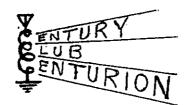
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NEW CLUB QSL BUREAUS by WD4CQY

Listed below are the addresses of the brand-new Club free QSL bureaus:

For 75/80 m. QSOs

WB3IZK George McPeek 64 Yale St.

Wilkes Barre, PA 18705

For 40 m. QSOs KCØFA (ex-WDØBWZ) Gloria Davis 1515 South Osage Independence, MO 64055

HELP WANTED by KAMAVP (75 m. NCS Coordinator) as told to WD4CQY

"HELPI!, MEMBERS."

We need ACTIVE Not Controllers and ACTIVE alternates!, year around, monthly, weekly and

I can offer you a job, IMMEDIATELY; For information, write to:

ka4avp Pat Elder 5404 Thunder Court Valley Station, KY 40272

40 METER NET CONTROL STATIONS by Kidug Here is the 40 meter NCS Roster, as of August 7, 1981: SUN MON THURS FRI TUES WED SAT LATE of month KA 5GBJ KOWNY KC4KY 1st WA2JDP KA 5GBJ KC4XI KC9DZ KB 3GN KA 5GBJ KOWNY 2nd WA2JDP WA8WFX KC4KY KC4XI W5GMT Vacant KC4UC KOWNY WA 2J DP KA ØCA O (?) KC4KY KC4XI 3rd KB3GN KC9DZ 4th KC4UC Køwny WA2JDP WASWFX KC4KY KC4XI Vacent W6PIO KC4UC KOWNY WA2JDP KC4KY KC4XI WASWFX Vacant Vacant

As can be seen from the three articles, above, (Editor's Note: alet of people are working for the corporation (see, also, the officer/director rester), BUT THERE IS PLENTY MORE ROOM FOR YOU!)

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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CENTURION 972 Box CLUB c/o Tom Bowers CENTURY Star Route Eastis, FL ANSYL ECKOLS, IV5DIT, SILENT KEY by WD4CQI

2. When one loses a close friend, it's a sorrowful event; when that friend is a fellow amateur, the fraternity is diminished; and, when it comes to one's attention, even as a letter is enreute to the silent key, it is devasting!

Readers may remember that, about a year age, the "Centurion" mentioned the possibility of being able to print an antenna article on the "Spiderweb" wire beam that Anayl had designed and used with excellent results. He had submitted an article on it to "QST", and he felt (rightly

so) that "QSI" would provide far wider distribution of the information than could the "Centurion".

Your editor had just mailed a letter to Ansyl, asking whether his article had been rejected,
when the July issue of "QSI" arrived. Beginning on pg. 24, is the "Telerana" (="Spiderweb")
antenna article - AND THE FACT THAT ANSYL HAD BECOME A SILENT KEY.

Quite some time ago, Ansyl gave me permission to photocopy his diagrams and provide those copies to "Centurion" readers, individually, as I saw fit. So, if you do not receive "QST", or if your reading glass cannot adequately magnify the construction details in the article, the "Centurion" is prepared to provide a two-page photocopy of the "Spiderweb's" construction details, to its readers for 50¢ and a business-size one-first-class-unit SASE.

Your editor can personally attest to the fact that Ansyl's wire beam put the strongest 15 m. and 20 m. signal ever received, from South America, into both South Texas and Central Florida.

Ansyl never became a member of the Century Club, due to atmospherics, on 75 m., and Radio Moscow, on 40 m., but he has been a staunch supporter of the "Centurion". He was subscriber number 197, and he paid for two other new subscribers.

So, really, the only thing left to say is: "73s, Ansyl; and iVaya con Dies, mi amigo!"

Silent Key.

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

WØTGQ Lee Blodgett, Marion, IA

"CENTURION" FINANCIAL STATEMENT by WD4CQY Paid Subscriptions ... 224 (up from 171, last year.) \$542.00 ...(-)\$442.01 Gross Income Complimentary " ... 2 Total Circulation ... 226 2 (same as Gross Expenses Assets Carried Over ..(+)\$ 96.56 Total Assets EXPENSES -Printing ... \$191.76 ASSETS -Postage Stamps on Hand *** \$ 13.45

\$194.70 \$42.23 Supplies Contest Subsc. Discounts ... \$ 3.00 Copying & Spec. Mailings \$ 10.32 \$442.01 Total Expenses

NOTE: There is \$12 not included elsewhere in this report, that will be credited at renewal, to those 12 subscribers who sent in \$3 (instead of \$2), before the subscription rates increased.

Cash/Checks on hand

Total Assets

The above statement of financial status for the Century Club "Centurion" is for its second publication year and is as of the posting of VOL II, No. 4, or at 1200 EDT, June 13, 1981.

"CENTURION" INCORPORATION - PART II by WD4CQY

In view of the recent organizational changes in the 3905 Century Club, Inc., it seems probable that, with some slight additional delay, the "Centurion" will be able to obtain the documentation necessary to apply for a bulk-rate mail permit. This, of course, will save the extra expenses that would be entailed by its separate incorporation. And, the bulk-mail permit was the ONLY reason that separate incorporation was considered.

More on this situation, in the next issue.

FROM THE BOARD ROOM by WD4CQY

The May Board meeting ruled that an individual check-in could "put himself up for grabs", but that the NCS COULD NOT PUT HIM UP, unless the NCS was so requested by the check-in. The June meeting approved the use by mobiles of multi-contact QSLs rather than individual

cards, if the mobile so desired.

The July Board meeting confirmed George, KB3GN, as the new 3rd U.S. Call-Area Director. A new "DX Award" was discussed. (More on this, later.) And, W3LQY was appointed to assume the duties of Secretary-Treasurer. Bob, KB9QP, temporarily took over the information mailings while Marianne worked to divest herself of the 40 m. QSL Bureau. (KCØFA, Gloria, now has that Bureau, again. She formerly was WDØBWZ.)

NEW CALL_SIGNS by WD4CQY

Here is a list of members' new and old call-signs. Do I have yours? ND4Y ex-KA4FBZ KC4CZ ex-WA4WSV AF7G ex-KB7BD KC4PA ex-KA4MLO WAØSLT ex-WAGAIF ex-WB7FJH KC8JI ex-WD8LPP KAØIWQ ex-WB2LSK ex-WA7AMD ex-KL7IVS ex-KA SHFX KJ8H KB7UL ex-WDØCCL KB8MP MXA8N-xeKFØG ex-KBØDM ex-WA 2CDV KK2M KB2ZQ ex-WB2UTO KB3LR KD30 ex-K3SIO ex-KA4FRZ ex-WB3GWA KC4KY KC4WL ex-WA4ACM KC5PR ex=KA5AOP WD4ROD ex-WD9CXP KC7BU ex-KA7ETX KB9ST ex-KA 9DHT KB9XA KB9QP ex-WB9ZLD ex-KA 9FFL KBØYX ex-WDØBWZ ex-KAØBRA KCØFA (If your new C/S doesn't appear above, please let the "Centurion" know. Old AND new C/S, pse.)

QSPs by WD4CQY

The 5th and 9th U.S. Call-Area Directors have advised the "Centurion" of their New Awards 9th U.S. C/A -Managers: 5th U.S. C/4 -

WD5IJQ Ed Milum 3826 E. Mossy Oaks Spring, TX 77379

KB9XA (ex-KA9FFL) Gerry Bailey 1523 Churchman Indianapolis, IN 46203



Fifty-Again, our annual eyeball meeting weekend has come and gone. four (54) amateurs signed in at Beeck Bend Park in Bowling Green, KY, representing 23 states in 8 US call areas and Canada. We are sorry that family illness and the air traffic controlers' strike forced several people to cancel their plans to attend.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you again, and to meet some of you, in person, for the first time. I am sorry I didn't have more time

to spend with each of you.

It seems that everyone enjoyed the Saturday evening cookout that was preseded by a general business meeting and awards presentations. Our annual service award was presented to a most deserving Tom Bowers, WD4CQY, by Bill Herbert, WA2ZYM, the club Vice-President.

Several topics relating to club awards and operation were discussed by the officers present at Eyeball 4. Some of these topics will be presented to the beard of directors for action, in the coming months.

A special thanks to Alice, WA4RRR, for again serving as on-site coordinator for Eyeball 4; to Bill, WA3ZMY, for providing the complete amateur radio station, at Beeck Bend Park; to Bill, NSALL, for coordinating the cookout activities; to Lerey, WA4RRD, for helping with everything; the ladies for providing bingo prizes; and, a host of other people that helped in so many ways.

I thoroughly enjoyed Eyeball 4 and look forward to an even bigger and better Eyeball 5, in

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1982. With summer almost over, the number of net checkins will increase greatly. Both the net control stations and the checkins must help speed up net operations. Flease help make our nets

more fun for everyone by completing your call quickly.

(Editor's note: Further to the comments of President Ray -- Bill, VE3HR, was dubbed "Gourd-Head THREE", by Tom, WD4CQY, last year's "Gourd-Head", and it will be interesting to find out what degree of difficulty Bill met trying to get the gourd, the badge of that "office", through Canadian customs: And, many thanks to Lerey, WA4RRD, for providing the gourd, after yours

truly forgot to bring the one he had from home.

Eye-Ball FOUR stickers were issued by WD4CQY, on Saturday night. You can get yours for an SASE to me; but, please be patient! Most won't be issued until I get ALL the NCS's logs, for

the Eye-Ball Weekend. And, PLEASE tell me which net(s) in which you were QNI.

Your Editor's appreciation of Eye-Ball FOUR - EAST was: "It was a ball, y'all!" C U next year!)

EAST COAST "NEEDLE BENDERS" - PART II by W6JGY

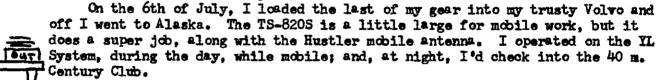
One generally thinks of communication on 75 meters to be several hundred miles, so I'm always amazed to hear S 9 signals from over 2,000 miles. Especially when you consider nobody has an antenna over # wave high, which must require several hops to get here.

All of the rigs sounded good to my ear, yet some use processing, and some do not. Personally, I do not like processing for our California net, but, at 2,000 miles on 75 meters, it can

help. I suggest, however, you do NOT ask a LOCAL station how it sounds, to adjust it.

Most of the time when stations can't copy the reports given to them, it is due to QRM,
because when propagation is there, so is the QRM. Maybe if one can't make a transmitting antenna unidirectional, a directional receiving antenna, with a preamp, could be used.

(Editor's note: The following is a "Trip Report" from the Awards Secretary.) THERE AND BACK AGAIN by WB3AMO



While heading west, I checked in from IN, the MN capitol and then Canada. In Canada, I operated from VE4-, VE5-, VE6- and VE7-lands. The last night I checked in from British Columbia was to be the end, for me, on 40, for about two weeks. The following Saturday, I was in Valdez, AK, but conditions were poor for a puny mobile. I tried to check in, but went unheard. The next Set.,

I was in the Yukon Terr., and had high hopes of being the first VY1 on the net. Unfortunately, that was Sat., the 25th, and all bands were dead due to magnetic disturbances; Not a sound was heard on any band, all day. Around 0600Z, I could barely hear W6FIO and KD6ER, but no one else. The next time I was able to get on was from the QTH of Flo, KC7BU, and Irv, N7AWK, in Seattle.

I had an excellent time visiting with Flo and Irv, both at their home and at their cabin on Fish Lake. After leaving Flo's, I traveled to Salem, OR, and spent a very nice two days with Marie, KA7DAD. After that, it was time to head for home as I had been on the road for 31 days.

On the trip home, I made some stops for the benefit of my friends in the Century Club; Boise, ID; Denver, CO; while traveling across KS, I stopped in beautiful Smolan, for a short visit with Judy and Don (WDØGAH and WBØOPI) and their nice family. I had to step and visit with Judy and Don (WD#GAH and WB#OPI) and their nice family. I had to step and visit with Gloria and Dennis (KC#FA and KC#EZ), as I figured, by now, there'd be a pile of QSL cards in the Bureau for me. (There were!) Jim, KF#G, was able to some over to Gloria's, for a while, in the evening, to have an eyeball. From there, it was on to IL, CH and home.

All in all, it was a great trip = 10,740 miles driven; 330 QSOs; one new headlight and one new windshield. The WI was excellent, except for the week in AK, where it rained mostly.

What does the future held? Well, I haven't run VOi, VO2 or VE8, from the mobile, yet. Then there is the rest of the world. All I need is a rich sponsor. Hi, Hi.

By the time you read this, I just might be caught up on the two boxes of mail that were waiting for me. Also, the special OSL cards should be back from the reintered encourse to the

waiting for me. Also, the special QSL cards should be back from the printer and enroute to the bureau.

CHINA AWAKENING by WA2BGE*

While attending the West Coast/Pacific Mini-Convention in Hawaii last August, an invitation was given to WZIIX, Harvey McCoy, editor of the LI DX Bulletin, to be a member of an elite group who were to be guests of the People's Republic of China, in the interest of amateur radie. Just before the trip was to begin, W2IIX became critically ill, and emergency surgery was necessary. Mr. McCoy then asked me, WAZBGE, corporate secretary of the LI DX Bulletin, to take his place with the group, and that is how I had the once in a lifetime experience.

We arrived in Peking (Beijing), China after brief layovers in Hawaii and Japan. At ence, we were transported back in time, seeing our school-books come to life before our eyes, sights, sounds, smells and tastes boggled our minds, and our heads seemed to be attached to swivels as we tried to look each direction, at the same time. We were given complete freedom to roam wherever we wished, take pictures at will and visit with the "people" whenever we could find those who understood any English at all. It is encouraging to know that Russian is no longer taught in the schools, and ENGLISH is part of the regular curriculum, as their second language. Voice of America programs are most helpful to those beyond school age. The people The people were most friendly and anxious to be greeted by us, and held out their babies and toddlers to be admired.

While in Peking, we met with three of the officials of the government, one a member of the Central Committee - "THE GOVERNMENT". We presented our gifts of ARRL, CQ, LIDXBulletins and YLRL periodicals, manuals, training books, etc., and then proceeded to question, and be questioned about, amateur radio, its many facets and the possibility of China coming back into the international scene with BY call-signs. We met BY1PK, who told us his antennas are still intact in the Temple of Heaven, though his other equipment had been confiscated during the tyranny of the "Gang of Four". We were encouraged by their interest, we were promised that our visit would be reported to the rest of the Central Committee and that we should be assured that all would be done in reestablishing amateur radio in China, though of course it was not a high priority item in a wast country with many wital priorities.

While Visiting in Nanking, we toured the huge Nanking Radio Factory and saw row upon row of sideband radio equipment being made for the "marine" or sea duty. Every single part and parcel of this equipment is made under the one roof, and men and women work side by side in producing

radios, TVs and other electronic equipment.

We also visied a satellite center where we saw two big "dishes", and, also, toured their control center; and eventually veiwed programs taken from the satellites and shown to us on a SONY BETA-MAXI

It might be interesting to know that our rooms were provided with TV, some remotely-controled from our bedsides. The movies were either Japanese or Chinese, but with English sub-titles. Heart-breaking romance and/or war seemed the prevalent theme in all of the movies. We saw some programs for children which were very much akin to "Sesame Street". We visited Shanghai (and maybe I am a little disappointed that no one tried to "shanghai" ME -- Hi, Hi.) While in Shanghai and Canton, we visited trade fairs which were "all the thing" in China, these days. The Chinese machinery we saw on display seemed about 25 years behind the times, but they are fast learners, and, like the Japanese, I am sure it will not be too long before they will be competitive in all markets. They were most inquisitive people, always asking us questions about America, our politics, etc.; our work and even our family life-styles.

I took over 600 slides and have put together an interesting slide-lecture which W2IIX and I have presented to 25 amateur radio clubs, and have scheduled into 1982. If there are clubs who would like to see/hear our lecture, please write to me and we will try to accomodate you. If

there is a great distance, we appreciate your assistance with accomodations and/or travel expenses.

*Vean Chittenden, Route 1, Box 2105, Syosset, NY 11791

(Editor's Note: The PR Officer learned of Jean's trip only a few days before "Eye-Ball FOUR", and time was not sufficient for her to schedule her program at this year's Bowling Green gettogether. But, maybe she can make it to "Eye-Ball FIVE", wherever it may be held.)

UPDATED 3905 CENTURY CLUB HISTORY by WD4CQY

Page 4 of the Century Club "Centurion", Vol I, No. 1, contained the history of the 3905 Century Club, from its inception through the end of June, 1979. Sometime before the end of 1981, it is planned to update the Club's history, and provide copies to subscribers and Club members, at a nominal cost. It is intended to have more precise information on this item, in the next issue of the "Centurion".

"GUARANTEED DELIVERY" OF THE "CENTURION" by WD4CQY

It has always been the policy of the "Centurion" to replace issues lost in the mails, etc., postpaid and free of charge. But, people, YOU HAVE TO TELL ME WHICH ONE(S) YOU ARE MISSING!!



QSPs by WD4CQI

Would you like to obtain a stamp, such as the one shown immediately to the left, to impress on your "Night Owl" QSLs?; please contact Fred, WA1ROI, Larson's Forge, Route 1 52, Cambridge, ME 04923. Fred also has a lipstick "smooth" stamp for your IL QSOs as well as some other commodities. Contact him for prices, deliveries, etc.

From Grant, KJ8H: Tips from an Area Awards Manager -- Grant is the 8th U.S. C/A Manager.

- Please enclose postage or a stamped envelope to forward your application to the Awards Secretary.
- Please provide ADEQUATE return postage for your QSL cards. If you send a check, make it payable to the name of the Awards Manager, NOT TO THE CENTURY CLUB.
- If at all possible, include a copy of your application it'll speed up the processing. 4. NEATNESS COUNTS!

* * A couple of other Area Awards Managers: 4th U.S. C/A - KC4KY; All DX - VE3KFO.

LINES LOST IN THE QRM by WD4CQY

Words, like eggs, should be handled with care.

Eggs once broken and words once spoken are often very hard to repair. (Anon)