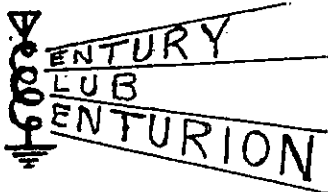


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NEW CLUB QSL BUREAUS by WD4CQY

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

For 75/80 m. QSOs

WB3IZK

George McPeak

64 Yale St.

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For 40 m. QSOs

KC0FA (ex-WD0BWZ)

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"HELP!!, MEMBERS."

We need ACTIVE Net Controllers and ACTIVE alternates!, year around, monthly, weekly and nightly!

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 K1DUG

Here is the 40 meter NCS Roster, as of August 7, 1981:

of month	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	LATE
1st	KA5GBJ	K0WNY	WA2JDP	KA5GBJ	KC4KY	KC4XI	KC9DZ	KB3GN
2nd	KA5GBJ	K0WNY	WA2JDP	WA8WFX	KC4KY	KC4XI	Vacant	W5GMT
3rd	KC4UC	K0WNY	WA2JDP	KA0CAO (?)	KC4KY	KC4XI	KC9DZ	KB3GN
4th	KC4UC	K0WNY	WA2JDP	WA8WFX	KC4KY	KC4XI	Vacant	W6PIO
5th	KC4UC	K0WNY	WA2JDP	WA8WFX	KC4KY	KC4XI	Vacant	Vacant

(Editor's Note: As can be seen from the three articles, above, alot of people are working for the corporation (see, also, the officer/director roster), 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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PRESIDENT'S CORNER by WA4SGP

Again, our annual eyeball meeting weekend has come and gone. Fifty-four (54) amateurs signed in at Beech 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 controllers' 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 preceded 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 board 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 Beech Bend Park; to Bill, N8ALL, for coordinating the cookout activities; to Leroy, 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 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. Please 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 Leroy, WA4RRD, for providing the gourd, after you 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 $\frac{1}{4}$ 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

On the 6th of July, I loaded the last of my gear into my trusty Volvo and off I went to Alaska. The TS-820S is a little large for mobile work, but it does a super job, along with the Hustler mobile antenna. I operated on the YL System, during the day, while mobile; and, at night, I'd check into the 40 m. Century Club.

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 Sat., 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 W6PIO 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.

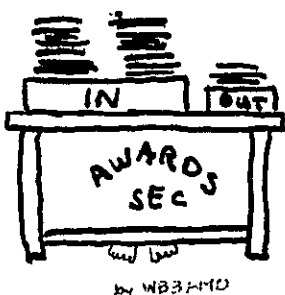
On the trip home, I made some stops for the benefit of my friends in the Century Club; Boise, ID; Denver, CO; while traveling across KS, I stopped in beautiful Smolan, for a short visit with Judy and Don (WD0GAH and WB0OPI) and their nice family. I had to stop and visit with Gloria and Dennis (KC0FA and KC0EZ), as I figured, by now, there'd be a pile of QSL cards in the Bureau for me. (There were!) Jim, KF0G, was able to come over to Gloria's, for a while, in the evening, to have an eyeball. From there, it was on to IL, OH and home.

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

What does the future hold? Well, I haven't run VO1, 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 QSL cards should be back from the printer and enroute to the bureau.

LOOK FOR AN ARTICLE ON THE FCC MONITORING STATIONS, IN THE DECEMBER "CENTURION".



CHINA AWAKENING by WA2BGE*

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While attending the West Coast/Pacific Mini-Convention in Hawaii last August, an invitation was given to W2IIX, 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 radio. Just before the trip was to begin, W2IIX became critically ill, and emergency surgery was necessary. Mr. McCoy then asked me, WA2BGE, 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 once, we were transported back in time, seeing our school-books come to life before our eyes. The sights, sounds, smells and tastes boggled our minds, and our heads seemed to be attacked 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 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 vast country with many vital 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 visited a satellite center where we saw two big "dishes", and, also, toured their control center; and eventually viewed 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-controlled 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.

*Jean 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 get-together. 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 WD4CQY

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 "smooch" stamp for your YL QSOs as well as some other commodities. Contact him for prices, deliveries, etc.

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

1. Please enclose postage or a stamped envelope to forward your application to the Awards Secretary.
2. 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.
3. If at all possible, include a copy of your application - it'll speed up the processing.
4. NEATNESS COUNTS!

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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)

