion for the YL 2004 program...so, we can change for that, because, one year left (hi).....However, The YL Meeting Activities from 8-11 Oct 04, no change. But we changed the Option program I and II. (attached) short period than before.

Program Change:

8 Oct-11 Oct, YL Meeting, same.

12 Oct, we have Option Tour I (one day, Kyongju city, 1000 years old dynasity capital city)

12-14 Oct, Option II (Kyongju city and Jeju island trip.)

So total 7days with a good price.

We hope more attendee to the Seoul YL 2004, from the all over the countries. Because, we have lots of things to show you and introduce about the Korea. And all of and we are preparing for you....and all Korean YLs and Oms want to meet you.... Don't hesitate to decide, Don't think Korea is too far, and you are busy of your work... you need vacation for your recharge and we have chance of sharing our friendship again.

"YL 2004 Meeting period" It's good season for the tour, nice weather....Saftey is granted (you can walk thru the night in the downtown, everywhere...)All the cost is very cheap (Seoul is a Paradise of Shopping) Good Hotel accommodation. Fantastic Jeju island tour chance!!

First of all, Warm hearted Korean YLs is waiting and welcome to you!! All of us, we are looking forward to seeing you....As soon as we have detail information, I will send you the news again.

and If you have any question, please send me the mail anytime.

Take care, 73 & 88 & 33!

chae, hl2kdw

* Last 11-13 Oct, Miyoshi Jiro (JA3UB) and Miyoshi Kyoko(JR3MVF) visited to Seoul and we had a good time with Korean YLs and they support for the 2004 YL Meeting, and thank for their help.

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NEW ZEALAND WARO AWARDS

GENERAL

Contacts may be any mode, any band or mixed, with applicants contacts all from the same QTH (except as in VHF Section), but contacts via repeaters, in WARO Nets or contests are not eligible. No QSLs required. Send full log details certified by one other licensed radio amateur to: Awards Custodian:-Lynnette McDonald ZL1LL 25 John Street Pukekohe 1800 New Zealand with sufficient postage for return of award.

HF SECTION

ZL and VK stations work 12 WARO members resident in New Zealand, DX stations work six. Contacts with DX members of WARO qualify for endorsements but applications must contain at least three ZL contacts.

VHF SECTION

Ten VHF contacts with WARO members dating from January 1 1979. WARO members and/or applicants may be home station, mobile or portable. Endorsements for each additional five. Send full log details signed by one other Radio Amateur to the Awards manager with sufficient postage for the Award.

SWL SECTION

ZL and VK stations list 20 contacts heard with WARO members, DX list ten, dating from January 1 1979. List full log details with call-signs of both stations. Endorsements for each additional ten (five for DX stations).

NZ WARO CENTURY AWARD

1. Applications to contain full log details of contacts with 100 NZWARO members (DX members included) dating from June 1 1987, and to be signed by one other licensed amateur
2. Contacts may be any mode, any band or mixed and made from any QTH, but each YL claimed must be a financial member of NZWARO at the time of the contact and may be counted once only.
3. Contacts made via repeaters and in nets will qualify and contest contacts made after June 1 1990 will be accepted.
- 4. No QSLs required. Send list of log details and \$2.00 to Awards Custodian Lynnette McDonald ZL1LL 25 John Street Pukekohe 1800 New Zealand with sufficient postage for return of award.**

**THE EMBLEM OF NEW ZEALAND WOMEN
AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS
THE GIANT MOUNTAIN BUTTERCUP
RANUNCULUS LYALLII**



This glory of New Zealand alpine plants has tall branched flowering stems, usually with many large white flowers, each with numerous overlapping petals, and is found in the southern alpine regions of the South Island and the highest peaks of Stewart Island. The leaves are almost circular, can be up to almost 40 cm across, and in the central hollow where the stalk is attached, can be deep enough to hold a cup of water. The flowers can be between 5 and 8 cms in diameter, the white petals surround the golden stamens, and in the centre the greenish pistils overlap like fish scales. It is a noble plant and the largest and finest ranunculus in the world. Details supplied towards the end of the 1970s by botanist and WARO member, the late Brenda Shore, whose callsign was ZL4OQ.