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Board of Directors

February 1998.
During the on-the-air voting for Vice President, one of the members cast their vote but due to bad conditions the vote was recorded to the in-correct candidate. If the vote had been recorded correctly it would have changed the outcome of election for Vice-President.
It was brought to AA0ZP's attention 36 hours after the election regarding this situation. The two candidate were contacted; Dave (KE9OI) and Jim (KD3O). After discussing the situation with them, Dave agreed to have a run-off election. Since Jim (KD3O) and Harold (W4NNO) were running as a team, Jim was willing to let the election results stand as recorded.

Since KB5MRU, Fred, resigned as 5th area director due to bad health, a special election was to be held.

The chairman of the board,AA0KK, has resigned. It was requested by AA0ZP that we need a volunteer for this position and should be a board member.

Since KB5MRU is very ill, it was suggested that he be presented with appropriate recognition. Peter (N2XTT) stated that he would put something together and send directly to Fred.

The board issued an Honorary Clint Wise Memorial Award to Clint Wise (WX1N) for mobile/portable operation. Certificate #1 issued to WW6E for 40 meters all mobile operations. 9Yes, 2NA

Frank (AA0ZP) requested that the secretary send a copy of the awards to the Centurion editor.

Results of the President and Vice President election.

President:	40Meters	75Meters	Totals
AA0ZP	41	20	61 *
W4NNO	7	35	42
AC6LY	19	4	23
Vice Pres.			
KE9OI	35	21	56 *
KD3O	27	28	55
N8DXR	6	10	16

* Winners
68 votes on 40m 59votes on 75m

March-
We still have no chairman of the board.On agenda for April.

Treasury imbalance of $14.53 reported.

A motion was made to publish the number of votes received by Area Directors. Yes, 10 No, 0

N5UJB, Jim, is the new 5th Call area Director.

April-
WA1VQY, Jeff was voted chairman of the board. Yes, 9 No, 0

The Canadian Call Area Award & requirements were put to a vote. Yes, 9 No, 0

A 20th Anniversary Award & requirements was put to a vote. Yes, 9 No, 0

May-
Quotes Earl WY8V, Sec & Treas.

"I am going to clear up the matter regarding t he discrepancy on the treasurers report. The amount questioned by some members of the board was $16.74. The amount of $16.74 was paid to Ray Grant, for shipment of records. My treasure report checks with the bank statement. That is all I have to say about this."

(Editor-
"Sorry Earl, the amount in question was $14.53, and took place two months before the shipment of the records.")
An election for a 10th area director should be completed by the next board meeting.

AA0ZP, Frank,stated for record purposes.,that the following be noted in the minutes:

Silent Keys

KB5MRU K0NL WA0CSO

N5OHL was appointed to check in to changing the By-Laws to include Novice and No Code licensed amateurs with a 100pt. certificate to be included for voting rights during election of officers by e-mail or regular mail. Yes, 8 No, 1 NA, 1

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Election Time President & Vice-President, & Odd Call Area Directors

Odd Call Area Directors are up for election in Jan. 1999.

If you would like to run for Area Director in your call area, you have to make an announcement on the net, either 40 meters or 75 meters. The slate for odd area directors has to be complete by the second week in December.

Voting for the area directors is by write-in vote and this address will be given out the third week in December and the results given on the 30th of January during the on-the-air elections for President and Vice President.

Election for President and Vice-President.

If you would like to run for either office you must contact your area director.

Your area director will then place your name before the Board of Directors, which must be done by the second week in December.

Voting for President and Vice-President this year will be different from the past years.
You still must have a 100 point number to vote, but you will be able to write-in your votes this year besides the voting on the air the 30th of January.

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Editor's Corner

I'm back—it has been a difficult year at our house but we hope we are improving.
Sorry about missing issues of the Centurion, all subscriptions will be extended accordingly. I thank you all very much for the Cards, E-mails and Phone calls. They helped to make some dull days bright, shinny, and pass easier.

"Opie" and I missed the eyeball in Oregon this year. AC6LU, Ray has sent me some pictures and I hope some others will do the same. I need the members who attended to send Eyeball information that can be placed in newsletter.

So if you attended the eyeball and have any pictures you can share, I would appreciate it. I would also like some of you to provide a description of your activities and experiences at the Oregon Eyeball. I know there are always some funny things that happen.

Hopefully we'll make next years eyeball in Rhode Island. I don't have any information to share with you on this as I didn't get the eyeball information which was used to decide the host of 1999 eyeball. The only sure thing is the 1st week in August. So mark your calendars.

I am still needing members bio's, pictures of your station or antennas etc. Do you have ideas for other members or want to share your pet peeves???Write to me(address on back sheet). Unusual contacts or QSL's share with your fellow club members.

Hats off to WW6E, Buck who holds #1, on both 40meters and 75meters, Clint Wise Memorial Award. This award is for working 5 stations from all 50 States. I hear that now that Buck is fixed in Oklahoma he has some new things lined up for the club. O'kay Buck we are waiting.

We also have to tip our hats to VE4ROY, Roy, VE4ACY, Wally, and KD4EPK, Don who each worked Buck in all 50 States.

"CQ" 6 Land K6WPK,Phyl

It was good to see so many 6 landers attend the eyeball this year, "Opie" and I sure missed seeing you-all and hope to make Rhode Island in 1999.
I see from the awards sheet that AC6LU, Ray, and KO6CS, Bill are still hard at work. They are still in a race to see who gets more contacts and awards, a carry over from their fishing days. Keep up the good work.

AD6AB, Steve, is doing a fantastic job with his E-mail list of 40meter check-ins. He deserves a hats off, from us all

Board of Directors (cont'd)

June- No board meeting held.

July & August-
Al, W9MYZ, in Minnesota has been elected 10th call area director.

Two (2) states were suggested for the 1999 Eyeball as follows:
Rhode Island hosted by Jeff, WA1VQY
Michigan hosted by Tom, N8DXR
Vote as follows:
5 votes Rhode Island *
3 votes Michigan
*winner

It was suggested that the net controls or officers remind the check-ins on the nets to include their certificate numbers on their QSL cards. These numbers are needed for awards.

It was suggested at the July meeting that Earl contact K6WPK regarding the supposed error in the financial statement. Earl stated "I could see no need to do this as it was explained in the May, 1998 board meeting report".

(Editor—"I don't know why, Earl decided the report was off in the expense area. If what he stated in May is true we are even more out of balance than before").

A discussion was held on holding board meetings on 40m's during July, August, and Sept. and it was decided to hold the meetings on 80m.

September-
N5OHL, Jim, made recommendations regarding changes necessary to the Constitution and By-Laws of the 3905 Century Club Inc., to allow write-in or by E-mail during the yearly elections for President and Vice-Pres.. This would allow Tech. and Novice licensed amateurs, who have earned a 100Pt. number on the 75 Meter CW net to vote.
It was decided to announce on the net by the net co-ordinators the above will be voted on by the board at the October board meeting. Any CCN member contact your area director regarding the above proposal.

A motion was made to amend the Constitution and By-Laws regarding changes to the voting Procedures. Yes, 7 NA, 1

A proposal was brought before the board regarding mobiles who operate on a State line, that the net check-ins can work both states on one call.
Vote Yes, 5 No, 3 NA, 1

October-
Proposed changes to the Constitution and By-Laws to allow write-in votes by E-mail and mail during the yearly elections for President and Vice-Pres..
It was decided that E-mail would not be permitted. The mail in vote must be on the members QSL card showing their 100 pt membership number. The mail votes must be received by the date of the on air election. Vote Yes, 5 No, 2

A proposal to furnish funds to purchase prizes for the annual Eyeball held in August of each year.
Vote Yes, 2 No, 5

A proposal to include certificate numbers from all nets for the 20th Anniversary award. Unanimously passed.

Note to board members from chairman

It has become apparent that some board members are not showing up for the meetings. Furthermore, they are not having their alternates attend in their stead. I probably more than most understand that we can't make all meetings, but to not show up for months on end and not have someone sit in for us, greatly fails the people who we represent. If we are not interested in being active in the decision making process, we should step down and let someone who is, take our place. I work three jobs go to school two night a week, coach my sons football team three nights a week, but I make an effort to be there, even if mobile. If I am unable to undertake my duties as chairman, I let Frank (AA0ZP) know so he can assume these duties. With the new elections right around the corner, perhaps we should take an honest look at our ability to do the job before we run.

Editor—
I am one of the board members who has been unable to attend the board meetings. Not due to lack of interest but being unable to hear 75 meters since March. In March the 7th area director and myself could not be heard by anyone and after about 20 minutes I lost Jerry. It isn't any help to ask our alternate to work when they can not hear 75 meters either. April, May, June, July I know we tried to hear but couldn't even find what freq. you were using, if we can't hear the net on 75 how can we hear which freq. to use???

I have sent e-mails to chairperson and others on the board about items on the agenda. I have phoned Frank about how 6 land would vote, but this isn't being there and I don't get feedback to these -mails or phone calls. I didn't know Frank was your alternate for the 1st area?? Hi, Hi

Some thoughts about 3905 Century Club operations

K6FO Norm

MASTERS-Our Master Degree holders go up for grabs, and there is total silence! Why? Does everyone have his card since he got the Masters Degree? Don't they know that a Master's card is a "Wild-Wild" card that can be used on any award? I think we have to do some publicity on this.

QRP- We have quite a few QRP stations on, and that is fine. After all, a 10 watt signal is only 3+S units below a 100 watt signal. You would think the result would be that the QRP station would get a lower signal strength report, but all else would be normal. Yet, it seems the QRP station is usually giving out "also 2-2." Why? Could it be the QRP station not only has a low power transmitter, but also a poor antenna and/or a poor receiver?

PUBLICITY- We often get stations checked in that we later call "tire kickers." They don't realize what they have bumped into, and abandon us when things don't seem to be happening fast enough. It would be nice if we had a volunteer who would mail them a form letter telling them about us. Maybe some of the tire kickers, receiving such a letter, would come back another time.

QSL Managers- My Hat is off to our QSL Managers- especially Wil Vaughn. He seems to go out of his way to get us our cards from DX stations and mobiles. I don't see how he finds time to do all he does for us.

MOBILES-A lot of our newer members don't realize the importance of our mobile stations. I have heard them call fixed stations (who will be there tomorrow) while one of our 18 wheelers is on a state line in some exotic location. I have just received my 12K certificate. This means I have worked most states 60 times. Some of the less populous states have never had 60 different resident hams on or net. It is the mobiles that make it possible.

NET CONTROLS- I don't know how to adequately praise our net control operators. Without them we would have no nets. They are the "Knights in shining Armor" of the 3905 Century Club.

PRE-LISTS-A volunteer station would come on the net frequency during the half-hour or so before net time and collect call signs of stations intending to check in. Net Control would then let him give his collection of call signs first, making it easier for Net Control to compile the list. As he gave this pre-list to Net Control, this constituted a relay, making it easier for all of us to copy the list. I feel is a good, practice.

DISCRIMINATION DISCLAIMER- In all of the above comments, where I refer to any of our members as "he" or "him:, I really mean "she/he" or "her/him." Our YL members are excellent operators and have done an excellent job as Net Controls. Actually, there is a natural tendency to be better Net Controls. Have you noticed that law enforcement dispatchers are usually women?

More Suggestions on Net Operations

ByJeffery

I have found in my relatively brief tenure on the net, helpful hints are far and few between, and I let many contacts go that I should have worked but didn't know any better. Many of these stations were mobile. My advice is that if you hear a mobile station in a rare place, GRAB IT! On a recent trip throughout the northeast, I put four Capitols on the air in about a week. One thing struck me was that many stations were working fixed stations that check in nightly while I sat in Capitols that I've either not heard on the net at all, or have only heard one or two stations there at best.

Another thing I noticed is quite a few stations send reports with wording to identify the report such as "also 2-2" This is great, and really helps out, especially when conditions are rough. One bad habit I noticed is that when some people send 5-5 reports they say "five fiver". This is easily confused with "five niner". More readily discernible would be just "five five".

I would like to comment on a recent problem that caused the 75 meter net to move up 1/2 khz. When a station comes on the net frequency to create a problem, under NO circumstances should a member of the net acknowledge the interfering station. When I am net control I will not tolerate such behavior. If a station QRM's us, ignore it and it WILL go away. I can't stress enough that under no circumstances should an interfering station be acknowledged, spoken to, or argued with. That's why they do what they do, so if they get no feedback about their interference, they will go elsewhere to play.

Lastly operating mobile can be frustrating at times. I think Fred, KD1HH made a commentary on this once before, and I echo his opinion. If you hear a mobile, (or anyone for that fact), trying to check in and net control isn't acknowledging him, relay him or her in. I have found that I have tried to check in several times, finally getting relayed after 15 or 20 minutes, then getting eight or ten calls right afterwards with 5-8 reports going both ways. Help the weak stations out, and the net controllers too, and relay them in.

My hat is off to all the mobile operators who put so many states on the net. In the week I worked mobile I made in excess of 200 contacts, of which 3 were stations that I needed so I can imagine how many contacts the "regular' mobiles make that are repeats for them.

I hope these little hints make for a more efficient net, so we can all have fun, and get our awards as quickly as posssible.

3905 CENTURY CLUB NET AWARDS LIST

40 METER AWARDS

100 POINT NUMBER

1865 WA5EIV 1866 N7S
1867 KC7HEX 1868 KC0AKA
1869 N2JDO 1870 KE4SMJ
1871 KO4MM 1872 KK5KK
1873 N3RVI 1874 N5ZA
1875 W7DPG 1876 KB0JUL
1877 AA7YA 1878 AA1PH
1879 WA1CSO 1880 NJ2LH
1881 NJ4K 1882 KB0YGD
1883 KG0W 1884
1885 1886
1887 1888 WA4LEF
1889 W1HAY 1890 VE4X
1891 KD7IBU 1892 KK5CP
1893 N5IO 1894 K9KDX
1895 AF4LD 1896 KA3VP

500 POINT ENDORSEMENTS

KO4MM K7MFG
W9MYZ K1DWI
N5ZA N5IO
N1OEF K9KDX
WA7WZP KD4IN

1000 POINT AWARDS

343 WA7RIP 344 KO4MM
345 WA4IAX 346 KD8QQ
347 HR2A 348
349 KP4WS 350 W7HAP

2000 POINT AWARDS

125 W7LXR 126 AC5EB
127 VE7JMC 128 N5UJB
129 130 AA3FC

3000 POINT AWARDS

61 W7LXR

5000 POINT AWARDS

33 KD4EPK 34 AC6LU
35 N7UDT 36 W9JFM
37 AC6CS

6000 POINT AWARD

20 WB2RWT 21 VE4ROY
22 N7UDT 23 AC6LU

13,000 POINT AWARDS

3 KG8WL

17,000 POINT AWARD

1 K8MZA

ALAPHABET AWARD

248 WW6E 249 WA7RIP
251 KE4MDF 252 KO4MM
254 WW8F 256 K7MFG
257 KT4CB 258 N3VPG
259 WA7WZP 260 KD8QQ

BAKERS DOZEN AWARDS

598 W7HPA 599 N5ZA
600 N8FGK 601 WA7WZP
602 AD6AB 603 W7FBH
604 W7HPA 604 W7HPA
606 N5ZA 609 W7HPA
610 N7UDT 611 AC6LU
612 N8FGK 613 N9FGK
614 615 KE4MDF
617 AC6LU 618 AC6LU
619 AC6LU 620 W0ALW
621 W0ALW 622 W0ALW
624 W7HPA 625 AC6LU
626 627 AC6LU
628 AC6LU 639 KO6CS
640 KO6CS 641 KO6CS
642 KO6CS 643 KO6CS
634 KO6CS 644 KO6CS
645 KO6CS 646 KO6CS
647 KO6CS 648 KO6CS
650 KO6CS
651 KO6CS 652 KO6CS
653 KO6CS 654 KO6CS
655 KO6CS 656 KO6CS
657 KO6CS 658 W7HPA

BAKERS DOZEN MOBILE

100 W7LXR 101 N0YPA
102 N5SV 103 KK5KK

MOBILE ENDORSEMENTS

WW6E 3 KC5BFK 3
WL7K 9 NOAOP 2
KF7LMY 6 KK5KK
AA3RR KB3ATI
N8ENB KK5CP 2
KE1GQ N0YPA
WQ1H

CERTIFICATE HUNTERS AWARDS

215 KO4MM 216 WV2
217 K7MFG
221 KD8QQ WITH 300 PT ENDO

NUMBERS RACKET AWARDS

52 WW6E 53 WA7RIP
54 W7HPA 55 AA3FC
56 KD8QQ

WORKED ALL STATES AWARD

626 N5ZA 627 AD6AB
628 WA4IAX 629 WA7WZP
632 K7FD 632 K7FD
633 W7WU 636 K9PQ
637 KD4EPK ALL WW6E MOBILE
642 KU4NQ
651 VE4JMC
652 VE4ROY ALL COMBO
653 VE4ACY ALL COMBO
654 KG0W 655 KE1GQ
656 VE4ROY ALL WW6E MOBILE
657 VE4ROY ALL WW6E MOB ?
658 VE4ROY ALL KC5BFK MOB
659 KD8QQ ALL MOBILE

WORKED ALL STATES YL

70 W7HPA 71 N6NOG
72 WW6E 73 VE4ROY
74 KD8QQ

NITE OWL AWARDS

129 KE3DK 130 WQ1H

WORK ALL STATE CAPITOLS

398 N6NOG 399 KE4MDF
400 W7HPA 401 WW6E
402 KD8QQ

W/VE ENDORSEMENTS

KD4IN WA7RIP
WA7WZP N6NOG
N5ZA VE4XJ

VIP AWARDS

525 WW6E 528 N5ZA
538 AA1PA 539 WW6E ?
540 HR2A 541 W7WU
542 543 KD8QQ

CALL AREA AWARDS

CALL AREA 8 AC6LU
" " 6 K7MFG

NOMAD AWARD

72 WA7RIP

NET CONTROL SERVICE AWARD

PHYL DEW K6WPK
DOMINGO REVERA K9PQ
TOM SMITH N8DXR
JAMES MAXWELL N8RYD
ED BROWN W0WYJ

THANKSGIVING MESSAGE

"Opie" and I would like to take this opportunity to:

Wish everyone a very happy and safe Thanksgiving.

May you share it with those you love.

At the same time let us remember thse less fortunate.

Phyl

75 METER AWARDS

100 POINT AWARDS

2196 VA2MRX 2197 WA5JAN
2198 KE4SMJ 2199 NJ4K
2200 W2UB 2201 KB2ZZJ
2202 WA2LGZ 2203 KK5KK
2204 N5ZA 2205 W9MYZ
2206 KK5ZB 2207 KC7HEX
2208 WA0NZO 2209 VE6SWC
2210 KB9ACX 2211 KJ7RF
2212 NJ2LJ 2213 KA9LH
2214 WA1CSO 2215 KB2SSZ
2216 WL7YM 2217 W7WU
2218 KB0MRX 2219 K7NZ
2220 AA1PH 2221 AA1TO
2222 WL7K 2223 AF4LD

500 POINT ENDORSEMENTS

N7SG N0CUX
KT4CB KA1NXT
KB2SSZ KB5ACX
KD8QQ WB6LNH
K9PG KK5CP
VE6SWC K1OLO
N4UFP W0MYZ

1000 POINT AWARDS

376 N0CUX 377 WA0NXZ
378 K7MFG 379 KD8QQ
380 KB2SSZ 381 VE7JMC
382 AA3FC

2000 POINT AWARDS

125 KD3FM 126 N5OHL

3000 POINT AWARDS

46 K1DWI 47 KE3FM

4000 POINT AWARD

34 KG8WL 35 KD3FM

5000 POINT AWARDS

25 W9FRF 26 KE3DK

6000 POINT AWARDS

18 W9FRF 19 W9JFM

7000 POINT AWARDS

12 KD3XP 13 KB1VU
14 K2LJJ

8000 POINT AWARDS

8 KB1VU

9000 POINT AWARDS

4 WY8V

ALPHABET AWARDS

247 KG8WL 250 KT4CB
253 WA0NXZ 255 K7MFG
261 VE7JMC

BAKERS DOZEN AWARDS

616 N2XTT 623 N2XTT
629 VE7JMC 649 WV2X
659 KD8QQ 660 KD8QQ
661 K5VG

MOBILE ENDORSEMENTS

KF4LMY 3 KK5KK
NN00

CERTIFICATE HUNTERS AWARDS

218 K5VG 219 KU4NQ
220 KD3FM WITH 300 ENDO
222 KD8QQ

NUMBERS RACKET AWARD

54 KD3FM 55 KD8QQ

WORKED ALL STATES AWARD

623 KF4EPL 630 W0MYZ
631 K1LOL 634 K5VG
635 K9PG 638 WA5JSN
639 KU4NQ 640 WU8Q
641 VE6SWC 643 KU4NQ
645 WA0JCR 646 KD4IN
649 W7WU 650 KK5CP
660 KD8QQ ALL MOBILE
WW8F WAS ENDO 40-45-50

403 KD8QQ

VE ENDORSEMENTS

KD4IN

VIP AWARDS

526 KF4PL 537 KU4NQ
542 W7WU 544 KD8QQ

NITE OWL AWARDS

182 W7DPG 188 K7MFG
184 KT4CB 185 KC0JG
186 KE4MDF 187 KD3FM
188 VE6SWC 189 K5VG

NOMAD AWARDS

46 K5VG 47 KK5CP

CALL AREA AWARDS

AREA #1 200 K7MFG

160 METER AWARDS

100 POINT

204 WA5EIV 205 KE4SMJ
206 NJ4K 207 KT4CB
208 K04MM 209 N5ZA
210 K7MFG 211 N2XTT
212 NJ2LH 213 WA0RKO
214 WU9Q 215 KD4IN
216 WA0JCE 217 KE1GQ
218 WL7K

500 POINT ENDORSEMENTS

AE1Q WA41AX

100 POINT AWARD

54 KN6WZ

RTTY AWARDS

100 POINTS

22 AA0ZP 23 KE3ZZ
24 KE1GQ

CLINT WISE MEMORIAL AWARD

40 METERS

1 WW6E 2 NN0O
3 N6NOG 4 KE1GQ
5 WQ1H 6 KK5CP

75 METERS

1 WW6E

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CQ CQ CQ CQ MEMBERS

de Steve AD6AB

Many of you know that I hae been publishing an e-mail version on the 40M Early Net Check-in list to about 135 stations around the world for the last year or so. Most of the e-mail address contacts I have researched have come from KD3O's Web Page lists or from notations in QRZ.

If you are not presently receiving the list and want to be added to the subscription list, please send me an e-mail. I usually try and send out the list if I can copy Net Control or if one of my many hard-working relays come through in the clutch.

If you can help relay the list to me, or if you are interested picking this service up for the 75M or 160M nets this winter, please be in touch and I will show you how it is done, It's really easy.

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A List of 10 Situations You Will Probably Encounter on a 3905 Century Club Net and Possible Ways to Deal With Them

AG5T Marty Blaise

1. Sitting through the long list of check-ins before the net starts.
Sometimes it seems like it takes forever for the check-in list to be completed, doesn't it? Wouldn't it be pleasing if the net control could get all 90 stations checked in within 15 minutes and that everyone in all 50 states could copy net control at 5x9++? I have had a few turns as net control on 40 meters and on the average , it has taken me from 45 minutes to an hour to get all the check-ins and put the list together. I don't have a big signal, so I have relay stations that help make sure everyone gets the list. Put yourself in net control's shoes for a moment. Your job is to take all the check-ins for the net and to make sure that everyone who is checked in knows who is on the list. What is the best way to accomplish that? I have learned that you just have to be patient. One thing I do while the net control is compling a list is to circle the numbers of those check-ins I need for specific awards. Then when the net does get going and it is finally my turn, I can look at a quick glance and see who I might want to work. Sometimes there will be many, many check-ins. Other times there won't be many at all. Waiting takes patience.

2, QRM whether intended or not.
We've all heard the "alligators" and the "lids" on nets at times. The absolute best thing I think you can do is to avoid the one causing the QRM. Most of the time, if the "squirrel" is ignored, they will go away. What they are looking for is a response. Net controls should keep on running the net in the normal procedure. If the QRM is unintentional, then it may be ok to tell the station they are on a net and ask if they would care to join in. Sometimes the QRM happens very quickly, such as during the Sprint contests and Field Day where stations jump on frequencies without asking. Tell them a net is in progress on the freq.

3. Changing frequencies because of shortwave.
The 40-meter net has shifted around lately on various frequencies, from 7.233.5 to 7.243.5 and others. This is due to significant problems with shortwave signals that are blocking out any chance of reception on the East coast and the midwestern states. Listen carefully if the net control is going to move the net. Several relay stations should announce the move as well. If you don't find the net right away, move up or down the band slightly. When I was net control, and had to move the net, I tried to say "3905 Century Club net" as much as possible for a few minutes on the frequency to which we moved. I wanted to make sure everyone could find the net.

4. Propagation changes.
All of the Century Club nets are affected by propagation. If the station you wanted to work is no longer being heard, it may be that the band has changed and you are too close or too far away from that station. However, don't be discouraged. Sometimes the bands will do funny things and for a few minutes you will have short openings to someone in the same state. The best thing I have learned is to treat propagation as a science. Try to have some fun learning about why signals behave as they do.

5. Net control picks up long list of late-check-ins right before your call.

How often has this happened to you? You are next on the list and just before your turn the net control hears "check-in". Net control takes the check-in, then there is another and another. Before long a dozen stations check in. Some of these may not know it is the Century Club net and think they are "getting checked in for the head count". Meanwhile, the station you wanted to work has gone QRT during all the check-ins. Now it is finally your turn and that mobile that the 50 people ahead of you worked is not there. What do you do? To me, it is just another matter of Murphy's Law. Things like this are bound to happen. I have learned to live with it and go on. Try to work your second or third choice on the list.

6. Net Control skips your turn due to bad propagation or lack of relay stations.
This actually happened to me once. Nobody could hear me and I didn't get to take my turn. Yet, I was there and could hear other stations. I now realize that due to propagation and factors beyond my control, I just could not be heard that night. The relays and the net control were in the wrong spots for me. Usually the net doesn't get that bad, but there is always a chance it might. Sometimes the propagation will change again and a relay station will hear you. It is up to net control whether to give you a call or not. Most net controllers realize that during bad conditions, some stations will miss their call and will then give them a call when they realize they are there.

7. Someone who doesn't speak much English checks in and it takes a long time to explain the net to them in Spanish.
Put yourself in the place of the DX station. Whether it is Spanish or any language other than English, remember that the operator's primary language spoken is probably not English. It may take a few minutes, but the could well be a DX station that many check-ins need. After all, the Century Club has several awards that require DX contacts. Again, it's a matter of patience.

8. A new check-in takes a long time because they are unfamiliar with the procedures.
The net control should take charge in that case and tell the station very briefly about the three options on a contact, and the importance of the exchange of signal reports. Be patient with the new chec-in. Most of us were new to the net at one time. If they have questions about the bureau or other information, they can receive that information from the net information officer. New check-ins should listen to how the net is being run, and try to do the same as those making contacts. However, you never know.

9. You cannot hear net control.
Either you are too close to net control, or the net control's signal isn't powerful enough to reach you. Try not to insult the net control whatever you do. Net controller's are hard to find and have volunteered their services. The ARRL is the American Radio Relay league- try to use Relay stations or volunteer as a RELAY station. Net control stations operate in many different parts of the country. Some may be running 1.5 KW, others 100 watts. Some have beam antennas, some have verticals, some even have dipoles, and so on. Net controls should try to get all check-ins, even those not hearing net control, and should make sure everyone gets their call. This is where RELAY stations can play a big part.

10. You go up for grabs and the station that comes back to you is not checked into the net. What do you do then? Probably the best thing is to see what net control does. The net control should ask the station if they wish to check in. It may be a station I really need to complete an award. Or, it may be someone who just came across the net and wanted to make a contact. This is a situation where I would like to see what others might suggest what they would do.

Closing: I hope I haven't offended anyone with my suggestions and comments. These are just some of my thoughts of how to deal with different situations on the net. I would like to hear more solutions to these occurrences. You can send me e-mail to ag5t@juno.com.
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Meet "N3VPG" Rich Stahl

Rich is 47, single, widowed actually. First a ham in 1965 as WN3CWW. Never made friends with the code so that was the end of that licence as you had one year to up-grade or adios amigo. Marriage, job, and two kids found their time untill in 1995 the bug bit again. Tech Plus, then General, Advanced, Extra. Never had the urge to change his call, it is your badge of identity among your peers, besides he had lots of QSL cards left and he is, well thrifty.

Rich enjoys boating and fishing at the New Jersey shore, membership and VE duties with his local club and between hobby times, he works for a bank disposing of reposessed cars, so he can pay for the important things in life.

Rich runs a Yaesu ft-840 into an AV5 vertical over a buried radial field. He would like a linear, but wants to live in harmony with his neighbors. Besides, there is a certain satisfaction doing it with 100 watts.
He has 500 point certificates on 40m, 75m, 160m, WAS on 40m, 75m. He is close to 1k on 40m and 75m so it is working.

Rich wrote;
" You want bio's here's mine. The big guns get all the ink, us little pistols just keep pecking away at the awards."

Thanks much Rich see ya on the nets, Phyl K6WPK, editor.

Meet "WA1VQY" Jeffery Lynch

by Jeffery Lynch

I'm WA1VQY from Tiverton, RI. I'm 37 years old, married to a prospective ham, Kelley. We have two beautiful children , Bradford, who is 12, and Brtttany, who is 7. Bradford has his SWL award on 75 meters.

I have been a ham since 1975, getting on the air originaly as WN1VQY, upgrading to General about six months later, hence the WA call. I upgraded to Advanced in 1995, (no need to rush these things) then got my Extra in June of 1997.

I have been active on the Century Club since February 1995 and attended my first Eyeball in Vermont. My wife is great, how many other ham's wife, (or husband) would spend their wedding anniversary at a ham event! That's where I got talked into running for first area director.

I run a Drake B line at home and when that is down, I run an Icom 745. I have a dipole in a rather interesting configuration, that is roughly 360 feet long fed with ladder line, In the mobile, I run an Icom 706 with a hamstick on what ever band I get on.

For employment, I am a Firefighter/EMT-C for the town of Portsmouth, RI. I also drive an oil truck and do a little landscaping on the side too.

I am presently going to school a couple of nights a week to get my bachelors degree in fire science from Providence College.

When I'm not doing that, I help coach my son's football team.

When I have a few moments, I check into the nets, where I've received my 2K on 75m, along with several Bakers Dozen, WAS, Net Controlers award, among others. On 40m and 160meters, I have my 100 point award, among others.

I look forward to continued participation on the net,and hope to see you all in the future.

Emergency During Late Net on 40 Meters

Initial report.
The 3905 Century Club 40 meter late net was broken on Friday Evening May 29th at approximately 0500, by a distress call from a 32 ft. cabin cruiser, the Lucky Strike.

The captain of the boat, W5IA, reported, 2 children and 3 adults on the boat and that she was adrift, without power and taking on water 33 miles off the coast of New Jersey, East of the Barnegat lighthouse.

N7OKM, Hugh in Oregon was assisted by N1TP, Tom in Florida and W5LZ, Paul in Oklahoma, KO6CS Bill, in California, and KK5CP, Dan, Mobile in Minnesota.

Hugh very professionally relayed the information to the Coast Guard in Seattle which then made contact with the Coast Guard in New Jersey.

A helicopter was dispatched from Atlantic City by 0540 and began a 40 minute trip out to the vessel to provide assistance. By 0630 the emergency situation was resolved.

Kudos to Hugh and the entire net for handling the traffic in a professional manner, exemplifying one of the finest tradition of emergency communications in Ham Radio.

Also special mention to the other 25 stations who checked in to the late net and stood by while Hugh and team relayed the emergency traffic.

Well done Hugh and team.

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Aftermath

LETTER FROM HUGH
HOAX AT SEA

As we were beginning to figure the supposed distress call was a hoax last night.

The Coast Guard contacted me from Atlantic City about 30 minutes ago. According to their Duty person who I was working with last night this same individual may have pulled the same stunt on May 14th only saying they were off the Cape Hatteras light.

According to the Coast Guard the FCC is involved in the investigation and contacted the holder W5IA last night. They got him out of bed and he was obviously not using his call at that time.

The Coast Guard thanked us again for our efforts and said that we had to do what we did as we had no was of knowing for sure.

I would suggest that if we encounter this situation again we try and get some DF cuts if we have stations on board with that capability.

We might also try to ask the person what their name and address is to see if that matches!

Info taken from E-mails received, Phyl

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Cont. from page 1 "Elections"

Now if you're out of town or your antenna's down, etc you can still vote for President and Vice-President.

With this change we hope to have a larger number of members vote. With membership totals over 2,000 it's a shame to have only 124 members vote in the President and Vice President election as we had this year.

Since I have been a member, the election for Area Directors has always been low.

I don't think members realize how few votes are cast each year for Area Directors. Usually Area Directors receive 2 or 3 votes, except for the 5 th area. Can you believe a tie(with no votes)?? It's happened.

This year we will be publishing the Area Directors vote count. This was done in the early years of the club. Why stopped, I don't know. The board of directors voted earlier this year to announce the vote. Someone said the count wasn't given out so we wouldn't hurt any feelings. But hey, we're adults. We can take the good with the bad or we shouldn't run.

In the past we have had some members feel they should have had enough votes to win their area. This from members saying yes I voted for you. By putting the vote out this should end all problems.(we hope)!!

So don't forget if you want to run for President or Vice-President, contact your area director. If you want to run for odd area director, make your announcement on the air during the pre-list information.

"Ballot boxes are more often starved than stuffed."

"The most dangerous vote, is the vote that is not used."

"QSL" Cards, No Response

Editor Phyl K6WPK

In the past few weeks I have been receiving phone calls & e-mails concerning delinquent QSL cards. These missing cards are not from stations who happened on the net and didn't respond, these are stations that are very active on the net. One station works as a net control at times and also is an alternate area director. This station says cards are on the way but even with as much as 4 reminders, plus on the air reminders, cards are not forth coming.

I don't think a station should be a net control or hold office in the 3905 Century Club when they can't or won't send cards. Every night we say this is a worked all states and awards net, cards are necessary to apply for awards. If you work the net, send cards. No one wants to wait almost an hour for a turn and then not get a card. We all know that sickness and vacations travel take time and we allow for that but a year??

I would like others to send in their idea's on this issue, and suggestions.

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