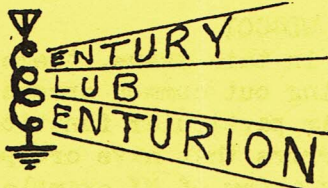


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### ELECTION RETURNS by WD4CQY

With a little more than one hour to go on Club election night, Jan. 25 (Z), when your editor shut down, some 175 members had cast their votes for Club President. The election net was conducted exceedingly efficiently, and Jim, WD8JYN, on 75 meters, and his several relays, ALONG WITH THOSE WHO VOTED, are to be highly congratulated.

The "Centurion" hastens, also, to congratulate the Club's slate of officers and directors who were elected/re-elected, that night. They are as follows:

President - Ray Grant, WA4SGP

Vice-President - Bill Herbert, WA2ZYM

Directors: First U.S. Call-Area - Run-off election in progress between Pat Davis, KA1BBD and Lynne Leahy, WA1KKP.

Third U.S. Call-Area - Mike Mosbacher, K1DUG

Fourth U.S. Call-Area - Special election in progress to fill the unexpired term of WA4SGP.

Fifth U.S. Call-Area - Jim Winburne, W5LBT

When last heard, the candidates were Dan McNeill, KC4CZ and Jim Pugh, W4PTW.

Seventh U.S. Call-Area (Re-elected) - Gary Portsche, WD0CCL/7

DX Call-Areas (re-elected) - Jack Harper, VE3KFO.

Ninth U.S. Call-Area - Bob Hartenstein, KB9QP

The election returns were validated during the February Board of Directors Meeting.

### SILENT KEYS.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of the following members:

K6ACX, Frank Wright, Riverside, CA  
WB0MSV, Andy Kjar, Pierre, SD

(Editor's note: The "Centurion" would greatly appreciate your timely input on "Silent Keys". I understand that Andy passed away many months ago, but I didn't print it because I DIDN'T KNOW IT! I had to stumble across the information in the 1981 Call-Book!!)

The 3905 Century Club, Inc. is incorporated as a "Corporation Not For Profit" under Chapter 617, Statutes of the State of Florida.

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WD8JYN, Jim Crislip, Route 1A, Box 6A, Moorefield, WV 26836  
WB3AMC, Dave Welker, 229 Ridge Ave., Sunbury, PA 17801  
W4MNZ, Ron Toller, P.O. Box 23482, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33307  
AJ8Y, Dennis Chaney, 1239 S. Ruess Rd., Owosso, MI 48867  
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Special election in progress; last known candidates KC4CZ & W4PTW.  
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KA0BRA, Bob Adams, Box 104, Blair, NE 68008  
VE3KFO, Jack Harper, Windy Hill Farm, Addison, Ontario K0E 1A0

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Elsewhere in this issue, there are articles by various Club officers pointing out common errors that they have noted, while performing their particular functions. With minor exceptions, these are the same errors that have cropped up since Day One of the Club. Let me give you a few of MY examples:

In the masthead of the last issue of the "Centurion" for which you have paid your subscription, there appears a red-inked notice that says "Your subscription expires with this issue. Please renew by \_\_\_\_\_." In the blank, I've written a date. That date has been chosen to allow me to make an educated guess on how many "Centurions" to have printed. About 25% of those subscribers receiving issues so stamped, get a renewal off to me in three or four weeks. Another 10% dribble in before, OR ON, the deadline. Another 10% come in still later - many after the issue is already in the mail. Three or four months later, a handful of ex-subscribers will ask me, "What the hell, over!" About 50% of the expirees simply are never heard from, again. While this is very tough on your editor's fragile ego, it is understandable. Many of our members simply stay with us long enough to qualify for some particular award offered by some other organization. Fair enough - that's one of the reasons we're here. But, those who have been spoon-fed an expiration notice, and then say, "What the hell, over!" irritate me.

On the pre-nets, and particularly the "Q and A" nets, I have heard the SAME questions asked as many as FIVE TIMES, in a two-hour period. Amateur radio is intended to be a TWO-WAY system of communicating. That, of course, assumes that a receiver is being used on the same frequency as the transmitter. In the same vein, several nights ago, after having searched that portion of the 75 meter spectrum where the Club net normally meets in pre-net, I called "CQ Century Club" and with about 25 minutes to go until net time, I established contact with another Club member. Communications with him became impossible within about 5 minutes, due to "splatter". It turned out that another group of members had established their "pre-net" 500 Hz above us, and that evening's NCS had established a "pre-net" 400 Hz below us. NOW, COME ON, PEOPLE! WE ARE NO LONGER "ROCK-BOUND" - TWIRL YOUR VFOs BEFORE YOU TALK!!! (P.S., That same night, I worked two "6s" and a "Mobile 7", on the net, so I kinda believe I was "putting out".)

"Centurion" subscribers' call-signs, address, etc.: The "Centurion" subscriptions are filed by CALL-SIGN. Unless you have a very unique name like, say, "Mao Tse Tung" or "Joachim von Rust-Bucket", and you send the "Centurion" a renewal with YOUR NEW CALL-SIGN, and don't mark it as a renewal, as far as I'm concerned, YOU ARE A NEW SUBSCRIBER. And, while most subscribers meticulously keep me advised of their new addresses, there have been occasions where my address record has shown a subscriber wrong for ONE YEAR.

Now, these diatribes are not intended to intimidate anyone, but, in a hobby with 2,000 volts often at our fingertips, I don't think that it is unreasonable to expect a tad bit more precision!

I will "re-invent the wheel" as often as it seems necessary.

#### FROM THE BOARD ROOM by WD4CQY

The December, '80, Board meeting approved August 7, 8 & 9, 1981, as dates for "Eye-Ball FOUR". The January, '81, Board approved Beech Bend Park, Bowling Green, KY as the site for "Eye-Ball FOUR-East". The "Eye-Ball FOUR-West" site, probably in Nevada, is still under study. (Your editor and his Site Selection Committee tried their best to site a "Big Eye-Ball". Alas, it was not to be.)

#### QSPs by WD4CQY

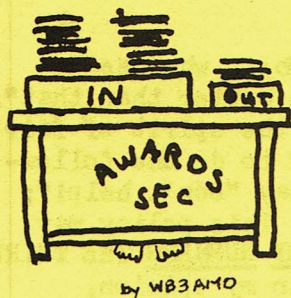
Frank, W2YWK, was kind enough to notify the "Centurion" well in advance of his travel - and mobiling - plans. Frank plans to mobile from New York to Bountiful, Utah, between April 27 and May 1. He will check in, mobile, from each of the four states in which he is located, during those four nights. Additionally, on Memorial Day weekend, he will be mobile in NV, CA and AZ; and, on the 4th of July weekend, he'll check in from WA, OR and ID. Finally, Frank will be headed back to NY, near the end of 1981, VIA FL. He'll be active on both 40 m. and 75 m. (Editor's note: Frank, before you "shove off", please send Tiny and Marianne each a self-addressed, stamped WHEELBARROW.)

From N4ACS, and several others. Please, people, if you have been worked for your certificate, your Wild Card or as a VIP, PLEASE put the appropriate number or title in the "remarks" section of your QSL card.

From KB3GN. George has been inactive on the regular nets for quite some time, but he has been very active as the Late Net 40 meter NCS. He's been "giving his seed back", so to speak. George recommended another printed form very suitable for use as a net log. It is the "Efficiency Data Filler Sheet", no. 636, available through your American Pad and Paper Co. distributor. It is 50 lines by 10 columns. George also pointed out that Club announcements are, by and large, non-existent, on the late nets. For example, he was asked if he were the "every-Saturday night NCS", before he knew that the net operated EVERY Saturday night.

From W3LQY. After Ollie's protracted absence from the nets, Marianne wrote W0FGC, and found him hail and hearty, but tired. His XYL, Irene, has developed a medical problem, so Ollie has become Chief Cook and Bottle Washer, and he's simply "too exhausted to emit", at net time. On January 28, Ollie celebrated his 75th birthday. Marianne sent the "Centurion" a fine clipping from the December 10, 1977 issue of the Sibley, Iowa "The Review" which front-paged an article entitled "Sibley's Voice Heard 'Round the World", and a picture of Ollie at his station. Unfortunately, for a number of reasons, the "Centurion" can't duplicate the picture; however, Ollie will receive a "courtesy copy" of this "Centurion" issue.

From the RNARS. The North American section of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society will hold an "Eye-Ball QSO", on July 11, at the Host Inn, in Harrisburg, PA. Members common to our two clubs, who haven't received an invitation letter, should contact one of the following: VE1BBV, WA1HMW, W3PLI or WD4CQY. (Continued on Pg. 4.)



NOTES FROM THE DESK OF THE AWARDS SECRETARY - "Who's on First" by WB3AMO 3.

Like the old Abbott and Costello routine about who's on first and what's on second, the questions continue to come in about what can be used on the 1000-point award.

I'll take the prefix area first. You cannot use any CALL-SIGN, here, that you have used on either the 100 or 500 point awards. As an example, if you worked me twice, you cannot use one card for the 500 and the other for the 1000. However, if you used me as WB3AMO, on the 500, and worked me again, as "Portable 2", in NY, then you could use this second contact as a NY prefix, since WB3AMO and WB3AMO/2 are TWO DIFFERENT CALL-SIGNS. Anytime a station is portable or mobile, in a state other than his own, then

he becomes a different call-sign, for that state.

In the certificate holders' category, you may use CALL-SIGNS that you have used on previous awards. However, you could not use the SAME QSL CARD as used before; you must make another contact with that station. One point: You canNOT use a call-sign here that is also used in the prefix category. A CALL-SIGN may appear only once on the application.

(Editor's note: Please see the current Club By-Laws for the definition of a "call-sign!")

For the information of the members in the northeast, you can usually find me on ECARS on 7255 MHz, Saturdays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Eastern., if you have any questions.

#### PORTRAITS by WD4CQY

(Officers and directors please note: The response to my request for each of you to send me a photograph and a biographical sketch was greatly UNDERwhelming! I received a photo from Di, WD8IYU, the ex-8TH U.S. Call-Area Director, from Andy, KAØIWQ, the ex-75/80 meter QSL Bureau Manager; and, this bio from Dave. I hereby repeat my request, to each of you.)

From time to time, when space and material are available, the "Centurion" will run short bios, on Club officers and directors. Herewith, the first: (Dave Welker, WB3AMO, Awards Sec.)

"I served 6 years in the Navy, as an Electronics Technician, in such nice places as KH6-, KG4- and KZ5-lands. I'm presently employed by the Zenith Radio Corp., as a supervisor in the console stereo production division. I've been interested in ham radio for over 20 years, but didn't get licensed until 1975, as a Tech., and upgraded to General, in March, 1978.

"In September, 1978, I was tuning around on 40 meters and stumbled on a group called the 3905 Century Club pre-net, and they invited me to stay around and check into the net. Well, talk about luring in a sucker!... I was there until I got Wild Card 42, in March, 1980.

"I've now got a good start on my 80 meter awards, and am still active on 40, and hope to have an antenna up for the CW nets, before the snow flies. I've been to Eye-Balls II and III, and a mini-Eye-Ball, in New York, so I've met a lot of the members, in person.

"More on my mobile exploits, later."

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER by WA4SGP

Congratulations to Mike, K1DUG/3, Jim, W5LBT, Gary, WDØCCL/7, Bob, KB9QP, and Jack, VE3KFO, on your elections as Directors; and, to Bill, WA2ZYM, as the new Vice-President.

I am pleased to have each of you on the Board, and, I know each of you will be an asset to the Board, and will represent our members well.

Thanks to everyone for your confidence in me. I am honored and I will serve each of you, and the Club, to the best of my ability.

We do regret the Board's losses of Doug, N3AIA, John, KB5FT, Bob, W9GBC, and Dennis, AJ8Y; none of whom sought reelection. You gentlemen have contributed greatly to the success of the Club, and we all thank

you. John, you did a super job as Chairman.

There are elections in progress in the First and Fourth U.S. Call-Areas, to elect directors. In the First Call-Area, the regular election ended in a tie between Lynne, WA1KKP, and Pat, KA1BBD. The Fourth Call-Area office was vacated by my resignation.

Beech Bend Park, in Bowling Green, KY, has been selected as the site for "Eye-Ball FOUR-East," August 7, 8 and 9. Everyone make your plans to be there. You will meet a great bunch of guys and gals, and will have a lot of fun. Hopefully, we will have information on "Eye-Ball FOUR-West", in a short time.

With your help and guidance, we will continue the success and growth of the Club.



#### THE 75/80 METER QSL BUREAU by KB3LR (as telephoned to WD4CQY)

There are several minor problems that I've noted during the short time I've been your 75/80 meter QSL Bureau Manager. Here are some of them:

POSTAGE. There are a few members who send in SAEs, without stamps. There are others who send me a gaggle of stamps, then send SAEs. I don't keep accounts, for each user. I can't do that and run the Bureau efficiently, too. There are those who send in  $3\frac{1}{2}$  x  $6\frac{1}{2}$ " SASEs with up to \$1.00's worth of stamps on them. THERE IS NO WAY THAT I CAN "SHOE-HORN" 7 OZ. OF QSL CARDS INTO ONE LETTER-ENVELOPE. Plus, it might take me a year to collect that many. Please!, PLEASE!!, just send me 3 to 5 plain-vanilla SASEs, WITH YOUR NAME ON THEM (NOT MINE!), with your call-sign in the upper, left corner, and with ONE or TWO first class units-worth of STAMPS on them.

DX POSTAGE POOL. Continuing the service established by my predecessors, I lay out quite a bit of postage in attempts to get your DX QSL cards. An extra buck for the pool, now and then, would help to perpetuate this service. The "pool" is very nearly "dried up", just now.

UNCLAIMED CARDS. Normally, your cards will be sent out to you within two or three days of my receiving them, if you remain "good in the bureau". About once a quarter, I will "purge" the bureau, of unclaimed cards, and return them to the sender, again, IF YOU'RE GOOD IN THE BUREAU. Otherwise, they will go to "file 13".

COMBOs. XYL/OMs, Dad/Sons, etc., please keep SASEs for BOTH call-signs at the bureau. If not, for Heaven's sake, send me a note saying whose SASE you want me to use.

I intend to be on the 75 meter pre-net, 2 or 3 nights a week, about a half hour before net time, and I hope to make every "Q & A Net". I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have, at those times. And, I'll welcome any suggestions you may have. Finally, and this is very important, IF YOU DON'T INTEND TO USE THE BUREAU, DON'T SAY THAT YOU WILL!!!

The NCSs have been continually "beaten on their heads" for telling a member, who has repeated a weak signal report incorrectly, "not quite that good" or "Oh, much better than that". Unfortunately, some of the MEMBERS haven't "gotten the word". Therefore, in the spirit of fair play, and so that I can look myself in the face in the mirror, I have decided to do the following when it's MY contact involved: The first time someone coaches me, I'll say "Don't help!"; the second time, whether I hear my station or not, I will ABORT the attempt. This policy may cost you, from time to time, as it did me, the other night, BECAUSE I HEARD MY NUMBERS THE THIRD TIME, but having been "coached" twice, I wasn't about to repeat them for a, in my opinion, tainted "roger contact". I know that all of you want to help, but this sort of "help" is neither allowed NOR DESIRED.

#### "CENTURION" SUBSCRIPTION POLICY by WD4CQY

New subscribers and "Dead File" renewals, UP UNTIL THE DAY I TAKE THE NEXT ISSUE TO THE PRINTER, will get a copy of the last issue "on the street", unless, as many have, they request otherwise. Once the "copy" has gone to the printer, your subscription will be entered with that new issue. Back issues, from Vol. I, No. 2 onward, will be provided, postpaid, for 50¢. Vol. I, No. 1 costs \$1, because I have to photo-copy my "morgue copy".

The "Centurion" is DESPERATELY trying to hold the annual postpaid subscription rate at \$2. Unfortunately, if your editor continues to be unable to obtain the Club documentation necessary to qualify for bulk-mail rates - documentation first requested in July, 1980 -, effective with the next issue, the price MUST go to \$3 per year. This one buck increase is partially due to increasing costs of printing (my printer has been doing the "Centurion" very nearly AT COST, from the outset); partially due to "new member packets" from the Club Secretary which say "\$2/year", which I expect will continue to dribble in, until at least next Christmas, and which I have to honor unless I want to spend even more postage to explain how come the price went up; but, PRIMARILY, due to current and projected first-class postage rates. This issue will cost MORE TO MAIL than TO PRINT.

Again, the "Centurion" is doing its best to hold the cost where it is, but, without a bulk-mail permit, we've lost the war! (All extended subscriptions/renewals will be honored at the price obtaining as of the local postmarked date.)

#### QSPs (continued from Pg. 2.) by WD4CQY

A "HOT AIR MOBILE". Roy Silva, W4IBY, Winter Haven, FL, operates most week-END days, on 7265 kHz, as an "aeronautical lighter-than-air mobile". He and his balloon crew offer special QSL cards for contacts made while they're airborne. Roy uses a 40 watt Yaesu mobile rig, a 12-volt truck battery and a trailing vertical antenna, below the balloon. (From "Letters" in the March, '81 "Florida Skip".)

"Mobile in the capital of \_\_\_\_." Fill in the blank. Chances are Pete, KC4IF, worked Club members from there. Between late 1980 and Feb. 25, '81, Pete was mobile in 24 states, made over 450 QSOs, from, among other places, the capitals of IL, CO, PA, MD, MA, ME, NH and NJ. He broke his trailer-hitch twice (one time, it was repaired by Bill, WA3ZMY); got stalled in the snow twice; broke his transmission once; got home to find he'd lost TWO jobs, his QSL card supplier, with whom he had placed an order, had become a Silent Key (K6ACX), with over 450 cards owed, and, although he didn't say so in his letter, I have an idea "the old dog had died from eating burnt horse-meat"! The only reason Pete is still "on the air" is to see what the hell can happen next!! QSOees, expecting a QSL from KC4IF/Mobile, PLEASE JUST BE PATIENT!

"OLD TIMERS' NIGHT". The Fourth Birthday of the 3905 Century Club, on February 17, was celebrated with the second annual "Old Timers' Night". Numerous of us "old fossils" crawled out of the woodwork, to say "hello". Stickers for "Old Timers' Night", for those checked in that night, are available from Pres. Ray, WA4SGP, or Jim, W4PTW, for an SASE.

"ZED EM WYE, er ... ZED WYE EM". The 75 meter net of March 1 was a night that Pres. Ray will remember! Vice-Pres. WA2ZYM (NY) worked WA7ZYM (ID). WA2MYZ (NJ) worked WB2MYZ (NY). KA4MZU (KY) was in shock. WA3ZMY chuckled continuously! (Editor's note: Way to go, guys. Now, let's have a "CQY" night!) The same night, to further burden Pres. Ray, the NCS, HI1RCD checked in. Look that 'un up, kiddies!

On Making That "Last" Contact. KA2CNG, and others, have asked the "Centurion" to publish the call-signs of long-haul net QSOs - W4 to KL7, W1 to KH6, etc. Some of the members are unable to join the Late Nets, with any regularity, so they would like to be able to make an educated guess on when they would be most likely to find the 49th or 50th state, on the regular nets. (Bear in mind, however, YOUR 49th or 50th state may well be VT or MS!) Space permitting, the "Centurion" will accomodate this request, provided sufficient input is received, although I really doubt that it will help very much.

#### "LINES LOST IN THE QRM" by WD4CQY

##### An Old Arabian Proverb

He who knows not and knows not he knows not,  
He is a fool - shun him;

He who knows not and knows he knows not,  
He is simple - teach him;

He who knows and knows not he knows,  
He is asleep - wake him,

He who knows and knows he knows,  
He is wise - follow him.

To the new Club Officers and Directors: "Remember, no good deed ever goes unpunished!"  
(Dorothy Parker)