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The first issue of Radio ZS was 75 years ago, July 1947, the article below reflects on the past.

### **Koos and Annie van der Merwe Award**

2022 SARL AGM an award was named in memory of Koos ZS1AW and Annie ZS1AZ, van der Merwe, who managed various aspects of the SARL's day-to-day operations in Cape Town from 1958 to 1989. Koos and Annie passed away in the early 1990s and were inducted into the South African Radio League Amateur Radio Hall of Fame in 2017.

### **Koos ZS1AW (exZS4AX) and Annie ZS1AZ (exZS4AZ) van der Merwe.**

Koos and Annie were licensed in 1946 in Bloemfontein as ZS4AW and ZS4AZ. They died in Cape Town in the early 1990s. Annie became the first licenced woman in the Free State and the founding secretary of the Bloemfontein Branch of the SARL in 1946. Koos and Annie managed aspects of the SARL's day-to-day operations in Cape Town from at least 1958 to 1989, when the League head-quarters were transferred to Johannesburg. The SARL Awards Directory is a tangible record of their involvement. The Directory started off as a large book that Koos maintained from approximately 1950 to May 1989 and is now available on the web. The concluding note that marks the hand-over of the book to his successor leaves no doubt that Koos took the issuing of awards very seriously and that he had worked hard to maintain their integrity. The Directory also contains an article from Radio ZS of January 1958 by Annie, who was the Awards Manager at the time. She announced the newly-created Worked All ZS award and described the laborious process of designing and printing the new certificate. At least during the early 1980s, Koos and Annie handled all aspects of administration for the SARL. They commuted by train from the Southern Suburbs into the City Bowl at their own expense and contributed their services to the League free of charge. They maintained the list of over 3 400 League members on index cards, sorted and dispatched incoming and outgoing QSL cards and manually maintained the Radio ZS mailing list. They compiled the weekly SARL bulletins, gathering news until Monday, then typing the bilingual bulletins and mailing them by Wednesday to reach the readers by Friday (something that the Post Office could still achieve in those days!). They also organised all the meetings, including late-night Council meetings in the boardroom. The pair also managed the organisation of the League's AGM over a long period, helping the host branches with planning, sending out invitations to members, preparing all the paperwork and printing, attending the meetings and sometimes also taking the minutes. In 1986, the Headquarters were relocated to new premises, making the walk from the station too strenuous for the elderly couple. After helping with the relocation, they started commuting by car and an assistant was appointed to enable them to retire. They were not very good at retirement - League members distinctly remember that they were still typically in the office around three days a week!

By 1965, both of them had received the Jack Twine merit award, although the exact dates are unknown. Annie received the SARL's Willy Wilson Gold Badge in 1965, with Koos following suit in 1972. They were both Honorary Life Members of the SARL until their respective deaths.

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**Welcome to our new YL members from South Africa.**

May, 2022 RA Exam: 6 restricted, + 9 Unrestricted

ZU3AF Lide-Mari

ZU3TF Tasmeeen

ZU3MW Monique

ZU3MRW Mariam

ZU2LN Iyana

ZU6LVZ Lejla

ZR6AJ Adri

ZS6ALY Alyscia

ZS6KDS Kashmira

ZS6MJB Michele

ZS6MRZ Mar-Zanne

ZS3EL Esmarie

ZS2TAH Tracey

ZS1EST Eveline

ZS1NVG Hanneke

Well done ladies, we wish you many years of enjoyment and contacts. 33

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### **SOTA YIs, with a Twist in the Tail!**

#### **AG7GP Amy Haptonstall celebrates Mountain Goat status on her Birthday**

(Sota) Summits On The Air · 8 June 2022 ·

I'm not sure where to begin because I won't know where to finish. So mainly I want to say THANK YOU to all the SOTA family! Coincidentally I was able to time my MG (Mountain Goat) activation on my 3 year SOTA-anniversary, partly due to late winter weather issues and also being delayed with covid for 2 weeks. The weather ended up out-standing and it was a beautiful day. Just enough blue sky and clouds to feel you were in the heavens. Big Red Mt W7O/CS-034, one of my favorite places, was my 219th activation, and I also achieved 3x Sloth with the 17 S2S (Summit-to-mmit) I made.

I soaked in the moment and spent more time than usual operating, finishing with 108 qsos, 5 Dx, with my KX2, about 10w, using a homebrew linked dipole I made last week. I made sure Robin was my 4th contact on 2m to be my official MG qso, I could not do this without his support.

Quite a few pics of the special day. Thanks again for all the SOTA support, it's such an awesome program. Now to MG x 2! 73,88, de AG7GP

Mountain Goat was the big goal past many other small ones, secondary was to be the first YL- MG in Oregon (USA) and I reached that! Proud to be a nanny goat!

My number one chaser for SOTA is a y! Martha Schrimsher Auchard, W0ERI, who also got Mountain Goat today! She and Gary live in KS where there are zero summits. They are the first Kansas (USA) MGs!

Background: Amy lives in Ashland in Oregon State and is a member of the Rogue Valley ARC. A few years ago she discovered that climbing, doing radio and enjoying nature is her great passion.

6 Jan, 2021 Today was a little different. My mum came along to witness her first SOTA adventure, and in the snow! She had never seen me "in action" and has been fascinated with some of the views and areas I have been this last year. It was not the best weather (20-25F? and wind) and rfi was really bad at first but it was still a lot of fun. Sorry I was unable to work the other bands, we were pretty cold, the sun we were counting on never came. In the pics you can see the fresh snowline on the mountain, it was very beautiful. The 2nd summit was my 100th SOTA activation, woohoo!!! de AG7GP

**The Tail End** – Just had to add this - hope the group will enjoy the coincidence of 2 SOTA dogs sharing a birthday on opposite sides of the world - Slovenia and the USA!





18/6/2022 Amy (AG7GP) today Maggie (SOTA-dog above) unofficially turns 10. We really don't know how old she is, adopted 7 years ago. Love and value her so much! She has been my hiking companion on close to 200 treks up the mountains, I count on her ears and nose for bear 🐻 and cougar 🐆, and direction back home at times! To many more.



18/6/2022 SOTA Sabina S53YL and her guide dog Baron on his 13th birthday on SOTA activation of Mt. Boskovec, S5/KS-025, 73, Milos S57D

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### News from Peru

5 June, 2022: Peru we are only few radio amateurs, but thanks to the courses that are given, we are trying to attract more women who dedicate themselves to this wonderful hobby.

My husband is also a radio amateur and, at the moment, we are part of the Board.

Within our activities we are giving courses on antennas, DMR, etc., as well as holding workshops for the construction of various types of antennas.

Many successes Sonia E. Macher OA4DEM

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### Russian YL expedition to Fort Graf Milyutin June 21, 2022



R1BIG / UB1AOA / OH73ELK Raisa

Young Ladies only: 3 ham portable stations installed by 3 YL operators: Raisa invited R3TM Maria and R0WAS Alexandra. Our YLpedition succeeded last weekend!

We had a main rule: only YLs go and we have to do everything ourselves. We managed to install three stations (two in HF and one VHF). What do you think was the main problem we experienced? I will release a video about it soon!

Historical information about this place::

On June 9, 1899, Pyotr Rybkin, a close friend and colleague of Alexander Popov, tested how to increase the communication range together with Dmitry Troitsky. Tests were carried out between two forts - Konstantin and Graf Milyutin near St.Petersburg, where TX and RX antennas were installed. During these tests, Pyotr Rybkin discovered that a telegraph signal can be received BY EAR. This discovery influenced the development of radio communications worldwide.

### Fort "Count Milyutin"

Fort Graph Milutin is one of the most interesting in the waters of the Gulf of Finland.

Located on an artificial island, built on ridges with pile reinforcement; it is only accessible by water. It is located south of the main fairway leading to St. Petersburg.

Fort "Milyutin" is a unique creation of the famous fortification engineer Eduard Ivanovich Totleben. It was here that the first tower battery of the Kronstadt fortress was built, which was also the first such battery in the coastal defense of Russia.

The original names of the fort were the Third, South, and the Tower Battery.

In 1865, For the first time in the Russian fortifications, guns were installed in towers. In 1879, work on the naval South Battery No.3 was completed. On July 23, 1880, Emperor Alexander II renamed the battery "Count Milyutin", in honor of the Minister of War of the Russian Empire. Six armored turret installations were built at the Third Southern Battery. The tower revolved and was steam powered. Today the fort is dilapidated, and has been partially restored; it is of purely historical and military-architectural interest,

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### **Out & About**

HAM Radio in Friedrichshafen

DL8DYL Irina Stieber at the BCC (Bavarian Contest Club) dinner (25/06/2022) awarded BCC member of the year, 2022

May 2022 Interview with Andrea Slack K2EZ, at Dayton Hamvention (USA), with her "Rover" go to link:

<https://youtu.be/A1-p3ZKI9NQ>

7P8NB-KO4PZT Arina & om 7P8AB-KW4XJ Mark, on overseas assignment, have moved to a . new QTH in Maseru, Lesotho (tiny mountain Kingdom in Southern Africa).

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### **Selvamar Noticias Spanish Magazine - Women's Week August 15 - 21, 2022 Event**

Dear YL Friends - We are pleased to announce our next activity. It is the week of Women, Special Diploma YL (Young Lady), and it will take place from August 15, from 00:00 UTC to August 21 at 23:59 UTC. from 2022 .

FREQUENCY: Amateur radio band, following the IARU recommendations for HF.

Plus Echolink, Digital modes and CB modes

To obtain the Award, (in digital pdf format), it will be necessary to make the following contacts:

Diploma: 15 Contacts with any granting station: If there is a repetition of contact on the same day, it must be in a different mode/band, if it is on a different day, the mode/band can be repeated with a maximum of 2 repetitions in all cases.

For more details visit the Selvamar News Magazine website:

<https://selvamar-noticias.jimdofree.com/diploma-yl/>

It is a pleasure for us to invite you to participate as an activator in this annual event, and we would be proud of your collaboration.

Our goal is that this Diploma ends up being activated by as many Radio Amateurs (YL) as possible and that you have the prominence that you deserve.

Our Selvamar Noticias Magazine, with all its structure, is here to support all the participants, and we feel truly honored by the response that the activation of this Special YL Diploma has had in previous years.

Waiting for you to confirm your participation, we send you a big hug and greetings and we encourage you to continue doing Radio, which is what we like the most.

You can do it by sending an email to [Selvamarnoticias@gmail.com](mailto:Selvamarnoticias@gmail.com) or by WhatsApp at +34 640242175

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Italian Radio Amateurs Union: QTC U.R.I.

<https://www.unionradio.it/qtc-la-rivista-della-unione-radioamatori-italiani/>

also archive #89 dec 2020, <https://www.darc.de/en/der-club/referate/yl/> (German ARC)

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### **Silent Key**

With a sad heart I was notified today that our dear friend Ann Hargrove Beadel, WA5GLM became a silent key this morning. She was an active ham in our TYLRUN group and we will greatly miss her. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this time of loss. They were with her at the ranch when she passed. YLRL-District 5 - Judi Jaksa 13 June 2022

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Italian Radio Amateurs Union: QTC U.R.I.

<https://www.unionradio.it/qtc-la-rivista-della-unione-radioamatori-italiani/>

also archive #89 dec 2020, <https://www.darc.de/en/der-club/referate/yl/> (German ARC)

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

Giro d'Italia Femminile women's road cycling stage race.

<https://www.iz0eik.net/la-radio-in-rosa-the-pink-radio/?fbclid=IwAR2Ztyvq86zkXiVrsE5Gy5fOSWHao5INGFMDAmFYEHszfNK6GL1MQDwspIQ>

Activators: CT2ISX Ana ; IV3GKM Anna ; IU3BZW Carla ; IU8CFS Maria

I10ROSA Special Callsign Sanna Erica - THE PINK RADIO Event. Support: YV5ALO Maika

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### July 2022

July 9-10 IARU HF Championships

July 10 Japan Ladies Radio Society (JLRS) "YL CQ Day" 2nd Sunday of every month!

July 18-20 CLARA (Canadian Ladies Amateur Radio Ass.) 1967 founded, 55 anniversary – 2022

July 20, 2022 Princess Elettra Marconi's 92nd Birthday and the day her father died in 1937

July 23 Y.O.T.A. (Youngsters On The Air) 2nd round | 2022 | 1000 – 2159 UTC

July 23 ALARA (Australian Ladies Amateur Radio Ass.) Birthday Net 1000-1200 UTC ; 3.625,

July 26 YLs Portugal 6th Aniversário (started JULY 26, 2016)

July 30 -31 RSGB Islands on the Air (IOTA) Contest