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ABOUT THE REST OF THE WORLD - VK-LAND, by WD4CQY

A while back, a friend of mine, VKiJN, reported that his son and his son's "mate" (friend) had been injured in a motorcycle accident when, one dark night, they collided with a KANGAROO, Remembering this, I took notes on a recent PBS telecast of Michael Frayn's "Great Railway Journeys of the World" (BBC-TV). The following is one short vignette from that program.

Australian Rails has a line that runs from Adelaide, SA, to Alice Springs, NT, with an optimistic average speed of 17 mph. If everything were optimal, this would take about 50 hours. Things were seldom optimal, however. This particular piece of track runs through an area that is subject to warped rails from the heat of the sun, to white ant intrusion of the "sleepers" (cross-ties), to clouds of grasshoppers and green-flies that foul the "points" (switches) and cut visibility for the "driver" (engineer) to near-zero. It only rains during, say, 7 or 8 days a year; but, when it rains, it RAINS, and washes out the tracks.

With this in mind, you can appreciate that the train from Adelaide to Alice Springs often

takes longer than two days - two weeks - maybe even more. So consider this exchange:

A lady passenger kept asking the "train guard" (conductor) when the train would arrive at Alice Springs. After some 8 or 9 such inquiries, the train guard asked, "Why do you ask so often?" She answered, "I'm about to have a baby." The guard answered, "Well, in your condition, you should be never gotten on the train." The lady then answered, "When I got on this train, I WAS NOT IN THIS CONDITION:"

With this issue, the "Centurion" ends its association with its printer, Action Printing Center of Eustis, FL, that dates from its first issue. Bob and his people, invariably, have "gone the extra mile" in assisting the "Centurion's" editor in getting it out, at an affordable price.

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75 METER QSL BUREAU REPORT from info received from NSEDQ, by WD4CQY
Listed below, and on page 4, are the call-signs of those who have QSL cards, but NO SASEs, at the 75 meter 3905 Century Club FREE QSL Bureau. In the last issue of the "Centurion", a similar list consisted of 474 entries; THIS LIST CONTAINS 737: I recognize the call-signs of more than one "Centurion" subscriber.

I dare say at least half of this list is due to careless, botched-up call-signs written on QSLs. For example, if, in fact, there is such a c/s as "SKA9NQW", it's gotta be a SWEDISH NAVY GUNBQATI! Obviously, this column is not only a waste of paper, but counter-productive, as well!

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by WAZZYM

Sept., 1983. I have mixed feelings about writing this issue's column. The first one is one of sadness at the retirement of our current "Centurion" editor, the other is one of relief at having found a highly qualified replacement.

With Tom, WD4CQY, retiring from the editor's job, we will see the end of the longest continuous term of service by any member of the 3905 Century Club. Tom's "reign" began as 4th area director in late 1977, and since then he has served as resident agent, club historian, public relations man, Eyeball chairman, NCS, author, reporter, publisher, editor and general handyman. He was almost solely the author of the Constitution, co-suthored the By-Laws, edited and

advised on the NCS guide, founded the "Centurion" (and financed the first couple of issues, I suspect), and generated ideas for several of our awards. In 1980, Tom received the annual service award and I don't think anyone was more deserving of the honor. However, Tom has requested to be relieved and it is with deep regret that I have to honor that request. With all Tom has done for us, he certainly deserves a rest. I know he will be missed by many, many people but he will still be active with the Club (he better be or I'll atomize Eustis), and I am

hopeful we may talk him into a new jcb after he gets a well earned rest.

Tom's replacement will be Bob Hall, K4KWN, of Jeffersontown (Louisville), KY. Bob has been a ham for many years, and a member of the Club for the last two years. He brings a great deal of expertise to the jcb, as he is the editor and publisher of the Optimist Club newsletter at home, a weekly publication. He should have no problems with the "Centurion", since it is a quarterly, but he will need help from the members. Any newsletter is only as good as the material the editor has to work with, so help Bob out by supplying him with articles and info for the "Centurion". I should point out that it is not necessary for one to be a polished author to write for a newsletter. Just write as though you were talking to a friend. That is really all one does in a newsletter type of publication, talk to friends. Any subject (which is legal to talk about through the mail, hi) is appropriate. Articles on people, ham radio, the Club, surveys, etc. are all appropriate. Give Bob a hand and help make his job easier. I hope that he will have a long and fruitful term as editor.

FROM THE BOARD ROOM by WD4CQY

The following information is exerpted from the minutes of the Board of Directors' Meetings of the months indicated.

Special elections were called to replace 2nd and 7th Call-Area Directors who had JUNE: resigned. The WAS-YL and the WAS Awards were approved. (Holders of the WAS endorsement need

NOT resubmit QSL cards for the WAS award.)

JULY: Results of the Special Directors' Election: 2nd C/A - KK2M; 7th C/A - W7IWB.

Changes in names and addresses for the QSL Bureaus-

75 m. N8EDQ, Jerry Brown 2484 E. Lake Road

40 m. WD4QAB, Byron White Route 22, Box 569-X Tyler, TX 75704

Clio, MI 48420

(There was no Board of Directors meeting, in AUGUST, due to "Eye-Ball SIX".)

THINK ABOUT THIS: Exactly what are you trying to "communicate" to another ham when you mark your QSL card- (PIS) (QSL) (TNL)? I read this as "I got yours, but I want another one TNA ? I read this as "I got yours, but I want another one."



"WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT ... ?" by Phil Harmonic, HIc/a This issue's column will cover two topics, one of which has nothing to do with the rules of the Club, but is nevertheless important to us.

It has been brought to the attention of the writer in a secondhand manner that the expanded late nets on 40 meters apparently are interfering with a long-established net. At the time that the expansion of the late nets was voted on, there was no one who was aware that another net was operating during any of these times. The YL net had moved from its scheduled time and the feeling of the Board was that the band was clear.

The point is that if one of the Club's members becomes aware of a problem when the nets change hours or frequencies, then that member should, at the least, contact his/her area director. More direct action can be taken if the President, or the NCS Coordinator for the net involved is contacted. The last thing the Board wants is conflict with other amateur operations. There is little we can do about people that come on close to our frequency, on a casual basis, or who start nets near us after we do. However, it takes only a few minutes, after being informed that we are bothering a pre-existing operation, to make a move far enough away from them so that we do not interfere with each other. PLEASE, keep the officers and directors informed if this situation arises.

The other subject of this column deals with that section of the By-Laws, and of the Constitution, which have to do with membership rights and responsibilities. While membership in the 3905 Century Club is obtained without any annual fees or dues, it is not a lifetime proposition. There are certain rights and responsibilities that go along with it. Failure to meet the responsibilities can lead to revocation of one's membership. Among things for which membership can be revoked are:

- Violation of the laws of the country under which the amateur is licensed.
- 2. Consistent refusal to obey the directions of the station who is acting as NCS.
- Failure to QSL in accordance with the Club rules.
- Making false claims for awards. SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO BE DETRIMENTAL

TO THE OPERATIONS AND REPUTATION OF THE 3905 CENTURY CLUB.

Coviously, the last is the topic here. During the last several months, there have been incidents which could conceivably lead to revocation of membership. (Continued on page 4.)

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WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT ...? (Continued from page 3.)

The first concerns a member who does not operate in accordance with the Club's By-Laws. Now, the purpose of the Club's nets is to exchange signal reports and QSL cards for the purpose of obtaining awards. This means, quite simply, one station has to make sufficient copiable contact with another to exchange a set of numbers. Refusal, on the part of a station to accept a relay of another station's call-sign, comments to the effect that the other station needs a new transmitter, refusal to go up for "grabs", wanting to take calls out of turn, and similar actions are not only contrary to the manner by which we operate, but, are violations of courtesy, commonsense, tact and sportsmanship. The Century Club has a number of members who have marginal equipment, antennas, and difficult QTHs from which to transmit. Some are older, retired people on fixed incomes, some are disabled, some are young people just getting started in amateur radio. All of them have joined us for us to provide them a means of QSOs that our preamble promises. Withholding QSO because we can't read their call-signs, or making rude remarks about their equipment, is just NOT RIGHT, and should not be tolerated. Regardless of personal opinions, we have to remember that literally thousands of people are listening to us, from all over the world. The opinions they form of us, as individuals, as hams, as Americans (in most cases), and as a Club, will be governed by what they hear. This writer has received QSLs from SWLs on 75m from Russiali So let us be sure that, as the old saying goes, our brains are engaged before our mouths are operated.

The other case involves a station moving off frequency to try to clear up QRM. This incident included the following:

1. Refusal of the station to stop this action when told to do so, by the NCS.

2. Refusal to stop when told to do so by a Club officer.

3. Transmitting "blind" (broadcasting), by not addressing any particular station.

4. Refusal to identify when asked to do so by the stations on frequency.

5. Failure to identify at least once during each ten minutes, in accordance with FCC rules. It goes without saying that this station is not only guilty of violating Club rules, but is equally in violation of FCC regulations. The fact that the group of QRMing stations has the sole purpose of interfering with ANY net they can find, the actions of our member station cannot be condoned. First, these "QRM Chasers" violate our rules. Secondly, no useful purpose is served. Experience shows that a tactful request to a person who is unintentionally QRMing us to zero-beat the net and join us, often cures the problem, AND GAINS US A NEW MEMBER. However, no amount of talk - no action - will dissuade those who are getting their jollies from doing it on purpose. If anything, they will only get more intense in their efforts. Usually, if we ignore

them, they will go away. Often, they will be cited by the FCC.

While this writer, at the time this is written, cannot say what action the Board will take, it should be pointed out that the revocation of membership, in either of the above cases, certain-

ly would be justified.

For those who might feel that this amounts to an empty threat, you should know that it has been done before. Admittedly, it is a drastic step. Maybe, a lesser punishment is due first. That will be for the Board to decide. Hopefully, most of the membership will never have to worry about things like this happening to them. But, again, let us all be sure of what we are doing, before we do it. Remember that it is always easier to prevent a mistake than correct it.

"EYE-BALL SIX" by WD4CQY

"Eye-Ball SIX" took place at "Dog Patch/Rock Candy Campground", AR (near Harrison, AR), during the weekend of 12, 13 and 14 August. (Your editor attempted to QNI on the 12th, but QRM/QRN/BCI sent me to bed.)

On the 13th, the 75 meter people were looking for "Dog Patch", without luck. (I finally found Mark. WB900G/5, and my son; WA4UMT, and I QNIed as an CM/YM combo, on the 40 m. net.)

A FAREWELL EDITORIAL by WD4CQY

This will be the last issue of the "Centurion" that I edit/publish. Bob Hall, K4KWN, will become the new "Centurion" "Czar", immediately. Please note his address in the masthead of this issue, and in the officers roster, on the back of the mailer face.

Giving up the "Centurion" is something like a father giving his daughter in marriage - it's a bittersweet event. But, Bob, who owns his own print shop, will, without doubt, do a better job than I could ever do. And, friends and neighbors, both myself and my two-finger-operated type-writer, are burned out. We're both pooped!

All records and funds of the "Centurion" are being sent to Bob, immediately following the mailing of this issue. (Those with the red-inked renewal stamps in the masthead, should renew to BOB. However, I will forward to Bob the few renewals/new subscriptions that I'm sure I'll get during the transition.)

Please give Bob the support that (and, perhaps, a bit more than) you've given me. Submit articles to him, and like that. Who knows, Bob may be more successful in getting a bulk-mail-

rate, in his postal area, than was I down here.

The 3905 Century Club, Inc. has been blessed with people who step forward to fill the gaps. With this issue, I've put out thirteen quarterly numbers of this paper; and, never once have I "gone to press" without having to change the "Officers/Directors Roster". It's tough on the "Centurion" editor, but it certainly speaks well of the Club. Bob is our latest blessing.

Finally, I wish the very best of luck to Bob. And, to you loyal subscribers: Thank you and the BEST 73s. WD4CQY is clear.