

The Yasme Foundation

Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

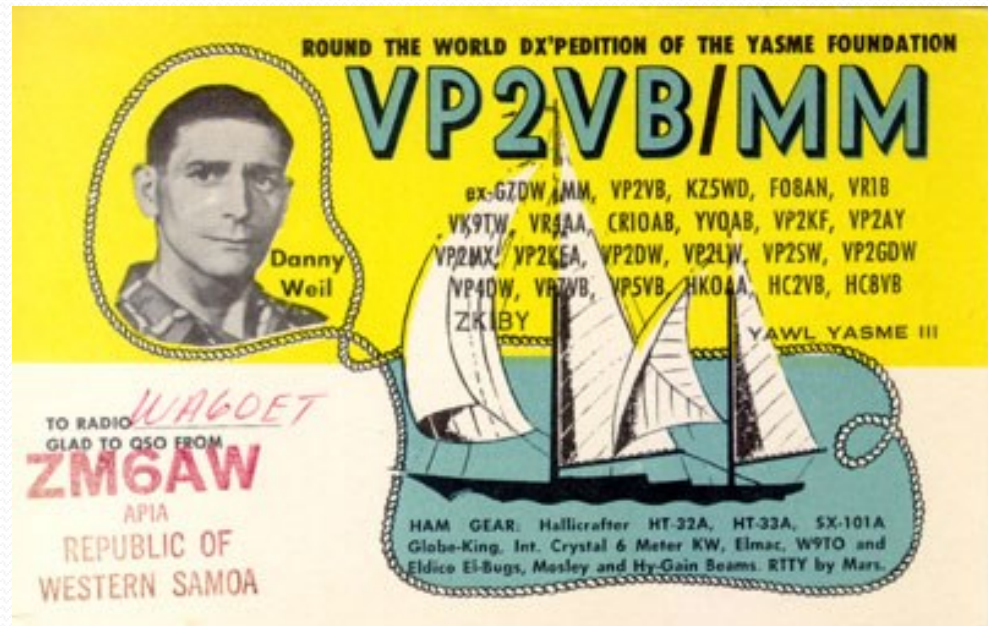
Ward Silver, NØAX

President, Yasme Foundation

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What is Yasme?

- The name of a boat – three, actually
- From “yasume” – Japanese for “to make tranquil”
- Owned by Danny Weil, G7DW then VP2VB



YASME – The Boats

- YASME (a.k.a. – YASME I) from 1954-1956
 - 40-foot, 10-hp, single-mast “yacht”
 - Crossed the Atlantic from Gambia to British West Indies
 - Sank on a reef in the Gulf of Papua
- YASME 1.5 from 1956-1957
 - Blew up and burned in Holyhead Harbor, Scotland
- YASME II from 1957-1959
 - Sank on rocks off of Grenada (now J3)
- YASME III from 1959-1963
 - Sold in Freeport, Texas – still seaworthy at the time

Danny Weil and DX

- Operated from 31 different island countries, many on the air for the first time
- “Pioneer of the world-wide DX-pedition” (K4IIF)
- Last operation from Fiji as VR2EO
- More than 100,000 QSOs
- CQ DX Hall of Fame #5
- Died Oct 2003

Al Hix W8PQQ (W8AH), Harold Striker W8WZ, and
Danny Weil VP2VB – 1958 Dayton Hamvention



The Yasme Foundation

- Founded in 1959
- Originally to raise funds for...
 - The YASME III
 - DXpeditions by Danny
- Supported by DX-ers
- About 2500 initial members
- Began “YASME NEWS”



The Colvins – Lloyd and Iris

- Retired from military service and construction business in 1963
- Active DX-ers who enjoyed travel
- “Why don’t **we** go?” – Iris, 1964

1948



1993



30 years and 223 countries
later...

Yasme and the Colvins

- Foundation moribund after YASME III sold
- Revived by the Colvins in 1965 to manage DXpeditions
- Foundation handled donations and contributions
 - Began accumulating an endowment
 - Handled QSLing for the more than 1,000,000 QSOs

Republique Islamique de Mauritanie
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THE YASME ROUND THE WORLD DX-PEDITION

As of 1996 Iris and Lloyd Colvin have worked half of the active amateurs of the world, traveled in 105 countries, made 165,000 QSO's, worked amateurs in 333 countries and received 350 awards working from: W6RG, FA8JD, W6ANS, DL4ZB, W6PPF, K7KG, JA2JK, W6KFD, K2CC, JZ4HI, W2USA, K4WAB, W7YA, DL4ZND, JZ2UA, W6AHI, W7KG, JA2US, W4KE, DL4ZC, K17KG, W6DPR, K17USA, K0WAP, W6BWS/KG6, W4ZEW, K17DTB, W6DDO, KG6SZ, W6RG/KG6, KG6SZ, KG6SZ/KC6, KX6SZ, VR1Z, GD5ACH/W6KG, GD5ACL/W6QEP, GC5ACL/W6QEP, GC5ACH/W6KG, CT3BA, CT3AU and CT2YA.

YASME FOUNDATION

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A non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible. Officers and Directors are Danny Weil, K3JLQ, W6LDD, W6GN, KV4AA, W8EWS, G2DC, W5GJ, (Publicity Director), and W6RG, (QSL Manager and Secretary). For official YASME news, read the West Gulf DX Bulletin. YASME Foundation sponsored the DX-peditions of Danny Weil: G7DW, mm, VP2VB, K2SWD, F08AN, VR1E, K9VW, Y4AA, CR14B, YV0AB, VP2KF, VP2AY, VP2MX, VP2KFA, VP2DW, VP2UW, VP2SW, VP2GDW, VP4UW, VP7VB, VP5VB, HK0AA, HC2VB, HC6VB, Z81BY, ZM6AN, VZ2EO, FW8DW, and Dick McKeercher: W0MLY/TJ8, TLLS, TN8, TZ8, TR8, TY2MY, SV4MY.

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The Colvin Expeditions

- 169 countries activated over nearly 30 years
- Stop #1 – Tarawa VR1Z (now T3Ø)

Radio WB6DFX **Tarawa, Gilbert Islands**
THE YASME ROUND THE WORLD DX-PEDITION

IS HAPPY TO CONFIRM YOUR QSO

7 FEB 1966 GMT 0501 MC 14 RST 549 Q SSB
OPERATOR was: Lloyd Colvin
Iris Colvin

As of 1965, Iris and Lloyd Colvin have worked half the active Amateurs of the World, traveled in 96 Countries, made 125,000 QSO's, worked Amateurs in 132 Countries and received 130 awards, working from W6KG, FA5JD, W6ANS, DL4ZB, W6IPF, K7KG, JA2KG, W6KFD, K2CC, J2AHL, W2USA, K4WAB, W7YA, DL4ZBD, J2USA, W6AHL, W7KG, JA2US, W4KE, DL4ZC, KL7KG, WA6DFR, KL7USA, K6WAP, W6DWS/KG, W4ZEW, and KL7DTB.

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MAIL ADDRESS
All QSL's - Contributions (Correspondence)
YASME Foundation, P. O. Box 2025, Castro Valley, California

Thanks for your contribution and card...
QSO information verified from logs, and
sent to you by: Bdr W6RCG

The Colvin Expeditions

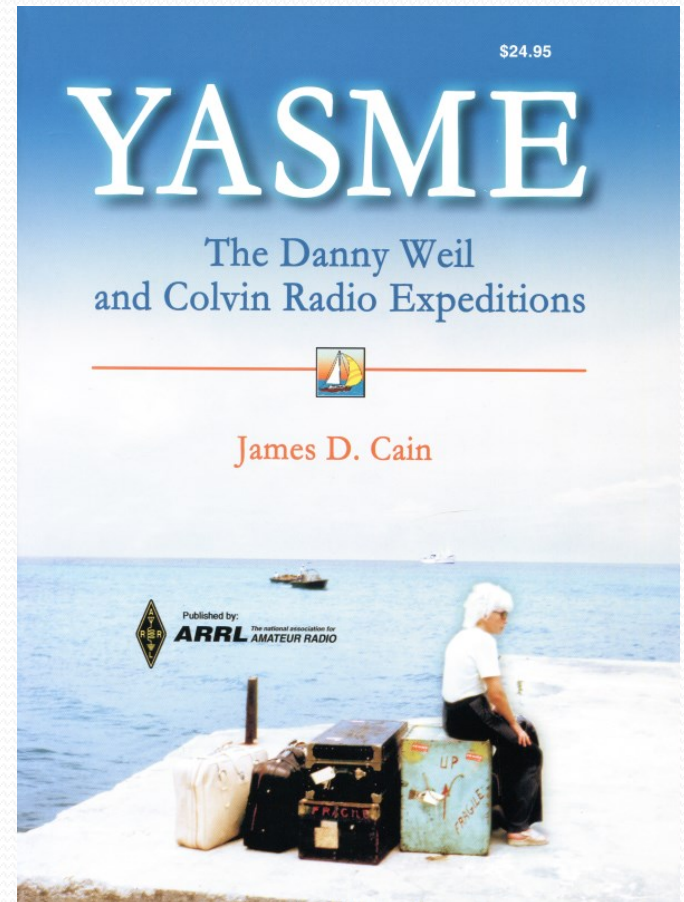
- More than 1,000,000 QSOs
- “All QSLs Answered!” – 100%
- More than 750,000 cards - alphabetized, too!



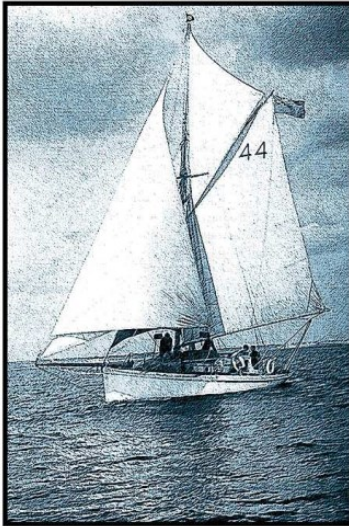
In 2006, the Colvin's QSL collection was shipped to the Documentary Archives Radio Communication in Vienna, Austria where it is open for public inspection and research.

The Colvin Expeditions

- The final expedition
 - Turkey as TA1/W6QL
- Lloyd died from a stroke in Istanbul, Dec 1993
- Bequest to the ARRL established The Colvin Award
- Iris died in 1998
- Colvin Family Trust established the current Yasme Foundation endowment



The Yasme Foundation Today



The **YASME**
FOUNDATION

PO Box 20578 ■ Castro Valley, California 94546

A not-for-profit corporation organized to conduct scientific
and educational projects related to Amateur Radio

www.yasme.org

Yasme Foundation Overview

- Self-funded: no donations or subscriptions
- Nine current Directors:
 - NØAX (President), W6RGG (senior member), W6OAT, OH₂BH, K₃ZO, PB₂T, K₄ZW, N6VI, and 9V1YC
- Private Operating Foundation, incorporated in California
- Supporting Grants
- Yasme Excellence Awards
- Yasme Plaque and Yasme Trophy

Yasme Supporting Grants

- Assistance to individuals and organizations
 - Generally one-time awards
 - Project costs, operating costs, travel expenses
 - Applications are not solicited
- Grants to other charitable organizations
 - ARRL and FAR for scholarships
 - WRTC organizers and YOTA groups
 - NCDXF for the International Beacon Project
- We don't do DX-peditions, per se

Yasme Grants - Examples

- *Travel* – S. Sudanese representation at African IARU
- *Tools* – Supported purchase of software tools and radios for the NCDXF beacon network
- *Systems* – supported expansion of RBN nodes in underserved areas for amateurs and researchers
- *Youth Activity* – donations to support YOTA activities and expenses like camps in Regions 1 & 2
- *DX Activity* – donation to the Seychelles ARA to support construction of their new station

Recent Yasme Grants

- WRTC-2022 supporting grant
- ARRL and FAR Scholarships
- Club Log server upgrade project
- Travel support for young operators at YOTA camps
- Worked with ARDC to fund linked repeaters in KP2
- Funded Rwandan girls school teacher access to ARRL Teacher's Institute videos and provided study books
- Provided FRS radios to groups in Peru and Canada training young ham students

Yasme Excellence Awards

- Awarded for advancing technology, operating, or creating international cooperation and goodwill
- Intended to recognize lesser-known individuals making a significant contribution



**Joe, HS2JFW
and Champ,
E21EIC with
their YASME
Excellence
Awards**

Yasme Excellence Awards

- VE6WZ for low-band antenna system design
- KX4Z for preparedness leadership and training
- 9A5W for developing Youth Contesting Program
- K7REX for developing RATPAC forum
- K9VV/KP2 for training and hurricane response
- K6TU for online data collection for *HFTA*
- JH1AJT for humanitarian projects
- WSJT development team for technical innovations

Yasme Plaque and Trophy



- For submitting QSL cards showing contacts with Yasme officers, directors and/or operations.
- Yasme Plaque – for 30 contacts
- Yasme Trophy – for 60 contacts

Yasme Foundation Tomorrow

- Update the awards programs
- Continue supporting grants and Excellence Awards
- Support the opening of ham radio around the world
- Help develop new infrastructure and technology
- Promote on-the-air activity...everywhere!
- Remember that ham radio is made up of individuals
- Carry the spirit of “DX Is!” into the 21st century

Thank you!

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