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## **Silent Keys**

**Celia Reed ZL1ALK** It is with sadness that I mention that our Last Foundation Member Celia Reed passed away on the 11th May in Rotoura. Not only was Celia a foundation Member she was also a Life member of WARO (Womens Amateur Radio Organ.) and also NZART.

**SM5ILO Agneta Anderlund**, from BALSTA, SWEDEN died today. 12/8/2019. The cancer won. She was licensed since the 70's, but not very active on shortwave. She attended the BYLARA (British Young Ladies Amateur Radio Assoc.) meeting in 2016.

New Zealand Women Amateur Radio Operators BULLETIN June 2019

## **Celia Reed ZL1ALK**

It was at the 35th NZART (New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters) Conference in Hamilton that the first YL meeting took place with Celia being one of those ladies. As a result of this meeting an 80m net began on Tuesday 11th July 1961. Celia was one of the eight ladies that were on air that night.

The first meeting to form a club (WARO) was held in the Brents Hotel Rotoura on 10th March 1962 with seven YL's including Celia. Set of rules were drawn up and subscriptions were set.

Celia's involvement with amateur radio goes back well over fifty years, she had the attitude if you can't beat them join them, so she did.

Celia was born in Hamilton, and moved to Papakura to attend Ardmore Teachers Training College in 1953, where she met her husband Geoff ZL1AKY. They were married in 1956 and had three sons. She did a little teaching before and after her sons grew up, then worked as a technician in the High School a job she thoroughly enjoyed.

When she married Geoff in 1956 she knew he was a radio amateur but she had no idea that the hobby would be a life time passion. She attended classes which Geoff was taking at night school

and passed the examination including 12 wpm Morse and came on the air using a second-hand World War Two ZC1.

During her time on the radio she did lots of radio orientated activities from fox hunting, mobile rallies, chasing awards and traveling and meeting up with the people that she spoke to on the air. Celia loved meeting her DX YL's, this was a highlight when she travelled overseas to visit her family, she made sure she meet up with her DX sponsors.

Celia was awarded Life Membership to WARO in 1962 and Life membership to NZART in 2018. This was a great surprise to her being given Life Membership to NZART, this was given for all the work she has done over the years for Amateur radio and for all the work relating to Women in Amateur radio an award well deserved.

She loved going to Junk sales/ Market days, and said that she hopes to stay on the air as long as her antenna stays upright and her rig keeps working. These she missed in later years after the passing of her Husband.

Celia's interests were reading, gardening, and volunteer work at the Church coffee shop, Save the Children, Meals on wheels, and the Cancer Society.

In February 2019 Celia was moved into a nursing home in Rotoura as her health had deteriorated and so she was close to one of her sons.

Celia felt privileged to have met so many interesting people through amateur radio, and had made some life long friends along the way.

Celia passed away peacefully on the 11th May 2019 in Rotoura and is survived by her three sons her grand children and her great grand children.

A beautiful soul now at rest.

**WARO AGM** (NZ – Women Amateur Radio Operators) May 31 – 3rd June 2019, held in conjunction with NZART (New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters) 6 Aug 2019, Hi Heather , wondered if you would like this in your Newsletter. 73 Ngairi ZL2UJT We held our Conference here in New Plymouth Taranaki NZ this year. (Taranaki region is on the western side of the North Island surrounded by the mountain and the sea.)

The photo is of our WARO girls at AGM Conference 2019 with Mark ZL2UFI at the front.

Topsy Scott ZL2LS, Marlene Matthews ZL1MYL, Lynnette McDonald ZL1LL, Lynne Wallace ZL2LKW, Jeanette Croker ZL3DYL, ZL2UJT Ngairi Jury, ZL2FO Val Hawtree, ZL1UIU Sue Jenkins, Heather Scott ZL2TYF, Bev Gillman ZL3OV, ZL2DBO Jill O'Donnell, ZL1MB Margaret Bretherton, ZL1FW Maxine Rowe, ZL2ADK Cathy Purdie, ZL2UTR Anne Frances.

Visitor: ZL2UFI Mark Gooding President NZART WARO - AGM Conference 2019



Conference 2019 itself was a great success. Congratulations to the New Plymouth Branch and their Conference Committee. From the YLs point of view a special thanks to Ngairé ZL2UJT for her programme and the organisation of that, which made the weekend so enjoyable. The weather wasn't great but the visit to the Colonial Village in Stratford and the lovely afternoon tea was great. It was a mad panic for her I know when she found out on the day before, that the trip to the Mountain House on Egmont was a no go, because of the ice and snow on the road leading up to it.

VK8ZZZ, Peter from WIA, decided to join in on this trip and entered into the spirit of things, making the trip all the more enjoyable. Sunday was just as enjoyable. The visit to the Winery was lovely, the food amazing, and the venue looking over the sea was just magnificent. It did help that the weather although cold, was just a blue cloudless day and the mountain was in full view, snow and all. Once again coming from Darwin I'm not sure Peter appreciated the temperature but he loved the views just as we did. From there we went to this amazing artists studio. I'm not an arty person but I loved what she did and how she used so many different types of media to produce her wonderful work. Topsy ZL2LS went home with one and I envied her. It was the most beautiful thing. Cathy Purdie  
ZL2ADK



### **SARL YL Sprint Results**

12 logs received for the SARL YL Sprint held on Friday 9 August 2019

- 1st Sonet de Wet, ZS3SW - 103 points
- 2nd Alta Gaybba, ZR3PA - 100 points
- 3rd Simone Jones, ZS6SIM - 87 points
- 4th Karin Andrew, ZS6MMA - 75 points
- 5th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC – 59 points
- 6th Heather Holland, ZS5YH - 49 points
- 7th Charmaine Schutte, ZS5CVH - 39 points
- 8th Valerie Wagner, ZS5VAL - 29 points

Combined Results (9 March and 9 August)

- 1st Karin Andrews, ZS6MMA – 171 points
- 2nd Simone Jones, ZS6SIM – 149 points
- 3rd Sonet de Wet, ZS2SW - 103 points
- 4th Alta Gaybba, ZR3PA - 100 points
- 5th Valerie Wagner, ZS5VAL – 84 points
- 6th Clarissa Clark, ZS6LIS - 70 points
- 7th Heather Holland, ZS5YH – 67 points
- 8th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC – 59 points
- 9th Charmaine Schutte, ZS5CVH - 39 points

HF Happenings 861, 19 August 2019 from [www.sarl.org.za/hf\\_happenings.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/hf_happenings.asp)

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**German yl on Dxpedition to St Pierre & Miquelon**

German yl DL6SAK Annette & team at St Pierre & Miquelon (Fr) near the Canadian province of Newfoundland.

Operators Annette/DL6SAK, Manfred/DK1BT, Wolf/DL4WK,Sigi/DL7DF, Frank/DL7UFR, Jan/SP3CYY and Leszek/SP3DOI will be active as TO80SP from Saint Pierre and Miquelon (NA-032) between October 2-14th.

Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes.

Located in the North Atlantic Ocean, south of Newfoundland (Canada) are eight small islands, which includes the Saint Pierre and the Miquelon groups. Saint-Pierre is the capital.

Saint Pierre and Miquelon;

mostly barren rock in misty, fog and wet conditions, it has a coastline of 120km.and a deepwater port

First settled by the French in the early 17th century, the islands represent the sole remaining vestige of France's once vast North American possessions.

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**YL Nets** - During the forums at Hamfests this year, I have passed out a list of YL nets around the world. The list of nets are UHF/VHF, HF, Echolink, & DMR modes. Here is a link to the file to download it. <https://ylharmonics.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/YL-Nets2.pdf>

If you know of any other YL Nets that are not on the list, let me know, I will add them!!

**YLRL at Hamfests**

Mary Cornett, NS7X will host a YLRL Table and YL forum at The Duke City Hamfest in Albuquerque, NM Sept. 20-22, 2019.

**Meet Up at the USS Batfish Oct 4-6, 2019**

Most of you know that the War Memorial Park in Muskogee was flooded during the reason unusual rains in Oklahoma. There was a lot of damage to both the USS Batfish as well as the War Memorial grounds. According to the War Memorial team, the repairs will not be complete in time for YL meet up. That means we will not be able to sleep on the submarine. However, we will be able to bring RVs, pitch a tent on the grounds and sleep in the Museum, or stay in a nearby hotel. We will operate the radios from the Museum.

We will be calling CQ in memory of the USS Seawolf and bringing attention to the recent flooding of the USS Batfish . We are booked for 2 nights (Fri-Sat) on site.

All YLs are welcome, you can even bring an unlicensed female friend that wants to try it, we may inspire them to get their license. OMs are welcome to come, however, they will not be getting on the air with us.

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### **OL88YL from QTH OK5Z - Moravian Contest Group**

OK5Z contest QTH blog THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

From 2 - 9.8.2019, a group of amateur amateurs from all over Europe gathered at our QTH to enjoy their holiday and to make many radio contacts. The event was organized by Eva HB9PFM / OK3EQ. We gave them all the equipment we use in contests. The results exceeded our expectations. Pile-ups almost always occurred on any band where the girls appeared. At the beginning some of them had a bit of a problem, but you could see how they gradually learnt and then managed to cope with confidence. The operation took place every day from about 9 am to 11 pm. And twice an operator stayed overnight. During the whole time support was provided by OK2ZA Rudolf and OK2ZI Karel on the spot, so it was quite a difficult week for us. In addition, OK2ZA has launched [www.ol88yl.com](http://www.ol88yl.com) for girls where it was possible to monitor activity on bands, online log and apply for a diploma if the conditions were met. According to responses on DX-Clusters and in personal emails, the event was a success. Judging from participants' reactions they enjoyed the event and I will be happy to remember it. And we were honored to welcome the largest number of women to our QTH so far. <http://ok5z.blogspot.com/>

The location is in central Czechia, near Brno. This place is far from any residential area, surrounded by a river, a forest and fields. Their antenna set-up looks like as follows:  
Vertical 160m; Half-square 80m; Mono-band yagis for the higher shortwave bands:  
2 elements on 40m and 2 elements on 30m (one antenna); 5 elements on 20m; 6 elements on 15m; 2 x 6 elements on 10m; UB 4 element for 20-6m on WARC bands and on 6m.







## Calendar - Sept 2019

- 1 - 30 sept 2019 Commeration of the Railroad to Traiguén, Chile (CB6RA). All Bands, all modes.  
2 -8 Sept ARDF Championships 2019, ( 22nd IARU - 1) hosts Slovenian radio amateur society – ZRS  
7 Sept YL Net Essex Ham, starts 2000 UTC - GB3DA Danbury 2m repeater.(UK)  
7 - 8 Sept Region 1 SSB Field Day / RSGB SSB Field Day  
7-8 Sept All Asia SSB 2019 Saturday 12:00am » 11:59pm Sunday  
7-15 Sept 2019 Route 66 on The Air Special Event 20th Anniversary <http://w6jbt.org/>  
5 - 8 Sept SYLRA meeting Norway 2019 in Lillestrøm, small town north of Oslo  
9-15 Sept MS Trollfjord, from Bergen to Kirkenes, SYLRA excursion.  
14-15 Sept SARL National Field Day 10:00 UTC - 10:00 UTC, all bands & modes  
WAE DX SSB Contest (Worked All Europe) Saturday,12:00am » 11:59pm Sunday  
14-16 Sept VHF ARRL contest  
14-15 Sept IberRadio market, Avila (Spain)  
15-16 Sept Malaysian Amateur Radio League (MARL), 2019 National Field Day,  
15-16 Sept 67th Farroupilha - Radioamador Gaúcho, (2019) S Brasil  
18 Sept SARL 80m Club Sprint Wednesday 17:00 – 18:00 UTC  
19 -23 Sept 58. FIRAC-Congress Caserta, Italy Fédération Inter. des RadioAmateurs Cheminots“  
21– 22 Sept SARL VHF/UHF Digital Contest 10:00 UTC - 10:00 UTC  
All Africa DX Contest 12:00 UTC - 12:00 UTC all bands, all modes  
Railways on the Air  
24 Sept Heritage Day National Braai Day (RSA)  
27-28 Sept UK National Hamfest (11th year), at Newark & Nottinghamshire Showground,  
28-29 Sept CQ WW RTTY contest Saturday, 12:00am, » 11:59pm Sunday  
28-30 Sept Annual Nancy Kott Memorial KN0WCW Event 2019 All bands.  
(00:01 UTC Sat – 06:00 UTC Mon) USA local time Friday- Sunday night.  
28-29 Sept JLRS (Japanese Ladies Radio Soc.) 48th Party Contest – SSB Phone  
30 Sept Rosh Hashana  
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4-6 Oct YLRL District 5 USS Batfish, Muskogee.  
5-6 Oct JLRS (Japanese Ladies Radio Soc.) 48th Party Contest – CW  
9 Oct Ada Lovelace Day 2nd Tuesday