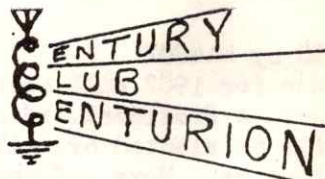


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# THE FCC MONITORING STATIONS by WD4CQY

Many hams blanch at the thought of being monitored by the FCC. It's kinda like the impulse to slow down, when you see a police car. In both cases, if you are conducting yourself in a lawful manner, you have nothing to worry about. And, from time to time, on our nets, it may be necessary to call the FCC "artillery in on our own position."

Your editor had a long land-line conversation with the Engineer-in-Charge of the Powder Springs, GA FCC Monitoring Station, a while back. Here are a few tips he gave:

1. STAY ON FREQ. - IGNORE DELIBERATE QRM.
2. Keep YOUR operation CLEAN and LEGAL.
3. NCSs MUST I.D. THEMSELVES and THE NET no less than once per 10 minutes.
4. If the NCS asks a member to give a land-line to "our listeners", PLEASE, EVERYBODY, BE PREPARED TO KEEP STRICT RADIO SILENCE, WHEN THE NCS ASKS FOR IT.

Here are particulars on three FCC Monitoring Stations. As space permits, others will be included in future "Centurion" issues:

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## HELP!... EDITORIAL by WD4CQY

Your Club is in financial difficulty!

Incident to the last change in the Club's Treasurer, we have "lost control" of our treasury.

The President is very actively trying to rectify this situation; however, in the interim, all donations, of whatever size, will be most gratefully accepted by W3LQY.

There are a number of "accounts payable" for which payments are being withheld pending an improvement in the Club's liquidity.

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



Club elections for 1982 will be held in January, to elect **EVEN** Call Area directors, a President and a Vice President, of the Club. Area directors will be elected by mail; the President and Vice President by on-the-air balloting. More information will be available on the nets, and elsewhere in this issue of the "Centurion". I urge each of you to vote for the candidates of your choice, but, **PLEASE VOTE**.

If all candidates for area director will please notify a Club officer that you are a candidate, we will get it announced on our nets. A candidate for area director must hold a 100-point certificate.

We regret that, beginning January 1, 1982, club award fees will be increased to \$4.00, from \$3.00. The rise in the costs of postage and printing make this increase necessary.

Since the last issue, we have had changes in three area directors. The following directors will represent their call-areas for the remainder of the current term; Fred, WA1ROI, in the first call-area, Dan, KC4CZ, in the fourth call-area, and Gerry, KB8MP, in the eighth call-area.

If you would like to serve the Club as net control, either regular or alternate, please get in touch with the appropriate Net Control Coordinator. They are: Mike (K1DUG), for 40 meter regular and late nets, George (KB3GN) for 75 meter late nets, and Mike (WB9QEZ) for 75 meter regular nets.

Best wishes for the upcoming holiday season.

## ELECTIONS by WD4CQY

The annual on-the-air election of the Club's president and vice president will be held on January 23, 1982 (local date), on BOTH net frequencies, beginning at the respective normal net times.

The nominated candidates are, alphabetically, by call-sign: KB6HM WA4SGP WA2ZYM.

Certificate holders of record on, or before, Jan. 13, '82 may vote. **MULTIPLE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS MAY CAST ONLY ONE VOTE.**

Members in the even-numbered call-areas also are encouraged to vote for their choices for area director. (A cut-out ballot for the directors' election is at the bottom of this page.)

Both of these elections are in accordance with the Constitution of the 3905 Century Club, Inc. The presidential candidate getting the most votes will be declared to be elected president; the second largest number of votes will determine the vice president.

AS I SAID LAST YEAR, IF YOU DON'T VOTE, DON'T BITCH!!

## THE NIGHTS THAT THE NETS DON'T OPERATE by WD4CQY

Generally speaking, the Century Club operates every night of the year. However, there are some exceptions. The Club By-Laws provide for the nets to operate every night, **EXCEPT** for: The night, during January or February, each year, that has been set aside for the presidential election, the nights that fall on the 31st of the month (UTC), December 25th and 26th (UTC), January 1st and 2nd (UTC), AND the nights on which the ARRL Field Day and Sweepstakes take place. The regular nets, on the 31st are reserved for a Question and Answer Roundtable, during which time Club officers and directors will be available to answer the members' questions, field their criticisms and/or pass out general Club information. (Both nets usually have 15- to 30- minute pre-nets, each night, which also **SHOULD** be utilized for answering your questions.) The reason for net cancellation on election night, is obvious. The other dates (Christmas Eve and Day, New Years Eve and Day, ARRL Field Days and Sweepstakes Days) the net(s) **MAY OPERATE AT THE NCS'S DISCRETION.**

## DIRECTORS' ELECTION BALLOT by WD4CQY

To the right of this column, and sideways, there is printed a blank ballot which the Century Club Board of Directors asked me to provide to "Centurion" subscribers to assist those qualified to vote for director-candidates, in the **EVEN-NUMBERED** U.S. call-areas. An effort will be made to tell you who is running in your call-area, by the several NCSs, but no candidates' call-signs will be printed here, simply because printing lead-time **MUST** result in my leaving somebody out. (Please note that the ballot is printed on the back of the mailer face, so, should you decide to clip it out to vote, it will do a minimum amount of damage to the text.)

**BEFORE YOU VOTE**, please determine that the person for whom you are going to vote (a) is a certificate holder, (b) he or she **WILL SERVE, IF ELECTED**, and (c) lives in **YOUR** call-area.

Send your ballot, to arrive on, or before Jan. 13, 1982, to Bob, KB9QP (address on the back of this page.) Don't forget **YOUR** Certificate #.

## THE 3905 CENTURY CLUB, INC. DIRECTOR'S ELECTION BALLOT

The certificate holder, who has agreed to serve, if elected, and for whom you are voting is:

name call-sign

Your name your call-sign

Your certificate number Which band

Your signature date

(Clip and mail to KB9QP, to arrive before January 13, 1982.)





The Board of Directors has been busy updating the rules for several of our awards. This reflects the change in call-sign assignments, by the FCC, that have made these awards easier to attain, than originally intended.

All those of you with 100 pt. certificates dated prior to Oct. 1, '81, may work on the 1000 and 2000 awards, either under the old system of 4 prefixes per state and 50 certificate holders, OR the new system of 5 prefixes per state. Holders of certificates dated Oct. 1, or later, MUST use the new 5-prefix system.

If you are working on either the 1000 or 2000 award, under the OLD system, there are now cut-off dates by which these awards must be submitted.

For the 1000 award, the cut-off date is Dec. 31, 1982; and, for the 2000 award, the date is Dec. 31, 1983. The application must be in the hand of your Awards Manager by these dates. All applications for these awards submitted after the cut-off REQUIRE the use of the 5-prefix system.

The use of Wild Cards on the 1000 and 2000 awards are limited to no more than 1 PER STATE, with a maximum of 4, total.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1982, ALL AWARDS FEES WILL BE \$4.00.

We are now offering our Awards Program to Short-Wave Listeners, so be on the lookout for SWL QSL cards. Most of these SWLs are hams, or ex-hams, who can't be on the air. (Editor's note: We are very often heard in ITU Regions 1 and 3, where hams don't have xmit privileges, on our net frequencies.)

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to Bob, KB9QP, for being the FIRST hardy (or daft?) member to earn the 2000 point award on BOTH BANDS.

Silent Key.

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

WB1FEL Lawrence Henry, Newton, MA

#### BULK-MAIL RATE UPDATE by WD4CQY

I know that most of YOU know that I have been promising a bulk-rate mail permit for the "Centurion", for months, now. (LORD, DO I KNOW!) Well, folks, after more frustration than you would ever believe, The 3905 Century Club, Inc. now has an application "For Consideration for Tax Exemption" in the hands of the Internal Revenue Service. Barring any further glitches, your Editor will be applying for a bulk-mail permit, ON JAN. 2, 1982. I doubt that the IRS determination will have been made by then, but the mere fact that an application is pending allows me to cut the postage IN HALF; AND, if the application is subsequently approved, the over-payment (i.e., the difference in postage between a non-tax-exempt and a tax-exempt permit rate) will be RE-IMBURSED TO THE "CENTURION", by the USPS.

#### A SECOND MEMBER VISITS CHINA - AND OPERATES by WD4CQY

There follows a reprint of an article originally appearing in the Nov., '81 issue of "World Radio"; reprint permission having been conferred by one of the authors, Bob Hudson, K7LAY. ("World Radio" herewith is granted FULL attribution.) --

"The Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society (BEARS) delegation arrived in the People's Republic of China on 4 September 1981, and departed on 12 September 1981. We were the first official international Amateur Radio delegation to visit China in more than 32 years. Our host was the Chinese Institute of Electronics, a branch of the Fourth Ministry of Machine Building. The delegation members consisted of: C.P. (Pat) West, W7EA, Delegation Leader; H (Henry) Oman, K7HO; R.W. (Bob) Hudson, K7LAY; and W.P. (Bill) Showers, KC7CF.

"All the delegation members are Boeing employees from Seattle, Washington with a total of more than 110 years of Boeing service. Contributors to our expedition included the R.L. Drake Company who supplied two complete TR7 stations; Telex HyGain who supplied two dipole antennas and ARRL who supplied a copy of the film, "Wide World of Amateur Radio" and a few books.

"Our delegation prepared and presented a four-hour slide presentation covering Amateur Radio in the USA. This presentation was made in each of the cities we visited.

"Although we did not expect to operate, we were permitted to set up a demonstration station in Beijing and communicate with our home city, Seattle. This historic event occurred at about 10:00 p.m. Beijing time on 6 September. Our contact in Seattle, representing our two clubs, was Bill Bennett, W7PHO and our call sign in Beijing -- also representing our two clubs -- was K7LAY. We are very sorry that we could not speak to more stations.

"The Chinese advised us that our transmissions were the first authorized Amateur Radio communication demonstration in more than 32 years -- truly a historic event. This contact signifies the increasing friendship between our two nations.

"A second historic event occurred on 9 September. With the assistance of our delegation in Shanghai, the Chinese in Beijing installed a Drake TR7 station and the Chinese in Shanghai also installed a Drake TR7 station. Successful communications were established between Beijing and Shanghai by Chinese operators for the first time in more than 32 years. The operator in Beijing was Chen Ren-Mo, and the operator in Shanghai was Hsu Y.C. Mr. Hsu was licensed many years ago as XUSCH and C1CH.

"Although propagation was not good between Beijing and Shanghai, communications were established about 10:45 p.m. on 9 September. The station in Beijing used the call sign CIE and the one in Shanghai used the call sign K7LAY. Both stations were heard in many countries with strong signals. The Drake equipment performed excellently, despite much rough handling during transportation.

"The Chinese asked us to tell the world that their top government leaders are solidly behind Amateur Radio and before too long, China expects to establish many friends throughout the world through the media of Amateur Radio.

"Our delegation was overwhelmed by the reception we received in China, and very honored to be the first official Amateur Radio delegation to China and to demonstrate Amateur Radio. We met many old-timers in China, and our meetings with them were precious events in all our lives.

"We are very appreciative to our host in China -- the China Institute of Electronics --, and also to the China National Radio Sport Commission and the Shanghai Institute of Electronics."





This is the first of what we hope will be many columns that will attempt to clarify the rules and operations of the Club. An attempt also will be made to answer any questions that may be submitted by the members. At times, fun will be poked at certain types of problems, or at some particular item that may be clarified more readily if it were not taken too seriously.

All material presented in this column, which relates to rules and methods of operation of the Century Club, is taken from the Constitution, the By-Laws and/or the minutes of the meetings of

the Board of Directors. The words will be the author's own, with the purpose of trying to make things more clear to those who might be having some problems, in a particular area.

At the Board of Directors meeting for September, the revised By-Laws were approved. Stencils have been made and are now in the hands of the Club Secretary. If you do not have a copy, you should send an SASE to Marianne, W3LQY, and request a copy. There have been some sweeping changes in the rules for awards. They are of most importance to those whose 100 pt. certificates are dated before October 1, 1980., and who do not yet have their 1000 pt. awards. If you are an old-timer with the Club, and have shoeboxes full of cards laying all over the shack, you should also get a copy of the By-Laws. You may find a use for many of those EXTRA QSL cards.

Now, in case all you people in the 4th call-area haven't noticed yet, winter is setting in. In fact, some of us less fortunate members already have snow on the ground. Winter time means snow, turkey dinners, Santa Claus, etc. It also means that we have to make some changes in the way we operate on the nets. Perhaps the greatest change is on 75 meters. Here, the band opens up, again, and we can once more hear the 6s and 7s that have been more or less absent, during the hot summer months. It also means that we will start getting more and more check ins each night as those pursuing awards try to get in there and work the "rare ones". Late in Dec., we will even start getting KL7 and KH6 lands, again!

What changes do we have to make? Well, nothing official, really, just the use of some good common sense. Try following some of these guides and see if your number of contacts, and number of calls per night, don't increase. The old timers will tell you that they really work.

1. Keep calls short. Exchange only the signal report and certificate number, if needed. the place for names, QTHs, etc. is on the pre-net. That's why we have the bureaus for QSLing.
2. If you hear the station you want less than 5 x 5, ask the NCS to set up the contact for you. Numbers are easy, but them danged call-signs will do you in, every time.
3. Don't ask for fills, on the list, unless you are a designated relay station. Pick up the check-ins you're missing "on the run", i.e., while the NCS is running the list the first time.
4. LISTEN TO WHAT'S GOING ON. Nothing wastes time for people more than having someone call a station, get no answer, and, then, have the next three people ask for the same station. If NCS didn't have a Montana for the guy ahead of you, and there were no check ins taken, he sure as hell ain't gonna have a Montana FOR YOU. Keep the ears open, and help yourself and everyone else.
5. Don't break the net to check in. Wait for the NCS to take check ins on the hour and half hour. It will save a very great amount of time, and it will make you very popular with the other members of the net. Of course, if you are a portable FS7 or PY0, this rule doesn't apply!!

That about wraps it up. These simple procedures will help to make the nets run smoother, will speed things up and will result in your getting that award that much faster. Remember, contacts and QSLs are the names of the game.

If you have any questions, or comments, get them to the author and I will try to answer them in the next issue. In the meantime, 73 and GOOD HUNTING.

#### FROM THE BOARD ROOM by WD4CQY

In Sept., the Board voted to phase out "certificate holders" requirements for 1000- and 2000-pt. awards. Instead, 5 prefixes will be required from each of the 48 conterminous states, with HI & AK being increased to 5 points each. (See Awards Secretary's column on page 3.)

W2FFB was appointed to serve the remainder of KB2DK's term. Don resigned when he moved out of the 2nd Call-Area.

During the Oct. meeting, KC4CZ was appointed to serve the remainder of W4PTW's term. (Jim had resigned due to the press of business.) The First and Eighth C/A directorships were declared vacant due to the incumbents' respective lack of Board participation. W1VMY was appointed to serve, temporarily, pending results of a special election. KB8MP was appointed to serve the remainder of WD8JYM's term.

An SWL Award was established (see below); dates and deadlines were decided for even-numbered C/A directors' elections, and, nomination and election date for president. (See other articles, this issue, for details.)

The Nov. meeting validated the results of the Special First Call-Area Director's Election.

#### SHORT WAVE LISTENERS' AWARD by WD4CQY

During the October meeting, the Board approved criteria for the new SWL Award which would provide for the issuance of a 100-point Certificate (with suitable additional wording to indicate that it is, in fact, an SWL Certificate.) The criteria: 20 "contacts" (@ 5 points each) which must include at least one call-sign from each of the ten U.S. Call-Areas (W1 through W0.) No more than 2 "contacts" may be claimed for any single net session. (Note that the regular & late nets, on the same band and same UTC date, ARE TWO DIFFERENT NET SESSIONS.)

Initially, the Worked All States (WAS) and Worked 5 Canadian Provinces (W5VE) endorsements are offered. At a later date, the Worked All State Capitols (WASC) and the Worked All States - YL (WAS-YL) endorsements will be added.

SWLs in the U.S. will submit their award applications via their respective Call-Area Awards Managers; all others, via the DX Awards Manager (currently, VE3KFO.)

SWL Certificate Holders will NOT have voting privileges.

Several Club members have received SWL QSLs, over the months, and the "Centurion" now has an SWL subscriber, in G-land. Of course there are hams in ITU Regions 1 and 3, that can hear us, but have no transmitting privileges, on our net frequencies. They'll appreciate your return QSLs to their cards.

QSPs by WD4CQY -- See page 100, Dec. "QST", for a picture of Phyllis, KA1JC, with "Double Eagle II" balloon pilot, Maxie Anderson.