

## WomensRadio#107june2022

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#### **South African YIs Anniversary month of June**

Our 1st letter was sent June 2011 and 11 years on, we reflect and remember the women radio pioneers and operators, on whose shoulders we stand today.



**The SAWRC (South African Women's Radio Club)** was founded on 2 June 1952; the only YL Club in the Southern hemisphere. That means they would have celebrated their 70th platinum anniversary in 2022! Founding members, now all SK (Silent Key) were: ZS2AA Iris Hayes (President); ZS5KG Muriel Neill (Vice-President); ZS6KK Marie Cormack and ZS6GH Diana Green (Joint Secretaries). Diana Green also edited their magazine YL Beam. They had their own magazine, "YL Beam", which regularly comprised over 18 pages, and even had a Christmas edition of 30 pages.

They started with 33 members and by end of 1952 they had 71. The club was very active in the 1950's and 60's with over 120 YL members.

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#### **South African YL's - A Brief History:**

1937 First Licensed YL in South Africa - ZS2AA, Iris Hayes. (Sk 31 May 1999)

1944 1st January, The South African Young Ladies' League ( S.A. YLRL) inaugurated, lasts until 1951

1948 January - SA YLRL 'Harmonics' newsletter

1952 2 June, SAWRC (South African Women's Radio Club) founded  
1983 Kay Munro ZS5RI Honorary Life Membership The SARL's highest honour  
1985 SAWRC went into recess  
2008 International YL Meet held in South Africa  
2009 First SARL YL Sprint (9 August- Womens Day in SA)  
2010 New beginnings for SAWRC  
2011 May 1st "The International Day Of YLs" hosted by French YLs  
June #1 yl.beam newsletter;  
September 1, Ham YL on Facebook  
2016 May, SARL Hall of Fame inducts ZS2AA, Iris Hayes (SK). Licensed 1937, first SA YL  
2022 14th yr SARL YL QSO Party 5 March 2022

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#### **Recall & Remember - Ruth Boatwright ZS2QK (ex ZS5QK)**

Ruth moved to the Garden Route Area after her husband Roger ZS5EW became silent key.

Ruth was blind. (A white stick operator) She was active on HF and VHF. Many will remember her cheerful voice on the Eastern Cape Repeater Network and for her positive outlook on many aspects of life. Well known on the air she would always be there to answer your call.

Ruth had a Kenwood TS120S Radio with no fancy voice synthesizer. She used a piece of press-stick (reusable putty-adhesive) to find her way around the HF frequencies. At times the HF radio and antenna would not function properly. Roger (ex ZS1J) would come to Ruth's aid by fixing her radio and antenna free of charge. Her two meter radio also gave trouble and she received a donation radio from a radio amateur that kept her on the air.

Ruth was a regular on the WACRAL group every Saturday morning. She never missed a call in, even if late. ( World Association of Christian Amateurs and Listeners)

Ruth moved from the Wilderness to a retirement village in George and then during February 2012, it is believed she moved back to ZS5- KZN land. Her licence lapsed in 2017 - presumably when she went into a Retirement centre before she became silent key. We will remember her for "All good things come to those who are willing to wait!!"

SARL Forum: Edited by - 01/11/2021 ZS1I Johan Terblanche,

During Feb 2017 ZS6BOX Cliff had a long chat with her in a retirement-home in Port Shepstone, KZN.

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ZS1ISS Kiara & Bryce ZS1BWM-SOTA [Paulsberg ZS/WC-9521]

Five amateurs received the Brian Jones SOTA ZS award at the SARL 2022 Awards ceremony in Pretoria on the 23rd April 2022 for their contributions to the SOTA ZS program.

YI Kiara ZS1ISS, brother Bryce ZS1BWM and dad Phil McLean.  
 yI ZS1WW, Esme Walsh ZS3EW, and her OM Roy ZS3RW

### ZS Autumn SOTA Day 2 May 2022

9x summits, 15x activators, 115 chasers & 3 YLs

The Hibiscus Coast Amateur Radio Club had two teams.

Klipspruit, ZS/KN-204 activated, the summit lies between Harding and Kokstad in KZN. YI Louise, ZS5BSR and OM Tim, ZS5TIM made 39 contacts each; ZS5LS Louis achieved 42 contacts. 7x S2S and one POTA. It was a sunny bright clear day with an icy wind. Sandwiches and coffee were enjoyed by all.

Gudlintaba, ZS/KN-244 - Sid, ZS5AYC and yI Adele, ZS5APT, also from Hibiscus ARC started off at 04:00, their destination Gudlintaba was 3 hours from QTH. First contact made at 07:05 UTC.

Kanonberg, ZS/WC-950 : -33.2745, 18.7533; Locator: JF96jr

yI Esmé, ZS3EW and om Roy, ZS3RW from Noord-Kaap Amateur Radio Klub were active in the Western Cape, Originally this summit had a canon on it, which would have also made it a HOTA site, but no longer. It took a while to get hold of the farmer to ask permission but eventually he was happy to allow us to activate the SOTA. Very friendly farmer and it was great to activate even though we forgot the coffee and SOTA cups at home.

22 contacts on 40 m and 3x on 2 m, six S2S and one HOTA to SOTA.

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### SOTA DXpedition 2022 on Svalbard (JW)

3 - 8 May, 2022. A team of four SOTA activators completed a successful DXpedition to the Arctic Island of Svalbard (IOTA EU-026)

JW5E is the callsign of Ham radio club, a member of the national organisation Norwegian Radio Relay League



(NRRL). Club name is SARK (Svalbard Amatør Radio Klubb) and its club house is situated in the settlement, located on the Norwegian island Spitsbergen in the Svalbard archipelago, at 78 degrees North.

One of the highlights was S2S between two Arctic summits from XYL JW5MUA/LA5MUA Solveig, since she lives in Longyearbyen she uses the callsign JW5MUA.

### Svalbard

Svalbard also known as Spitzbergen, is a Norwegian archipelago in the Arctic Ocean. North of mainland Europe, it is about midway between the northern coast of Norway and the North Pole.

Approximately 60% of the archipelago is covered with glaciers, and the islands feature many mountains and fjords. As Svalbard is north of the Arctic Circle, it experiences midnight sun in summer and polar night in winter.

Longyearbyen is the largest settlement on the archipelago and is the main gateway. No roads connect the settlements; snowmobiles, aircraft and boats are used for inter-settlement transport.

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K4SAF Carol Fraley Laferty 5 Band DXCC Award

David Minster, CEO of the American Radio Relay League, presents the 5 Band DXCC Award, to Carol J Laferty, K4SAF of Clearfield, KY, at the Dayton Hamvention. This award is earned by working 100 countries on 5 of the amateur radio bands: 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. Carol has also finished 100 countries on 30 and 17 meters.

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### **Young Argentines Lead the Way**

#### **LU1NSL Sofia represents Santiago on Women's Day 2022**

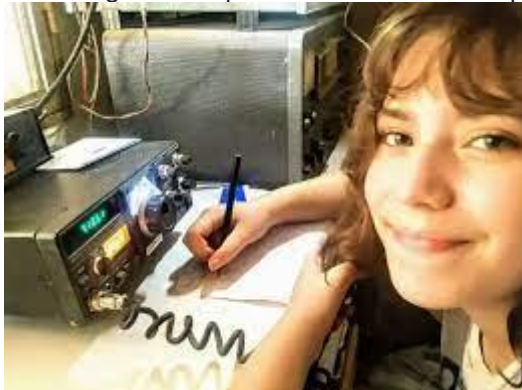
The Radioclub of La Rioja LU1SF, one of the most active in the country, organizes the "certificate" for International Women's Day, where Argentine radio amateurs, representing their provinces, take over the radio air.

Santiago del Estero, a province in the north of Argentina, was represented by Sofía Loray, 12 years old, on Women's Day who operated an 'award' station, granting contacts to other participating stations.

Sofía Loray (LU1NSL), who has been a radio amateur since she was 10 years old, obtained her callsign during the pandemic, after completing her technical, theoretical and practical training at the Radioclub Santiago del Estero LU1NF, where she demonstrated her radio operation skills in the bands of HF.

Radio amateurs agree on Sofía's ease, good manners and operating skills, which is why she represented Santiago in this event.

In dialogue with 'Nuevo Diario', her father, Ernesto Loray (LU6NHD), said: "She has the habit of correctly using the international radio alphabet; and when she asks for the microphone to operate, she always asks me to leave her a while longer. It is a pride to know that she represents another generation of the family".



#### **Radioclub Santiago del Estero, Argentina - 4 new yls 12/Sept 2020**

The Radioclub Santiago del Estero LU1NF keeps alive and growing during the Covid pandemic, where it continued to provide training to future radio amateurs; and on this occasion, Enacom issued 11 new licenses to a group of people from Santiago, including 4 girls between 10 and 14 years old. This unprecedented participation of 4 girls stands out, ages 10 to 14 years old, surprised the national community of radio amateurs.

They are Sofía Ernestina Loray Cejas (10), Anna Luz Juárez (11), Salma Irina Rojo Bulacio (11), who, together with the rest of the interested adults, successfully passed the entry level exam.

Although the regulations of the National Communications Agency (Enacom) indicate that a license can be obtained from the age of 9, this situation has not occurred for 15 years, in the province, and even less so with four girls!

The Radioclub Santiago del Estero LU1NF (founded 1948) has trained many radio amateurs during the past 74 years. Dr. Eduardo Paskevicius (LU1NAF) secretary: "I have been a radio amateur since 1996, The last time I remember seeing children obtaining their license, was on the same course I did, and one of them is the current President Alvaro (Rodríguez Montesinos, LU1NA) then 13 years old, in 1996. I know that later there were several tests that where minors participated and today some of them are still active amateur radio operators

For me it is exciting, and hopeful that young children join in such a noble and exciting activity. This guarantees the validity of the activity over time, and the possibility that when we are older, young people will continue to grow the institution and radio activity, which we must not forget, was the first social network, before the era of globalization."

Amateur radio in Argentina was declared an Activity of National Interest (Law No. 16,118) and operators are urged to refer to amateur radio as an "activity and not as a hobby or pastime".

"If all else fails: there is ham radio." It is a reminder that when a disaster strikes an area and its communication infrastructures are destroyed, it is possible to regain communication thanks to radio stations and local radio

amateurs.

All it takes is a radio set, an antenna and a power source to power this small infrastructure.

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### Seychelles Dxpediton

From August 9 to 23, 2022, Spanish yf Nuria – S79?EA3WL and Jose – S79/EA3BT, will be active from Praslin, La Digue and Mahe Islands, all reference IOTA AF-024. The operation will only be in SAT mode (QO-100, RS-44 and others) in an expedition in "vacation" mode in SSB, CW and FT8.

Qsl via EA3BT, OQRS.

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**DANUBE DAY, HG7DANUBE** 29th of June, 00:00 UT till the 29th, 23:59 UT. ([qrz.com](http://qrz.com))

each year, the 14 countries of the Danube River Basin jointly celebrate one of Europe's greatest river systems, <https://www.ha2mn.hu/danubeday.html>

The Danube, one of the world's great rivers stretches for 1800 miles from a spring in the Black Forest of southern Germany near Donaueschingen to the Black Sea. It runs east through Regensburg and Passau, Germany, to Linz and Vienna, Austria and on to Bratislava, Slovakia, then continues east to Budapest, Hungary where it abruptly heads south to Mohacs, Hungary. It is then joined by the Drava and again turns in an easterly direction to Belgrade, Serbia where its volume is increased by the Sava River. It then continues east, forming the border between Romania and Bulgaria, eventually creating a massive delta which now includes parts of Russia, Romania and Bulgaria, before emptying into the Black Sea. The delta is a very important bird sanctuary and breeding ground.

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### Silent Keys

Nancy Bone, G7UUR, the co-founder and long-time secretary of the Angel of the North ARC became a Silent Key Thursday the 5th of May 2022. She was an RSGB (Radio Society of Great Britain) Deputy Regional Manager for a number of years, a repeater licence holder, exam tutor and GB2RS news reader. In everything that she did, she approached it with enthusiasm and commitment that challenged and inspired others. Nancy, a stalwart lady, had trained as a solicitor and dedicated her life to help the neglected, the abused and the underprivileged.

We are thinking of her husband Warren, G7MWB, their family and many friends at this difficult time.

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N3JZH Barbara R Grover /SK age 57 [March 21, 1965 - May 11, 2022]

of Mattie, Bedford County, PA., passed away on Wednesday, May 11, 2022..She was a member of the Bedford County Amateur Radio Society

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### June 2022

Queen Elizabeth Jubilee(UK) Full Month of June 2022

June 3-5th Museum Ships on the air weekend.

USS Batfish ARC has permission from the museum board to operate in the parking lot (the museum grounds are still off limits inside the fence) All YL's are welcome to participate.

June 04 YL Net 1st Saturday of month, 2000 (UK) on GB3DA Danbury 2m repeater.

June 4 SARL VHF/UHF FM Contest

June 8 - 12 SARL Top Band QSO Party

June 12 Japan Ladies Radio Society (JLRS) "YL CQ Day" 2nd Sunday of every month

June 16 Youth Day; The SARL Youth QSO Party

June 17 World QRP Day;

June 20 An Evening with YU3AWA YL Marija on YOTA - Monday, 8:15 PM UTC+02

Online Zoom Meet <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5249312563> Meet ID: 524 931 2563

June 24-26 HAM Radio Friedrichshafen,, Germany , 2022 – 24 anniversary

June 29 Danube Day 28June, 00:00 UT - 29th, 23:59 UT.

July 02 YL Net 1st Saturday of month, 2000 (UK) on GB3DA Danbury 2m repeater.

30 June - 10 July 2022 The Pink Radio Award - La Radio in Rosa U.R.I. (IZ0EI)

Aug 18 – 21 SYLRA Scandinavian YIs meet Turku, Finland, 2022.