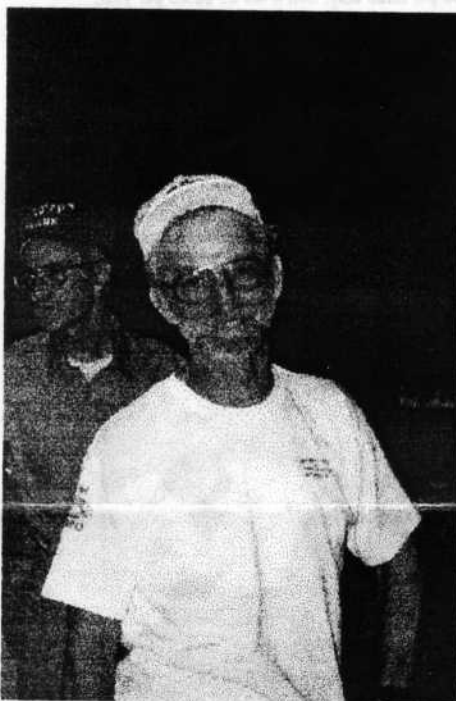


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1997 Eyeball Conclusion

by Jim KD5FW

The 20th annual eyeball has come and gone. The first thing I must do is thank those that helped me make it the success that it was. I know I will not thank everyone, but here goes. Without the hard work and backing of these dedicated members and their YL's I could never have put this thing together. My heartfelt thanks goes to all these fine folks, Jerry K5YAA, and his wife Carol, Nelson Wolfe, N5NW (ex AA5MP), Jim Richardson N5OHL and his xyl Linda and Fred Richardson, KB5MRU who talked Heil out of our major door prize. And the one that I have to thank the most is my family. My wife Carolyn spent many long hours helping to put this event together and never complained (well not very much), she deserves more of the credit than I do. Our daughter and son-in-law spent a lot of their time helping in the cause also.

The 1997, 20th annual was held at Sequoyah State Park on Lake Fort Gibson near Hulbert, Ok. The park is located in what we call Oklahoma's Green Country and is located 8 miles east of Wagner Ok. The park is complete with-in itself, with activities for all including a gold course and all the lake activities and nature trails and center.

We had what I thought was a good turnout, as best as we could determine there was 64 members and 44 other guests for a total of 108. I'm sure we missed a few in all the confusion (what confusion, there's no confusion at our eyeballs). We had most of the country represented except for the northeast. We had a good turnout from California and the western states.

In conclusion I want to thank all those that attended, without y'all no eyeball can be a success. That's what the eyeballs are all about. The members and their families that travel long distances to see old friends and to make and meet new ones.

See y'all next year in Oregon

Editors Desk Moves West

Jim KD5FW

I'm sure that most of you have already noticed you have a new publisher and editor of the Centurion. I have over the past year been mulling over the idea of turning over the editors desk to a new editor. At the eyeball I made my desires known. After some persuasion Phyllis, KD6WPK accepted the duties of the editor and publisher of our newsletter. I have been at the helm for six years and believe its time for some new ideas and direction.

I have very much enjoyed my time at the desk, and want to thank all those that made contributions to the newsletter and made my job a lot eazier. I'm sure y'all will do the same for the new editor.

This is a very difficult article to write (my emotions keep getting in the way), so I'm going to cut it short and just say thanks for all the support and backing I have received over the years.

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and Pictures

Meet the New Editor KD6WPK Phyl Along with the better half KO6OP Geo. (a.k.a. "Opie")..

By KD6WPK Phyl

George and I retired to Kernville in 1988 to fish and lead the good life.

Geo. found ham radio in 1991, mostly 2 meter here in the valley. He then switched to satellite. so we got a Yaesu FT 736R, a small tower and two KLM Antennas.

But troubled times fell before erected, Geo suffered a severe "Heart Attack" and triple by-pass surgery.

Upon recovery he was helping to teach radio school for our local club. I attended to keep him in sight and 3 weeks later passed code and first written test. I received my lic. in June 1993 but didn't take to radio until Dec. 1993 when I received a Kenwood TS 450 SAT along with a 5 element Hi Gain Beam antenna, good for 10 meters I found 1010#s 1010 Chapters, Awards, Special Event stations, I was sold!

In July 1994 I obtained my General class lic. and 3 days later I found the 3905CC 40 meter early and late nets. Needless to say I was hooked. I used a 26ft. Butternut vertical multi-band antenna.

In October 1994 I found the Calif. QSO party, and decided I wanted to be a contest. Made all of 103 contacts. Not enough signal power and antenna.

In December 1994 I put up a U.S. Tower with a "Mosley Pro 67" antenna; what an improvement.

In 1995 while attending ARRL convention on the Queen Mary in Long Beach, I bought a Yaesu FT 1000 and then upgraded it to a FT 1000 D. (this is also when we first met KO6CS, Bill and AC6LU, Ray).

I also acquired a Henry 2 KD Classic amplifier So in October when the 1995 Ca. QSO party came, I was all ready. I made 413 contacts in 6 hours, I was in seventh heaven.

Our radio room contains the following equipment:

Kenwood 241 two meter and 440.
Kenwood 631, a 2meter and 220.
Yaesu FT 736R,
Kenwood TS 450 Sat;
Yaesu FT 1000D;
Pakrat 232 Multi Mode TNC;
DSP 2232 Multi-Mode TNC
386 computer,
Pentium 90 computer,
Compaq 133 pentium lap top
Canon Color Bubble Jet printer;
Epson Printer,
Power supplies,
SWR meters and Rotor controls,
Timewave 59+,
Yaesu SP5 with built in Timewave filter
Canon KC720 Copier
Scanport color SQ9600
Heil boom mike's
Heil head sets

Henry 2-kd Classic table model

Henry 2-kd Classic floor model

The big joke around here is that I give "Opie" my old equipment, as I upgrade to better, HF gear.

The mascots of the radio room are a Springer named "Buford" (the name really fits this dog) and a Rottweiler named "Oprah" (Yes you guessed it, Big, Black, and Beautiful, that's how she got the name).

George's old call sign was KD6FDK "From Downtown Kernville". If you know Kernville you know the joke. No one felt he should change his call when he up-graded, but he wanted a "KO" call sign for Satellite. What a laugh when his new call came KO6"OP" (which is what we call Oprah), so there are times when the radio sounds off and the dog runs in to see who wants her..

How many people upgrade

and get their dogs name

for a new call sign??

I work the 40 meter early and late nets, the 75 meter early and late nets, when conditions allow, the Triple H net, the YL System, O Miss, again when conditions allow, Ares Races, Field Days and DXCC Butterfly net. Oh I look forward to contests, and Special Events.

We both belong to a Bakersfield Club and the Lake Isabella Radio Association. We attend both the Pacific and Southwest ARRL Conventions each year as in the Mtn.s we fall between the two areas.

I have been the 6th Area Director since March 1996, and have enjoyed meeting everyone. I have spent some time as a net controller for 40 meters and enjoyed it very much.

I have a younger sister KE4FEJ, Christina, who is a extra class mainly works DX, but is on the 3905 CC at times.

My older brother KM6BV, Harvey, lives in Anaheim and has been a ham for 45+ years. (but I can't talk him into joining the net).

"Opie" and I have been married for 44 years and have 4 sons: Mike 43, David 39, Bradley 37, (Brad is a Orange Co. Deputy), (Yes Deputy Dew) his call sign is KE6WUM) and Edward 35.. We have 10 grandsons and 2 granddaughters, and a Great granddaughter born 9-9-97.

"Opie" and I are also interested in Genealogy, which is also time consuming.
Not much time for fishing, or horseback riding—"Opie's" other love.

When Jim talked to me about taking over the Centurion at the eyeball, I thought long and hard as I have been doing a newsletter CQ 6 LAND for the the 6th area and enjoyed doing it very much. I told him I would like to make changes

and he said that was acceptable so I am going to try and fill Jim's shoe. Hope I can do as well.

I want to have the newsletter become a bi-monthly so we can be a little more current with events. It is still a \$1.00 per issue only, now it will be \$6.00 per year.

I would like to have the Pres. & Vice Pres. to do an article maybe they could switch everyother issue. I have asked if the area directors would like to do something for their area each month, either themselves or someone else in the area.

Would like to have the QSL bureau managers contribute whenever possible.

Information officer could do a article on what is available for members. (awards, information sheets, etc.).

Letters to the Editor.

Net coordinators could also have space.



Space is available for any articles members would like to share.

I Would like to see pictures of members shacks and their antenna farms.

Help!! I need Bio's of members.

How, when, why you became ham.

Your station equipment: fixed & mobile

. What equipment you plan to add, why you like it, or equipment you don't like and why.

What area of ham radio you like—nets,—contesting—DX—special events—club's you belong to—pet peeves—unusual contacts—unusual QSL cards—has ham radio helped you in your work or an emergency.

Are you married—spouse-name and interests—children—grandchildren—other hams in family.

Message to CQ 6 Land

Hi gang! As you can see, I have a new job and wanted to let you know I will still keep you informed, CQ 6 Land will be a column in the Centurion, so I can express views and vote in your interests.

Congratulations to all you award earners. Quite an impressive list this time. Keep up the good work. All extra envelopes for 6 land will be forwarded to Will for your cards. Any green stamps I have will send you the Centurion either as new sub scription or extend yours.

Cont. page 8 CQ 6 Land

"Eyeball Stories, Eyeball Trips, Eyeball Humor"

I had the car totally jam-packed with camping gear, coax, and radios all ready for the eyeball so that I could leave right after work on Wednesday. This would be my 6th eyeball with the Century Club. From Oklahoma City it was a short 3-hour trip to eastern Oklahoma's Green Country. My wife Linda, N5OJP, had made up some laminated "eyeball" signs. I stopped at various turning points to put these out. Did anyone see these? (Editors note: I saw them and they were adorable, I loved them). The eyeball site was empty when I arrived that afternoon, so I put up my 30-year old canvas tent. It was within extension cord length from the pavilion so I could run electricity to the tent. With the Oklahoma hot summer I had to have an all-important fan.

One of my volunteer duties was to coordinate the setup of the 40 and 75 meter stations. Jerry, K5YAA, came in Thursday morning with two new Delta dipoles. Normally dipoles are easy and quick to put up, right? But there is a little story here. Rudd KC5BAO came by to help us select just the right tree for the rock-throwing contest. I am not sure if the rock or tree won but we finally got the 40 meter antenna put up in an inverted vee configuration. First check on the SWR showed it was off the Chart!! So we changed coax, but it still off the scale. Then Jerry said that there was some sort of static suppressor on the antenna. We took down the antenna center then disconnect these two white wires. Up went the antenna again and so did the SWR. Down comes the antenna again. Jerry laughed when we realized we had disconnected the main feed wires!! The static suppressor was on the back. It was about an inch long and looked like a square resistor. Once that was removed, the antenna tested great. Before even thinking about putting up the 80-meter antenna, we removed the static suppressor. SWR for 75-meter antenna came out fine. Later I tested with my multi-meter the two static suppressors. The 75-meter one was OK, but the 40 meter one had a dead short! No wonder our SWR was off the chart.

Here is what we used for the rest of the station setup. On 40-meters we used Jerry's real nice-looking Kenwood TS-850 to feed RF into my new Ameritron 811H. Both performed very well during the eyeball nets. The Ameritron

put out about 800 watts and ran nice and cool the whole time.

Thanks go out to Steve N5SV (from where?) for bringing in the entire 75-meter station. This was a super-nice Yaesu FT-890 driving a "classic" Collins 30L-1amp. Steve your Collins 30L-1 looks almost brand new. Like the Ameritron, it uses four 811a tubes. This station cooked along with about 500 watts output (and literally heated the entire end of the pavilion). It too performed very well on both evenings. We almost decided to use the 30L-1 to cook the hot dogs, but Steve N5SV (from where?) said the capacitors impart a funny taste.

On 40 M net, president Frank AA0ZP took-up



the list both nights. As is normal at the eyeball, from then on the operation rotates around to those that want to net control for just a few calls. It is great fun and very interesting to watch sometimes. On 75-meters Jerry K5YAA and Bill N5FLD got the list going before turning it over to those that wanted to be temporary net control. I was very pleased that even with two stations only about 40 feet apart, we had no interference between sites.

On the second night of the eyeball nets, the nearby campers complained about the noise level and lights (well we were just having fun!). So to comply with camp rules about the 11 o'clock quiet time and lights out, we decided to run the nets by flashlight and using headphones. Barry AC6LY was just starting the 40 meter late net. The glow of the tubes and flashlights gave the station an "errie" atmosphere. Barry kept going on 40. Most folks had already gone to bed but we all had

great fun passing around the headphones. I trust everyone now has plenty of portable Oklahoma contacts.

I recommend that everyone attend the next eyeball. Make your vacation plans now. Perhaps get a mobile antenna for the vehicle and put out some new states. Bring the whole family and you will have a great time. Hope to see you next August in Oregon.

By N5OHL Jim

Attendance at the "eyeball" requires advance planning to set up travel arrangements. This is specially true for those intending to drive their cars/trucks/ motorhomes. The experiences of these travelers are often humorous, interesting, and informative. The following story is a condensed and slightly modified version, of one of our Century Club members trip report.

....Road Warrior

Gene, WM9H, set forth on a journey (by car) to the "eyeball and encountered many challenges that are worthy of mention.

..After leaving Wisconsin, Gene entered a road maize in Missouri that included a revolving door feature to collect toll charges. Gene cycled through the same toll gate 3 times and is now on a first name basis with the toll clerk.

..Next on the itinerary, Memphis and Elvis Graceland mansion. Somehow Gene strayed off the main path and found himself in a neighborhood that he would not wish on his worst enemy, (Chicago Bears football team). Gene escaped to a West Memphis motel where he set-up his car radio and checked-in with the 3905 net. Moments later, a cloud of mosquitos forced Gene to run for cover. QRT!!

..After escaping Memphis, Gene entered Arkansas and more difficulty with road signs. Did I mention that his road map was produced on his home computer program? His next stop was to a friends house which was located in a guarded compound. While Gene was being interrogated by the sentry, his friend suffered a heart attack and Gene decided that it was time to "move on down the line".

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..Gene arrived at Wagoner (Eyeball) just after the side walks were rolled up (8PM). After a Big Mac feast, he drove to the eyeball site and bad luck followed. The local power company blew a fuse and he was forced to introduce himself to the other 3905 members in the dark. The Oklahoma mosquito squadron struck and Gene suffered several direct hits.

..During Gene's stay at the eyeball, he found that Oklahoma chiggers have a preference for Wisconsin prime ankle.

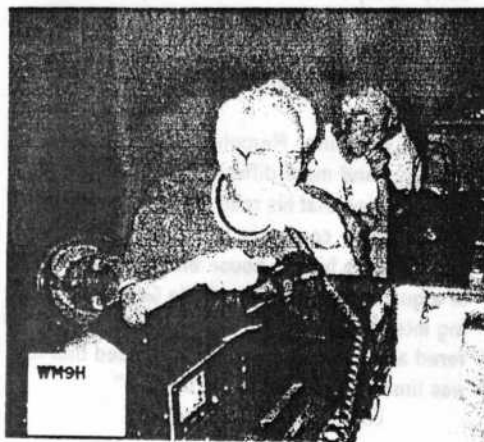
..After leaving the eyeball, Gene headed for his nephew's place in Dallas. There was a pleasant stopover in Comanche, Ok where he visited with friends from the internet. Upon arriving in Dallas, Gene got lost—again. This time he blamed some Cowboy football fans that altered the road signs when they saw his Green Bay Packer license holder. He was held-up by a Texan souvenir shop but it wasn't too painful..

..Next stop was Roswell, N.M. Gene confirmed that aliens really did land here and are employed by the local McDonalds. The UFO museum proved interesting to this earthling from call area 9.

..On to Denver, then Topeka and fair weather. the only problems encountered were due to numerous road constructions. The motel rooms were carefully chosen to enable Gene to recline in bed while cabled outside to the car radio. Made some great contacts while resting his aching back.

..Passed by the St. Louis Arch without stopping to ask for a Big Mac. Finally back home.....

Gene, WM9H....edited.....



Humorous Impressions of the 20th Eyeball.

While the eyeball event dwelled primarily with person-to-person contacts, some business, and various net activities, there was a humorous side that should be reported. The following observations are mostly half-truths, with some embellishment of the facts.

..KE90I, Dave's xyl won most of the prizes. ARRL is investigating.

..KF4LMY, Cathy swindled KO6OP, Opie out of \$.25. Opie has threatened payback.

..KB5IPQ, Will provided 1,347 helpful hints for submitting QSL cards. He is rumored to be writing a book entitled "QSL for Dummies".

..AC5EB, Fred was ask to hide his purple pickup truck in the bushes. What a sight, two "good old boys" (also Jim, N5UJB) in a purple pickup truck.

..K0LJ, Larry was humbled by numerous "22" signal reports. Maybe a future in QRP.

..N6NOG, Mary's little black dog was trampled 1,617 times.

..AA0ZP, Frank cried when he was ask to remove his bright blue cap and use the Yaesu cap for the group picture.



..KB5MRU, Fred made radio history when he confirmed a contact with Opie, KO6OP, by lip reading.

..K8MZA, Ricardo is considering legal action against the dealer who sold him that "plastic tee-pee". He can't find a place to mount an antenna.

WM9H, Gene was observed stealing a car, his own. These car alarms are so complicated.

..KD6WPK, Phyllis was banished from the radio after physical exhaustion caused her to give a "53" signal report. Opie 86'd her for the evening.

..WW6E, Buck was confused because "nobody actually looked like they sound on radio". Did he mean we sound like Dan Rather and look like Bozo?

..AG5T, Marty lost the war with chiggers. He is itching for a rematch.

..The California Fishing Team (KO6CS, Bill and AC6LU, Ray) failed to catch "Oklahoma laws". Opie's \$5.95 catfish dinner at the Silver Dollar cafe was a better deal.

..KG8WL, explained the difference between a "sadist" and a "masochist".

..W5HW, Nelson and Opie telling stories about the "good old days" of Hoosier basketball. Nelson's high school was "SWAYZEE". And that's the truth.

..KD5FW, Jim searching frantically to find enough containers to store 500 lbs. of ice.

..N5OHL, Jim removed all the candles from his birthday cake. Hmmm. I think I will do a lookup in Sam's callbook.

..K5YAA, Jerry suffered neck strain from talking to so many short people.

WA9KCN, Rodger took 3 days to discover that his callsign was printed backwards on his T-shirt.

KO6OP, "Opie"

A view of the Eyeball

After attending my 1st eyeball event, I'm left with a number of memories that I want to share with the reader. Some of my experiences were unique, some were expected, and still others were humorous.

..Embarking from the L.A. airport was rather hectic. The ticket clerk was a veteran of only 2 weeks on the job. I'm certain that I heard a gasp of alarm when I broke-out my tool set

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Meet "KI7RI", Larry Fisher

By Larry, KI7RI

As a young somewhat dyslexic punk growing up in a dysfunctional family, the youngest of four abusive siblings in Wisconsin, I learnt myself code and passed the novice ham exam (WN9ZTV). That was about 1968 or so.

40 meters was my band of choice. I did 46 states in one year, making contacts every day after school and evenings. I made my own 5 watt transmitter, one tube (6AQ5) and some wire wrapped around a neon bulb is all I remember about it.

Then I bought my friends homebrew transmitter for a few bucks and a few bottles of beer (uh we were under age, so value is in the eye). A 40 watter with a blue front panel and a meter with a whole bunch of knobs and a complicated series of procedures to tune that baby up. This all sat next to a Knightkit Star-Roamer that I paid for out of my allowance and assembled myself. I had a homemade clock cabinet that sat on top of all this that had two clocks in it, one for CST and the other for GMT. Then on top of that I built a homemade keyer, consisting of a few tubes, a relay, a small speaker, and a chassis made out of an old TV channel selector chassis. The bottom of this thing was an old circuit board phenolic cut just right so that it would snap into place without screws or anything to hold everything together. There were lots of mid air solder connection in this thing.

I operated only from my bedroom with an antenna running from the chimney to the Maple tree for one leg and the other leg of the dipole to the pole used to support the basket ball hoop. To keep the wire from getting snapped off because of the Maple tree whipping around in the wind, I used a piece of broom handle for an axle for a pulley, and strapped some tin around the top of the tree to attach this broom handled pulley to. I then attached nylon rope to the end of the antenna, threaded it through the pulley assembly, now anchored to the tree, and put a 1 pound coffee can full of gravel on the other end of the rope.

Like so many things in my life at that time, ham radio passed. I went a few years without

radio and slowly missed the hobby.

Then in 1977 or so I passed my novice again as KA7AVZ.

I had many sleepless nights, and found 40 meters to be the band of choice once again. A dipole was the antenna of choice and I was running, at first an old Halicrafters SX73 I found at a junk yard. I still had the old homebrew tx from my high school days, (mentioned earlier) and I acquired my brother's Knightkit VFO that you had to turn on two weeks early to get it to stabilize enough to stay on frequency.

Dyslexic Punk

growing up in a

Dysfunctional Family

I trashed the homebrew tx and the SX73 when I found a Viking Ranger for \$40. Wow, a transceiver, vfo controlled, and the whole bit, all contained in one box. No more xtals to stumble through, no more flipping of numerous switches to go from tx to rx and back again. This is livin'!!!

Eventually I got a little notice from a FCC observer warning me of freq. drift so I shut it off pretty close to the time my license expired anyway.

OH well 48 states CW in about a year and half, and a Viking Ranger. Not bad.

I got married and radio took a way back seat. My sleepless nights weren't as often, and my spare time went into thin air. Ham radio took a dive.

My brother, ex KN9WHM, ex K9WH, now NOGOS (getting old and smelly), stopped by one day and gave me his Heathkit SB101, 401 combo. I'm not sure on the model numbers, but it is a really nice setup. He also put up a few dipoles in my attic and balanced them out for me.

I had no excuse. I had to get my license, AGAIN.

Ok so here we go KA7OGF (Old growth forest) for novice, the N7WOC (way off center) for general, and the KI7RI (you don't wanna know) for advanced. I wasn't going to stop at novice this time and found the general ticket easy enough to get this time, so I thought I'd really go for the gold with the advanced ticket.

Now as if the radio wasn't the cat's meow for me, I treated myself to a nice birthday gift one day and bought an Icom 730. I've had more fun with this thing. Lots of push buttons, no tune up, clean clear reception, and portability.

As some of you have heard, I've operated from a few remote places with this thing. I've also moved all my antennas outside with a collapsible antenna mast, and 80 meter coaxial dipole, a 40 meter dipole, and a dbl extended Zepp for 40. With these antennas I can operate without a tuner on all the bands that this radio will do.

This is livin'!!!

Oh, yeah, I do CW now and again, on 40 mtrs. just to see if I can still do it.

BCNU A 73'S KI7RI

Name the Ham for July and August.

No winners.

Hams are as follows:

WOAYL

KC1NA

VE7GPK

VE4ROY

KFORF

WU9T

Hope we have better luck next time.

Name the ham and be first to send by snail mail to Editor and earn a certificate. Family members are ineligible to submit. Look for pictures which say name the ham in this issue.

CW and RTTY CHECK-INS NEEDED by AG5T b Marty Blaise

Check-ins are needed on the 3905 Century Club CW and RTTY nets! The 3905 Century Club has two CW nets- one meets on 40 meters and the other meets on 75 meters. The 3905 Century Club RTTY net meets on 40 meters.

RTTY 40 meters	Sun. eve. 0100-0300	7.084 KHz
CW 75 meter	Tues.-Sat. eve.	3.903.5KHz
CW 40 meters	Friday eve.	7.053. KHz

...If you want a change of pace from the 40 and 75 meter SSB nets, try the CW and RTTY nets.

Some of the nice things about these nets:

...On CW the contact take place at your sending/receiving speed on CW. Don't worry about going too fast or too slow.

...The check-in lists are shorter on CW and RTTY, so you don't have to wait long to make your call.

...Weaker CW signals can get through QRM. You will probably hear better CW signals from certain states, compared to SSB signals from that same area.

...Both CW nets and the RTTY net use the same QSL bureau (AG5T). If you work all three nets, you can send and receive cards from the same bureau. Note: If you work 160 meters, then you can send/receive cards for four different nets.

...When working RTTY, even if you can't copy all the letters on your computer screen, you can probably copy enough to complete the contact. Often, a whole call sign and/or signal report will make it through....What do you need to get on these nets?

...If you already check in on the 40 and/or 75 meter SSB nets, you probably just need a keyer or bug to get on CW, and a Terminal Node Controller (TNC) to get on RTTY (plus a computer course).

RTTY NET NEWS

By John, WA4IAX

Let's try something old for some, but new for most. Every Sunday night at 0100Z, AA4US, Gene, is net control for the 40 meter 3905 Century club RTTY net on 7.082KHz. This net is small now, with only a dozen check-ins per night, but there are several new states each time. The first time I checked in I heard EM1HO from Antarctica and C)2JA from Cuba. Last time I heard an XE3 from Mexico.

I hesitated to consider RTTY because I didn't have a terminal or software, and really didn't want to spend much to see if I like RTTY. However, while "surfing the net" from info on RTTY, I found an unofficial home page for the HAM-COMsoftware (<http://www.accessone.com/tmayhan/>).

The software is the Hamcomm 3.1 terminal software by DL5YEC. It's fairly straight forward and easy to set up. Being shareware, I got to try it for 30 days or so before sending him the \$30 registration fee. The site also had a small, easy-to-build interface circuit that I could place between my radio and computer. It didn't seem to have too many parts and none of them were expensive! I decided to download the software, build this interface, and give RTTY a try.

A search of Radio Shack stores in the small towns near me (mine has none) showed that no one around here had electronic parts. A trip to Memphis TN or Tupelo MS. was scheduled, but not for a few weeks. I remembered the web site mentioned a kit for \$45. plus \$4.95 shipping that contained all the hardware for interface called the VolksRTTY HCO2. Well, why not!

I sent Terry Mayhan K7SZL a check for the money and within a week to 10 days I had a priority envelope with the kit. It went together easily with good-looking parts and a beautiful printed circuit board. No tuning was required. I hooked up the wires to the headphone jack and turned it on. It worked the first time! I copied AA4US and the net the first time with no trouble.

The toughest part was soldering wires on the connectors to hook up the mike and PPT ||, too. Little pins and wires are a bit hard for me to see. My glasses went off and on a bunch of times. However, I got it done and the next Sunday evening I checked in and made several contacts. I'm averaging about 3 new states a week now, but this will slow down soon if others don't join the net.

...If you really want to get "antenna serious" about these nets, you could build antennas that resonate in the CW/RTTY/digital portions of 75 and 40 meters. Full-band dipoles will probably work okay, but you can always experiment and come up with a special design.

...If you have any thought about working for the prestigious Master's Degree in the 3905 Century Club, remember, you will have to at least get 100 point certificates on every band. That means you will have to get on 40 and 75 CW and 40 RTTY. And, even if you're not going for the super wild card, you can still get on these nets and have lots of fun.

Marty AG5T



Break out the old RTTY equipment, or do like I did and build some. You'll find AA4US a congenial and efficient net control station. He didn't seem frustrated with my clumsy keyboarding and delayed transmissions. Eventually he'll make a RTTY operator out of me.

Come on out and join the fun.



Name the Ham be first by snail mail and win a certificate.

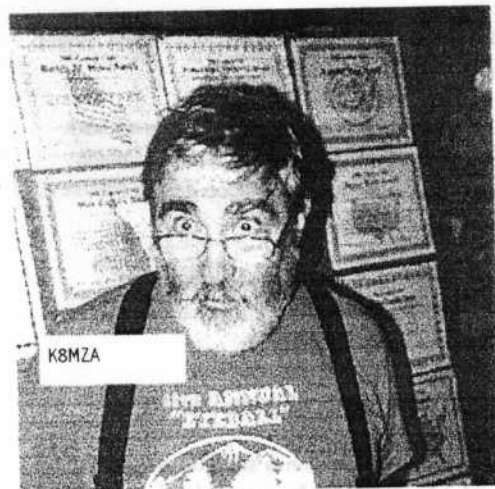
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and proceeded to dismantle WPK's electric cart for air shipment. I suppose this was a weird scene—even for L.A. Those in-line behind us were patient but I avoided eye contact. The cart batteries were disconnected and carefully packed in a special box marked with "up" arrows to avoid acid spillage. Never-the-less, everything was eventually completed and we boarded the plane for a smooth flight to Dallas, then on to Tulsa.



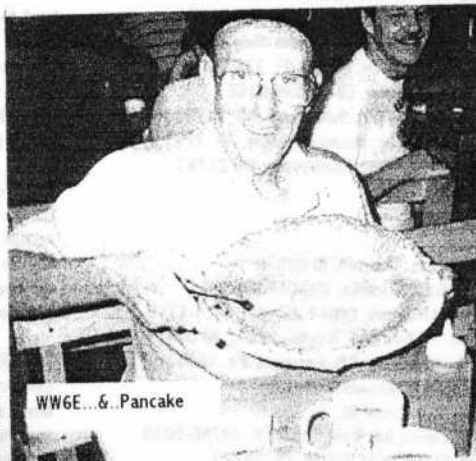
..There is an unwritten rule for airline baggage handlers that requires them to load boxes with "up" arrows in such a way that the arrows point either right or left. They followed this rule faithfully. Even so, only a small amount of battery acid was spilled.

..Wagoner, Oklahoma made a favorable impression on us. It is a beautifully green location that offered a great backdrop for the eyeball event. The trees, wild brush, lakes and beaches were easy on the eye. The state park site also served as home for a variety of critters, including deer and armadillo. We saw lightning bugs, but fortunately, no mosquitos.



..The local restaurant served large helpings of

food at very reasonable prices. I will never forget the 1 foot (diameter) pancakes or the 1 lb. hamburgers. No wonder Oklahoma grows huge football players.



..Most importantly, we felt at ease among fellow club members and took advantage of the opportunity to discuss common issues and general radio topics. Such things are not possible during net operations throughout the year.

..There were plenty of activities to capture ones' interest: 40 & 75 meter nets, door prizes, special awards, camping/sightseeing, and the special group cookout. Not to be overlooked were: discussions on club activities & bureau operations, picture taking and a good supply of refreshments.

..There was an interesting assortment of mobile antennas to inspect and listen to the mobile experiences voiced by the proud owners. "Bug catchers" and "TBB3" seemed to predominate. K06SC, Bill had an impressive truck with all the goodies.

..We had our own version of the "paparazzi", AC6LY, Barry. He was everywhere, both night and day. There was no place for the rich and famous to hide. After seeing his prints he has proven himself to be a skilled cameraman.

..It still amazes me that our trucker Hams were able to schedule their cross-country travels so that they could attend the eyeball. They did come to eyeball in-disguise. They drove ordinary 4 wheel rigs. I remember seeing Buck (WW6E) & Mary, (N6NOG), Jerry, KC5BFBK and Sophie (XYL), Dave (NOAOP) and XYL and our lady trucker Cathy (KF4LMY) with her sister and niece & nephew.



..There were 2 radio setup for net operation. The antenna wires were strung up through the trees covering the site. Despite the near proximity of the 2 rigs, we didn't have any cross coupling between them. There were some interesting/challenging situations to observe when an "eyeballer" was being called simultaneously on the 2 rigs.

..An event of this size places many demands upon the host, Jim Byrd and his able volunteers. We know that the planning setup, different events, and behind the scene efforts required hard work. Thanks for a great show.

..The last feature of an eyeball event is the gathering of the clan at breakfast before leaving town. This is where the stories and jokes are repeated, one last time, and everyone starts planning for next years eyeball. Yes we consumed more 1 foot pancakes.

..Our return flight was memorable because of the following experience. On the short flight from Tulsa to Dallas, my nerves were given a stress test. A small girl (little monster) sat behind me and "tap danced" on the back of my seat for a good portion of the flight. It was like having a preview of hell! After the plane landed and while I considered the penalty for mayhem, the little monster ran up and gave me a hug and said goodbye. She was pardoned without further comment.



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Master Degree Holders	AB6TX, KC1NA, W4NNO
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CQ 6 LAND cont.

We had a huge showing in Oklahoma for the eyeball. AC6LU, Ray and Barbara, KK06CS, Bill, K06LU, Emil, AC6LY, Barry, Ca. combo KD6WPK, Phyl and K06OP, "OPIE". Yes, "Opie" can operate a radio, just have to twist his arm.

Look for AC6LY, Barry who is out there mobile on both 40 meters and 75 meters. Very busy guy with all his award checking and picture taking. (impressive pictures, Barry and thanks for the 150 - 200 pictures you sent. Bill and Emil made a 3 week trip and pasted several more states (any new Bakers. Dozen's?)

Mark your calendar for the '98 eyeball to be held in Bandon Oregon, with N7OKM, Hugh as the Host, July 31st and August 1st and 2nd. So save the green stamps and lets all plan to go and help Hugh with our Western Eyeball. Hugh will need prizes for sure, he may also need other help, so if you can help, contact him.

The ARRL Pacific Convention is October 17th - 19th at the Concord Hilton. Some of the members who say they will be there are AD6AB, Steve, AC6LY, Barry, WB6LRI, Rich, "Opie" and I will be at the Hilton Oct. 16th- 19th so if you can make the convention come on up and we'll have a mini eyeball.

I thank you all for your support and hope it will cont. with the Centurion.

1998 Eyeball Bandon, Oregon

The 1998 Eyeball will be held in Bandon Oregon, on July 31st and August 1st and 2nd.

Our host will be N7OKM, Hugh.

The Eyeball site will be at the Blue Jay Campground and RV Park
Rt. 1 Box 885C
Bandon Oregon
1-800-831-3458

Hugh should have the information ready to go out by the 15th of October. So send him a SASE with 3 units of postage for your eyeball package.

Reservations for eyeball are \$15.00 for adults and \$7.50 for children

There is something for everyone. Horse back riding, golf, boating fishing, beach combing, etc. You don't need a Oregon fishing license to clam or crab.

There will be a Swap Fest in Bandon on Saturday so bring your trading stuff. "Opie" will give a talk on AMSAT.

VE session will be available Saturday

Dinner will be Salmon & seafood and another meat for those not having seafood.
See ya in Bandon in July.

AWARDS ISSUED FROM "NJ3V" JOHN

75 Meter				40 Meter			
100 pt.	2165	AA8RU		100 PT.	1844	AD4X	
	2166	W7DPG			1845	KC7DP5	
	2167	KC8CEG			1846	VE7SCC	
	2168	KF40PM		500 PT		N1TVV	
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	2170	VE7SCC				W7HPA	
	2171	KI8AP				AC6RO	
	2172	WW6E		1000PT	332	VE7JMC	
	2173	N6NOG			333	N5UIB	
	2174	N1QDA		3000PT	58	WA1VQY	
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		N8RYD			60	K06CS	
		K04MM		4000PT.	39	W7ST	
		KA9BQA		BAKERS	558	N1QDA	
		W7DPG		DOZEN	559	WD5CKF	
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6000PT	15	AAOKK			568	KK7HB	
	16	K2LJ			572	WOALW	
7000PT	10	AAOKK			573	AC6LU	
	11	KD4EPK			574	AC6LU	
9000PT	3	KF9GP			577	N5UIB	
ALPHABET	238	N3VPG			579	WL7K	
	239	N5OHL			(7)	KF4LMY	
	240	KF4FP			(2)	NN00	
BAKERS	560	WA1VQY				N6NOG	
	569	WY8V				WW6E	
	570	K04MM			199	KB6HM W	
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	575	N6NOG					
	576	N6NOG			203	AC6LU W	
	578	AC5EB			(3)	ENDO	
CERTIFICATE	200	N5OHL			25	AC6LU	
HUNTERS	201				128	K06CS	
	204	K04MM			44	KK7HB	
VIP	507				45	K06CS	
	508	N1TVV			46	N5OHL	
	509	KC8CEG			47	W7ST	
	510	K04MM			506	K06CS	
	511	KI8AP			512	N1QDA	
WAS	592	WAORKQ			590	N1QDA	
	593	AA8RU			591	K06JT	
	595	KB7YTV			594	WD4CKF	
	596	KC8CEG			599	VE7SCC	
	597	W7DPG			601	VE7SCC	
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					394	AC5EB	
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3905 Century Club Board MEETING AUGUST 2, 1997

August 2nd 1997.

A general meeting was held at 1700z at the Eyeball site in Oklahoma. AA0ZP, Frank called the meeting to order. Frank announced there would be a Board meeting following the General meeting.

A special slide show on running the QSL bureau for 40 meters was shown by KB5IPQ, Will. This showed how much mail he processed daily and the fast turn around on cards in his bureau. If you saw his show you would know how important it is to know if your contacts are in the bureau when you send them. It would nice if we had the slide show on video so others could see the hard work in running the bureau, Maybe someone could put this together??

Our hat's are off to you KB5IPQ, Will, keep up the great work!

About hats: Yaesu sent us about 300 Yaesu hats & log books, due to the scrounging of AC6LY, Barry. We had some group pictures made with everyone wearing our Yaesu hats. Thanks Barry, we need to send some pictures to Yeasu with our thanks.

Jim, thanked his many helpers for the hard work on the Eyeball, I won't try to name them as I would leave someone out. Jim along with his lovely wife Carol have our heart felt thanks for a great Eyeball. Everyone had a memorable time. Oklahoma, you made us all feel welcome and I for one would like to come back when it's a little cooler and see more of the Green area of Oklahoma.

AA0ZP, Frank presented Certificates of

appreciation to the following:

KB5IPQ WB2RWT WA9CNV W7LXR
AG5T N5SV WY8V KB5YQ
WN7D KD6WPK K8PG KE3DK
AA4US K68WL N5CD K8MZA
AA3RR N5FLD KD3O

KD5FW, Jim then had a drawing for the door prizes. KE9OI, Dave wife seem to have her name on every ticket. (way to go Georgia).

The main prize was a Heil Head set, which KB5MRU, Fred was able to get Heil to donate. Thanks Fred.

General meeting was adjourned. While some played Bingo, others started the barbecue.

The August Board of Directors meeting was called to order by AA0KK, Steve.

Present at the eyeball
K8MZA KB5MRU KD6WPK WM9H AA0KK
AA0ZP KE9OI
Absent:
WA1VQY N2XTT KD3XP W7ST WY8V
DX Director temporary VE7ROY.

The minutes of the July 1997 meeting were approved without exception.

After a very lively discussion the Road Runner Award was re-defined by the following:

"That a cumulative award for mobile/portable operation be established, called the Clint Wise Memorial Award, to confirm contacts with five different States while operation as a mobile or portable station, on a specific 3905 Century Club

net (band), from a particular State. The basic award requires a 100 point certificate on that band, and mobile/ portable operation from twenty (20) different States. Endorsements will be for each ten (10) additional States, totalling 30, 40, and 50."

Approved by a vote of 7 for, 0 against.

A motion was made to refer the Call Area Award back to the Awards committee with the following instructions:

No change to the U.S. Call Area Award;
Rework the Canadian Call Area Award (too many contacts are required; come up with a smaller number of contacts).

Approved by a vote of 7 for, 0 against.

New Business: The board discussed nominations for the 1998 Eyeball to be held on July 31st, August 1st and 2nd 1998.

Nominations were Michigan, Rhode Island, and Oregon. Bandon, Oregon was selected with N7OKM, Hugh to be the host.

Approved by a vote of 7 for, 0 against.

Next months agenda: Look at increasing the award fee from \$3.00 to \$4.00 (over 65, fee would go to \$3.00).

N5SV, Steve (from where?) will be the new 40 meter early net coordinator effective September 1, 1997.

KD6WPK, Phyl will become the new Editor of the Centurion. The date is to be worked out between KD5FW, Jim and KD6WPK, Phyl, and will be announced when the transfer is made. The meeting was adjourned 1950Z.

Financial Statement—Submitted by WA4SGP

06-25-97	Beginning Regular Balance		\$1792.39
06-30-97	Interest earned	\$ 3.21	
7-10-97	Award fees from N13V	106.00	109.21
06-26-97	WA4SGP-Postage Stamps	34.00	
07-10-97	N13V—Expenses	200.00	234.00-
07-25-97	Ending Regular Balance		\$1667.60
06-25-97	Flower Fund Beginning Balance	\$ 198.77	
07-24-97	Flowers for VE4FI	73.70-	
07-24-97	Donation	30.00	
07-25-97	Flower Fund End Balance	155.07	\$ 155.07
07-25-97	Ending Total Balance		\$ 1822.67

3905 Century Club September Board Meeting

Financial Statement—Submitted by WA4SGP

09-25-97	Beginning Balance		\$1895.38
08-31-97	Interest Earned	\$ 3.37	
0905-97	Award Fees From NJ3V	122.00	125.37
09-24-97	WA4SGP Copies & Supplies	53.62-	53.62-
0925-97	Ending Regular Balance		1967.13
08-25-97	Flower Fund Balance	\$155.07	
09-25-97	Changes in Fund	0	
09-25-97	Flower Fund Balance		155.07
09025-97	Ending Total Balance		\$2122.20

Board of Directors Meeting September 13, 1997

Present				Absent
AA0KK	KB5MRU	WL7YM	W4NNO	KE9OI
N2XTT	W7ST		WA4SGP	WA1VQY
KD3XP	WY8V			KD6WPK
K8MZA	WM9H			AA0KK

Without objection, minutes of last meeting were approved

...K8MZA moved to approved ndorsments to our Masters Degree award. All current and future holders of the Masters Degree are eligible for the endorsement.

APPROVED 8 Yes

..N2XTT moved to increase award fees to \$4.00 (\$3.00 for 65 and over), effective January 1, 1997

APPROVED 9 YES

..A motion to change the 40meter net freq. during the summer was tabled.

..Meeting adjourned at 0406Z.

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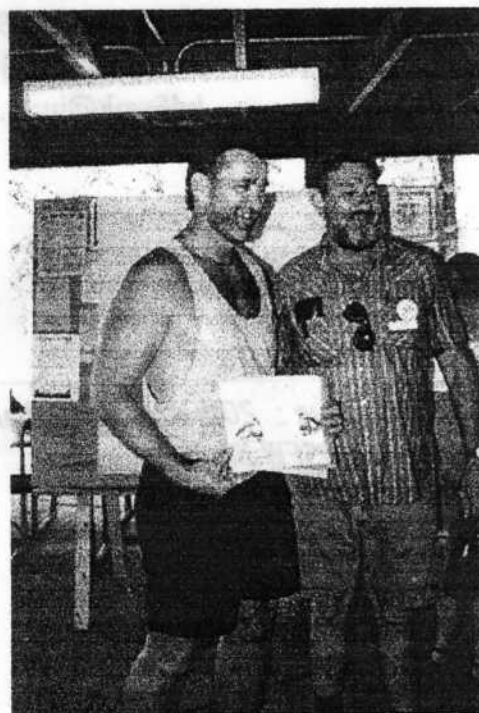


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