

Centurion



3905 Century Club



President's Column

As I sit here in the shack, I am reflecting on the year that we are about to "put in the books" and the end of Solar Cycle 24. My wish for Christmas is that next year band conditions will improve. Nonetheless, we have been at the bottom of the solar cycle and survived very well. It's worth remembering that during 2007 and 2008, which marked the beginning of the cycle now ending, the club conferred 20 masters awards.

One final note on conditions: 2019 has been a good year for 40m SSB DX contacts. Several members have done an excellent job rounding up these folks and bringing them to our nets. One person has done exceptionally well, and that is Kirk Frazier, AA1NA. Thank you from the entire club.

This may be my last opportunity to address members of the club in the Centurion, since the election season is once again upon us. In addition to the election of even-numbered directors, the club will also be voting for president. I think

the club has made good strides over the past couple of years, and this year especially I am hearing positive comments that folks like the nets, and people are making contacts. We are also seeing more visitors to our nets than we have seen in a while.

We are in need of getting more members trained (thank you Joe, N5MIG, for all your efforts) as NCS stations and assigned to nets. Currently, there are several members doing double, triple, and even more duty, running three or four nets weekly, as well as filling in when they can for the open nights. These members are to be commended for their enthusiasm in making sure that all of our nets happen as scheduled. The downside is the risk that, at some point, these members will become burned out and withdraw from running any nets. Let's NOT let that happen. Please consider picking up and running one of our nets on a weekly basis.

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As we round the corner on the New Year, we will be getting back to working on some of our outstanding projects. First, we'll continue working on revising the by-laws, taking into consideration the feedback we received this past summer during the Eyeball. Second, since our Membership Chairman has completed his move to South Carolina, this committee will resume its projects. Third, the Awards Committee has some ideas in their bucket that it will be pursuing. One big step forward is that they have found a person proficient in Adobe Acrobat who has updated award applications with fill-in-the-blank technology. This will make it easier for people to fill out and submit award applications.

As many of you are aware, Kirk Frazier, AA1NA, has stepped up to the plate to host the 2020 annual Eyeball. This is a great time to visit with other members, meet people with whom you've made contacts, and have a lot of fun. This year's event will be at the Lake Tiak O'Khata resort in Louisville, Mississippi, and Kirk has packed many activities during this week that will please everyone. As Kirk would say, save the date for July 15-19. We look forward to seeing you there.

Folks in previous years, members have gone out of their way by bringing special event call signs to our nets. I know of several members including myself that will be bringing a special event station. It's very easy & free to get a 1x1 call for 2 weeks, just go to <http://www.1x1callsigns.org> do a search to see of the call you want to use is in use, then register. Best of all it is free. If you do decide to get a 1x1 call please be creative in naming your event. I have reserved N0L with the event name "Oregon Christmas Club Net" During the time W2UJ was president, he called this the Christmas Club and what I liked best were the QSL cards I received from a number of very creative members.

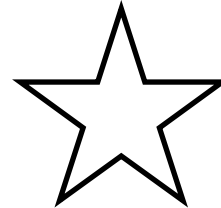
So if you are going to be on our nets,

please consider bringing a special event.

I posted a copy of the booklet from the 1980 (east) Eyeball (Bowling Green, KY) <http://3905eyeball.org/>

It is interesting to see this event from 40 years ago.

Dean



Vice president notes

Motion to the BOD for an EXCEPTION to the current BY-LAWS of the 3905 CENTURY CLUB. What this Exception consists of is allowing a Special net during the WEEK of Christmas this year. This Special net will allow for multiple calls per round in the following manner, If you bring a club call to the net you will get two calls per round, if you bring a CLUB CALL and a Special Event Call to the net you will get three calls per round. This net should be fun not to mention all of the extra contacts you can get for your awards.

I think this will be a lot of fun and it is different than our regular Special Nets. If you agree that it would be fun I would ask that you contact YOUR AREA DIRECTOR AND ASK HIM/HER to APPROVE THE MOTION.

If anyone has any questions about this motion, or about anything Club Related, please feel free to contact Me or your AREA DIRECTOR and we will do our best to assist you!.

73's for now Bob Hall Kn4euk



Awards Happenings

By Ben – AE4NT, Awards Secretary

Awards High- lights

By Ben Goldfarb – AE4NT, Awards Secretary
(ae4nt@mrbig.com) November 21, 2019

Awards highlights include listings of major awards – new members, major progressive awards, DX Awards, and WAS awards – along with other awards-oriented information. Each month, we'll wrap up the column with either an in-depth presentation of one of the Club's more than sixty awards, or with hints and tips for efficient pursuit of that wall-paper we all seek. In this issue, we present a thumbnail sketch of the Master's Degree.

Awards Issued for the Quarter

During the period August 16 to November 15, 2019, we issued sixty-three awards to thirty-five members in ten call areas. What you see below are the highlights of several categories of

awards. A complete listing is provided elsewhere.

New Members

Having earned their first 100-Point awards on our nets during the period, our newest members are: Don Kelley, VE3YWN, of Ottawa, ON; James Barnard, KJ4ZPM, of Tazewell, TN; and Bud Peacock, K4MPH, of Chattanooga, TN.

Congratulations and welcome to all!

Major Progressive Awards

In this section, we'll shine the spotlight on those who have earned major progressive awards during the period. Starting with the 100-Point award, progressive awards recognize significant, well-rounded achievements on our nets. The Master's Degree, our awards system's highest distinction, requires 2000-Point certificates on primary and secondary bands. Here, we'll list 1000-Point and up, plus we will include 500-Point awards for CW, digital modes and 160M all modes.

Huge congratulations to those who have reached these lofty milestones!

21,000 Points

Richard Smale, W5IL (Master #10), of Los Alamos, NM – 40M SSB. Richard has served the club in many capacities since earning his membership in 1998 and achieving the Master's Degree in 2002.

He is the sixth member to have achieved the 21,000-point level on 40M SSB. (Our current leader on 40M SSB, with a seemingly insurmountable lead, is Peter, N2XTT, at 42,000). Major congratulations on a major award, Richard!

3,000 Points

Dan Michnay, K9EA (Club Secretary), of Fort Wayne, IN 40M SSB.

2,000 Points

Steve Davis, K7QHU, of Melbourne, FL – 75M SSB.

Wayne Harris, WY6N, of Long Beach, CA – 40M SSB.

1,000 Points

Wayne Harris, WY6N, of Long Beach, CA – 75M SSB.

WAS Awards

We issue several flavors of WAS awards. The **WAS General Award** can be earned on each band/mode combination. WAS General is required on both primary and secondary bands for the Master's Degree, as well as WAS YL at Level 35 on the primary band.

WAS General

Wayne Harris, WY6N – 75M SSB.

WAS-YL

Jim Hurst, WB7PTC – 75M SSB, Level 35.

WAS – State Capitals

Rich Walbert, AC2MT
40M SSB, Level 35.

WAS Mobile

Wayne Harris, WY6N
40M SSB, Level 50.

DX Award

Our DX Award is simple in concept, but difficult to complete when we run afoul of the propagation gods. It requires twenty-five confirmed contacts with

twenty-five unique countries other than the US.

Wayne Harris, WY6N – 40M SSB.

Kirk Frazier, AA1NA – 40M SSB.

Robert Young, W5UOT – 40M SSB.

The Master's Degree

The 3905 Century Club Master's Degree is a pinnacle achievement, which requires persistence and dedication in operating on the Club's nets. Many newcomers are intrigued by the concept, if not daunted by the formidable requirements of the award. In this section, we will discuss the award and its prerequisites.

History

The first Master's Degree was awarded to Wendell R. Turner, AB6TX, in July 1993. Since that time, a total of seventy-one Masters have joined Wendell, the most recent being Ralph A. Mitchell, KG8WL, in August 2017.

Many Masters continue their presence on the nets and their pursuit of awards after achieving the distinction. (As we like to say, there is life after the Master's!). Approximately one-third of those seventy-one Masters are regularly active on our nets today.

Requirements

The Master's signifies mastery of operation on our nets. Therefore, a broad collection of achievements, as represented by individual awards on several nets, is required. After designating a primary and secondary band, which can be 40M SSB, 75M SSB, and 160M SSB, the applicant must achieve the following awards:

Primary Band

2000-Point Progressive

Alphabet Soup

Baker's Dozen

Certificate Hunter's

DX
 NCS Basic (or Poker Player on Secondary Band)
 Night Owl
 Nomad (or Alphabet Soup, Certificate Hunter, WAS – Capitals, AND WAS – YL on Secondary Band)
 Numbers Racket
 Officers
 Poker Player
 Worked All States
 Worked All States – YL

Secondary Band
 2000-Point Progressive

DX
 Numbers Racket
 Night Owl
 Officers

Additional Requirements

Additionally, the Master's applicant must hold a 100-Point Award on the following 3905 Century Club nets:

40M SSB
 75M SSB
 160M SSB
 40M RTTY or 80M RTTY
 40M CW
 80M CW

There is a non-award-based requirement as well. The applicant must have demonstrated *significant service to the club* beyond just earning the awards listed above.

Approval

The Master's Degree Award application is submitted to the Awards Secretary, who will check requirements and then forward a recommendation to the Board of Directors, who will vote on final approval.

The new Master will be formally (or informally) welcomed to the elite subgroup by the Masters in presence at the next Eyeball gathering. Our most recent Master, Ralph, was given a "celebrity roast" initiation at the 2018 Eyeball, which was great fun for all! (See photo

below).



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Want to see a specific award featured in this column? Send me an email with your suggestions for what I should include here.

We hope you enjoyed reading about the awards earned by your fellow members and other interesting awards factoids. Please look for Awards Highlights in the next issue of the Centurion. In the meanwhile, Awards News, listing all the awards issued during each week is published on the 3905ChatGrp, 3905Checkins, 3905AwdTalk, and Hamtown reflectors each Friday except around Eyeball and Hamcation® weeks.

Election season is again upon us. This year we'll be electing all of the Even Area Directors and the Club President. These positions all carry a two-year term and all newly elected officers will begin their terms on March 1st, 2020.

Election Monitors for the 2020 3905 Century Club Presidential and Even-numbered Area Directors Election are: Gary Slagle, K9GWS and Kirk Frazier, AA1NA

Here are the nominations for Club President:

Dean Davis, N7XG

Tyler Tassone, KD5SKS

Nominations for Even Numbered Area Directors are:

2nd Call Area - Peter Summers, N2XTT
 4th Call Area - Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT
 6th Call Area - open
 8th Call Area - Ralph Mitchell, KG8WL
 10th Call Area - Ray Myers, WB0PYF

Voting for Club President and Even Numbered Area Directors begins January 1, 2020 and closes January 15, 2020 (local).

There are no nominations for the 6th Area Director, so there is to be a "Special Circumstances Election"

Nominations for 6th Area Director open Jan 21, 2020 and close Jan 27, 2020. Nominations and voting for 6th Area Director are open to qualified members of the 6th call area only.

Special Circumstances Election voting begins January 30, 2020 and ends February 6, 2020. Voting may be done on the club website, by email to both Election Monitors, by USPS mail to both Election Monitors, or on the 40 M early net Wednesday, January 15, 2020 (local).

Each candidate for office is strongly encouraged to submit a personal statement to the Webmaster for inclusion on the Ballot. Any statement submitted will NOT be edited for content, but there is a very strong preference that it be fairly brief and to the point and that it focus on why you want the office you are seeking and what you think you can contribute to the Club while holding that office. As a small encouragement for brevity and conciseness, candidates for each office will be placed on the ballot in order based on the length of their personal statements... shortest thru longest, with those candidates that have not provided a statement listed after those that have.

No biographies were submitted by publication time, watch the website for those to be posted.

These are our ADs for their call areas as they are unopposed.

Thanks to Kirk for providing this update.



<http://clipart-library.com/clipart/150504.htm>

Here's an update on the **2020 Eyeball**:

Keynote Speaker, Martin Jue, K5FLU has the event on his calendar

Tours of MFJ, Ameritron, HyGain, Cushcraft are confirmed for Thursday, July 16 for those wishing to participate. Transportation is still being arranged.

Venue, Lake Tiak O'Khata has the event on their calendar with 20 hotel rooms reserved (more are available), 2 meeting rooms reserved, and several lodging and meal plans available. Members need only contact Group Sales at Lake Tiak O'Khata , phone number 1-888-845-6151.

Members should be sure to alert the staff their reservations are for the 3905 Century Club, July, 2020.

Save the Date notice has been posted on the club website.

Save the Date QSL Cards have been provided to the Buro, to include one in out-bound envelopes in November, February and May.

Two Golf Carts have been donated for use at the Eyeball for members with mobility concerns.

A website to be linked to the club website is in the process of being developed so members can register on line. This should be ready by January, 2020.

Six radios (so far) have been confirmed for use. Three Yaesu 991s and three Kenwood TS-480s for use on the QRP nets. Am still getting power supplies, coax, antennas, dummy loads, CW keyers, laptops for logging and digital use, etc. No problems are anticipated offering 20M, 40M, 75M, 160M SSB, 40M & 80M CW, 40M & 80M RTTY QRP Nets.

Any NCS that would like to operate a SSB net from the Eyeball, should be able to using a 600 w amplifier that has been secured.

An Eyeball QSL card contest will be offered. Likely taking submissions in January, 2020, concluding in February. QSL cards will be ordered then and ready for the Eyeball.

Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT and Dwight Goldberg, WF4H have agreed to serve as Mobile Shootout Masters. Site selection is underway and will provide them with 2 - 3 selections as they are identified.

Have contacted several former Eyeball coordinators for input and received several great suggestions :-)

A Kenwood TS-480HX has been donated for use at the Eyeball and will be raffled after its use on site

A Photographer and a Videographer have been retained for the Eyeball. Both have agreed to serve as Hostesses to help with registration, information, YL games, keeping everyone informed and to help out in general throughout the Eyeball.

Frank Drewes, KK5XX has the information for the Eyeball website and is working to have it up and linked to the club website January 1, 2020. Thank you, Frank!

Save the Date QSL cards are being distributed by the Buro. More than 300 have gone out so far. Thank you, Rob & Rob!

Have deposited the seed money from the club in the 2020 Eyeball checking account for use with expenses, raffle items and door prizes

**Wednesday, July 15 –
Sunday, July 19, 2020**

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the 40M Early net **OLD TIMERS NET**. We had a great turn-



out! There were a lot of old timers who checked in. You Old Timers made a large quantity of folks very happy. And if you

stayed around for the full five hours there were several new call signs on the net. Everyone that stayed made these /AG's feel welcome. I thank all that worked these new call signs. These are the folks that if they keep coming back to the nets are our new prospective members. I can't help but feel with everyone congratulating them on their upgrade, we will see a lot of them back on our regular nets. You all made them feel very welcome. I am positive they enjoyed themselves as well. I received a couple of emails after the net telling me what a great time they had and that they would be back. You all that worked the net made it fun for them as well as some of our newer members. THANK YOU!!

Best of the Holiday's to All!!

Bob Kn4euk 40 Meter SSB Nets Coordinator Vice President

A new editor is coming!

Every club needs the right fuel to run efficiently. We should utilize our resources in ways that benefit the club- in other words have the right person for each job. When I joined the 3905 Century Club, there was no editor, so I volunteered. However, since my style is not what the club wants in a newsletter, a new member has offered to provide the desired format. Please welcome John Curran WO4H, the editor for Health & Human Services in DC, who will be replacing me as editor.

He will be publishing the March issue and you can send articles for inclusion to runningafterantelope@gmail.com.

I thank you for the opportunity and for enduring until we could find someone suited for designing a newsletter the club wants.

I'll see you on the nets, 73 Michelle N3YRZ



News from Call area 4

By Ben Goldfarb – AE4NT Fourth Area Director
(ae4nt@mrbig.com) November 21, 2019

Fourth Area Awards Manager

We welcome **Robert H. Byers, W4RHB**, of Hamptonville, NC, as the new Fourth Area Awards Manager, as of November 24, 2019. Robert has been an active member of the Club since 2014. He is a USAF Communications Service vet who repaired communication equipment during his active service. Later, Robert became a banker and a chicken farmer. He is now retired, so he can devote most of his time to amateur radio and his other hobby, woodworking.

Robert replaces **Ron Stanley, Jr., NC4JR**, who has faithfully and excellently served the club in the position for almost three years. The time and travel demands of Ron's business life weighed heavily in his decision to step down. We thank Ron for his significant service to the Fourth Area and the Club.

Fourth Area members should consult the Club website for Robert's contact information. Thanks to Robert for stepping up and volunteering for this important role in the club!

Election Time

In January, Club members will be electing Area Directors for even-numbered call areas, along with the Club President, for a two-year term. I will be running for re-election, having declared my candidacy per the By-Laws on November 6. If



you have any questions, please direct them to me via the Fourth Area Reflector or via personal email. I hope you'll consider casting your vote for me.

Greetings of the Season

We hope your Thanksgiving was happy and bountiful, with plenty of family, friends, and good cheer, and we wish you all Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year and a wonderful holiday season!

Until Next Time...

Did you know that the Fourth Area has its own message board and email reflector? We use it for communications of interest to area members, including agendas and minutes of Board meetings. To subscribe to it, email 3905ccn-4th-area+subscribe@groups.io. We do accept guest subscriptions from other call areas, which are read-only. Fourth area members get full posting privileges.

Your Fourth Area Team, **Dave, KI4DFS** (AAD), **Robert, W4RHB** (AAM) and I, are here to serve the needs of area members. Please feel free to discuss matters of importance to you with any of us either directly or through the Fourth Area reflector. Our email addresses are available on the Club website.



ALEXANDER P LAPINSKI K9FZ



In loving memory of my dad,
Alexander P Lapinski

My dad, my Elmer, the most important man in my life, became a silent key. K9FZ, AI, OM # 2313, was taken too soon, his heart just stopped.

My dad enjoyed the hobby of amateur radio since 1968 when he received his novice license. As a little girl, I have memories of him, tipping back a cold one in the



basement of our home in Superior Wisconsin, making contact after contact. I can still hear him all these years later... WA9YRA calling CQ, CQ, CQ.... I would dangle my feet as I sat on his metal stool in his shack hoping my mom wouldn't make me go to bed, listening to him for hours on end. You may have heard him on the air with one of his many call signs, WA9YRA, KE0IW, AB5HF, AA9MP AH6JG or HL9JG.

My dad retired as a Lt. Colonel from the United States Army after 28 years of service. It was during his tour in Hawaii in 1989 that he had helped me achieve my novice license. It was then that we started sharing his shack and I was now the voice calling CQ, CQ, CQ, with the best Elmer a girl could have teaching me the ropes.

In 2012, I passed my general class test after years of "nagging" me to "just study and get it done so you can work all that good dx!" My dad was so excited... I remember it like it was yesterday. When I passed, he introduced me to OMISS, the 3905CCN and I worked several new countries all in the first week.

My dad was a member of so many different clubs, he enjoyed them all. He was an avid DX'er and a huge supporter of many DX organizations. I likely will never achieve standings with the ARRL nearly as impressive as my dad's, but I will try. He was most recently working on his awards with the 3905 CCN in hopes of achieving his Masters.

He retired from his second career in March of 2018 after he survived a helicopter crash in California; all of us who loved him were grateful we finally had him home from his years of traveling for work. He spent the last years of his life with his wife of 35 years, traveling for leisure (finally).



He enjoyed camping almost every weekend he could during the summer & Packer games during the fall & winter.

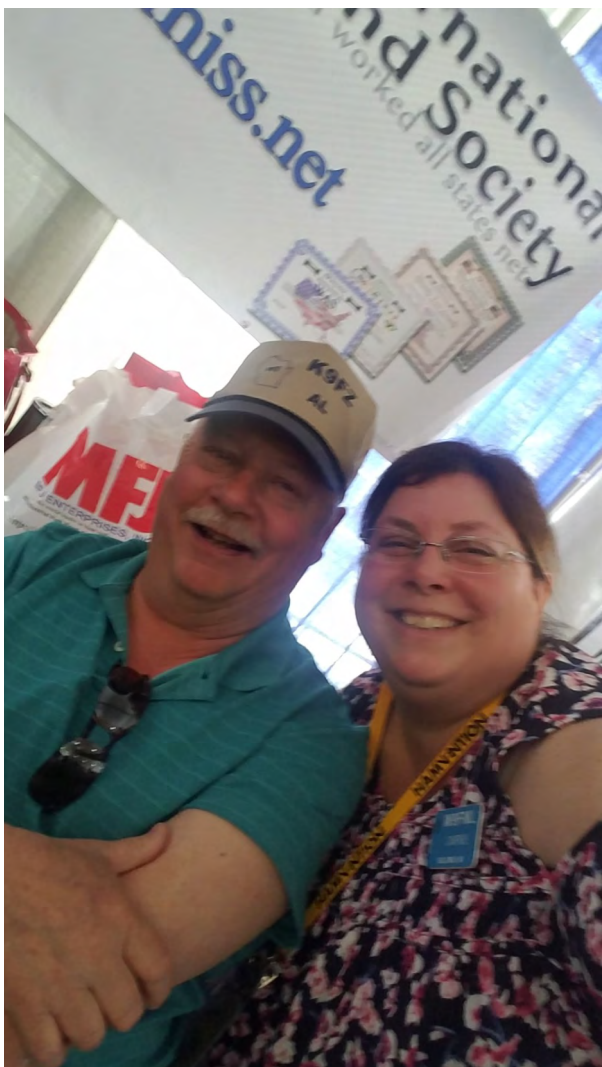
He loved his children, his grandchildren, his siblings, and his dog, and enjoyed spending time with them.



He was working on his shack and finally



applying for all the awards he had been working on for years. He had a mission to help me update my station with a new an-



With Carrie at the OMISS booth
at Dayton Hamvention



At the eyeball in Delaware

tenna/tower and talking me into taking my extra exam in the near future.

I would like to thank every person who ever made contact with my dad. He thoroughly enjoyed each and every one of them and after 51 years of contacts, on September 18th, 2019, my dad became a silent key. It was not a moment any of us were prepared for. He was only 67 years old. There was so much left to do and so much left unsaid. He had so much more to teach us all. On September 21st, I did the most difficult thing I have ever had to do. After sharing the hobby with him for 30 years, it was my honor to fulfill his request that if he passed away, I would give my dad, K9FZ, his last call on the 40m OMISS net. Dad, I'm gonna miss you...

Respectfully Submitted by,
Carrie Krueger W9FML



First Call: **WA9YRA** in 1968 Other
Call(s): **KE0IW HL9JG AH6SG**
AB5HF AA9MF K9FZ

Alexander Paul Lapinski was born on January 7, 1952, the son of Edmund and Alice (Boyle) Lapinski. Al was an electrician with his degree from the University of Wisconsin Superior. Al

was known for a fine work ethic throughout his military and civilian careers.

Al is survived by his wife, Colleen; children, Carrie (Darren) Krueger, Jamie (Shane) Madrinich, Daniel (Lindsay) Lapinski, Megan (Terry Jarvis Jr.) Lapinski; grandchildren, Zyanya Arce, Madisyn Krueger, Adryana Krueger, Taylor Madrinich, Zachary Madrinich, Azariah Lapinski, Keziah Lapinski, Jasper Lapinski, Hadassah Lapinski, Tobiah Lapinski, Onyx Lapinski; Siblings, Patrick Lapinski, Phillip (Mary) Lapinski and Joanne Bennett.

3905 awards earned by Al:

51K9FZ Alexander P. Lapinski 2020 Meter SSB 100 Point 2018-06-15

232 40 Meter CW 100 Point 2016-03-16

12 40 Meter CW 500 Point 2019-08-12

194 40 Meter RTTY 100 Point 2018-10-15

1251 40 Meter SSB 100 Point 1989-11-16

200 40 Meter SSB 500 Point 1990-02-09

293 40 Meter SSB 1000 Point 1993-09-15

315 40 Meter SSB 2000 Point 2018-05-12

145 40 Meter SSB 3000 Point 2019-03-28

139 40 Meter SSB Alphabet 1992-06-12

76 40 Meter SSB Nite Owl 1992-01-28

255 40 Meter SSB Numbers Racket 2018-08-07

353 40 Meter SSB Officers 1992-03-05

347 40 Meter SSB Worked All States 1992-01-28

1454 40 Meter SSB Worked All States 2018-07-10

1855 75 Meter SSB 100 Point 1992-06-12

0 75 Meter SSB 500 Point 1992-06-12

557 75 Meter SSB 1000 Point 2019-06-21

407 75 Meter SSB Nite Owl 2018-07-21

205 75 Meter SSB Numbers Racket 2018-09-08

1013 75 Meter SSB Officers 2018-08-07

1435 75 Meter SSB Worked All States 2018-07-10

184 80 Meter CW 100 Point 2019-08-12

642 160 Meter SSB 100 Point 2018-04-21

204 Net Control Operators 2018-10-01

339 Net Controllers Basic 2019-02-07

92 40 Quarter Master 2018-11-12

3040 40 Bakers Dozen 2018-09-12

3055 40 Bakers Dozen 2018-10-26

3056 40 Bakers Dozen 2018-10-26

3057 40 Bakers Dozen 2018-10-26

3058 40 Bakers Dozen 2018-11-18

257 40 WAS YL 40 and 75 SSB 2019-08-01

40 Worked All VE 1992-01-28



At the eyeball in Delaware

Eyeball photos from Michelle N3YRZ; all others from Carrie W9FML

Other items of Interest

VY1JA , Yukon off the air. Retiring from radio for health issues and selling his gear, Jay Allen ceased operations on Sep 14. He has been on our nets many times in the past.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/well-known-yukon-ham-j-allen-vy1ja-is-stepping-away-from-amateur-radio>

FCC proposes to remove the amateur radio 9-centimeter allocation at 3.3 - 3.5 GHz..

<https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-360941A1.pdf>

It is to leave this for federal users

ARRL plans to comment in opposition to the proposed action.

Our **Condolences** to Fred K1UU whose bride of 41 years, Patti, succumbed to the cancer she battled for 2 years. Some may remember her from the Eyeball in 2011. She was born Sept. 25, 1958, and was employed by Hallmark Cards.

She and Fred were beach lovers, especially walking along the sand in search of interesting shells and snorkeling in Hawaii. She is survived by Fred, three children, and four grandchildren.

Have a great Christmas and/or Hanukah and hope you all have many contacts in the upcoming year. I had a great time on the old timers net and KN4EUK did a great job. I also look forward to some special event stations and thank you N7XG for promoting them. We had W1N several nights. Our family tradition on Christmas Eve is posole, tamales and biscochitos. I'm sure many of you have similar goodies so enjoy. de AG5T

Bureau Items

Key take away points...

Cards that exceed 3 1/2 by 5 1/2 inches will not be accepted. This has been a long standing issue and has come to a point where we have to stand hard and fast on this one as it is getting out of hand.

Check the online GIB look up before you send cards.

Check your balance often. We try to let you know when you are getting low (usually \$2 or 2 SSASEs). You know your activity level and if that is enough warning or not. I literally had 1 station in the last 24 hours get a 2 ounce and 2 3 ounce envelopes dropping him from above where we normally send a note to 75 cents. This is an issue for those using Dean's logger as any station with a buro balance below \$1 is listed as direct by his logger.

And PLEASE remember that checks or money orders need to be made payable to me, not the buro as there is no bank account for the buro. I had to return 4 different payments in the last month because of this.

Rob KB8UEY

Howdy Folks,

I am a NO CARD NEEDED station from now on (Thank you Rob (apply where needed) for updating the GIB). That means I do NOT want cards for ANY contacts on ANY band in ANY mode. (Unless you are in South Dakota and use LOTW! Then again I guess I don't need a card, just an LoTW upload,. But I digress) I WILL send out cards for any contact unless it's an NCN.

I have over 17000 cards that sit in boxes in the storage room that I will probably NEVER get around to sorting. I didn't like QSL cards to begin with when I joined the club. I just wanted something to occupy my driving time and to justify having a ham rig in the big rig. Little did I know it would lead to this.

I DO appreciate ALL of the contacts I have made through the years. Who knows, you probably kept me alive all of those years. But save your money and have fun.

73, Steven Panattoni - N6RSH

Gene Marsh W8NET went to Pymatuning State Park for **Ohio State Parks on the Air** (OSPOTA) September 6 & 7. John Lopez KE8MXR (his stepson) and John's friend KE8MWD, Shane Kiley, also were there. Friday night and Saturday night, Gene was checked in on 40m with club call K8BF and special event call W8O, all /P on the OH/PA line. In between, they worked the OSPOTA contest, Saturday 10am-6pm. John and Shane helped with the contest - and they were HOOKED! They are studying for their General NOW.

They operated portable from a table at the state line. With beautiful weather and an antenna for 40m/15m, the band was quite long: unusual to hear AR, MS, NE, ME and QB as legit 59+ signals in the middle of the day! They missed many state parks. However, they scored 1,321 and earned a certificate. Look for them again next year as they are making plans to do it again.

Pymatuning State Park is what used to be a large swamp with over a thousand acres (one-quarter of which is in Ohio and three-quarters of which is in Pennsylvania). Pymatuning Lake formed in the 1930's by a dam features multiple beaches, fishing and camping areas. A protected area allows geese and ducks to winter there.

Lenape lived there when the Europeans arrived, named it for the chief, Pihmtomink; until they were pushed out of by Iroquois Confederacy.

For the 14th consecutive year, the 3916 Nets will be presenting the Santa Net on 3.916 MHz. Good girls and boys can talk to Santa Claus, via amateur radio, nightly at 7:15 PM (Central) starting Friday, November 29, 2019. The Santa Net will run nightly at 7:15 PM Central through Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019.

Pete Thomson (KE5GGY), of the 3916 Nets, commented "Christmastime is a very special time for our nets every year. We enjoy helping young people and their families have a shared Christmas experience that they'll always remember. And we're thrilled to introduce young people to the excitement of amateur radio."

Youngsters can talk to "Santa at The North Pole" via strategically placed operators who relay the voice of Santa. Thomson said that The Santa Net is a team effort that involves the efforts of a number of 3916 Net members. He said, "In our first year, we connected 10 kids to Santa on Ham Radio, and it has grown steadily since. For 2019, we're expecting between over 700 children to participate."

Prior to each night's Santa Net, pre-net check-ins can be made at www.cqsanta.com Third party rules and regulations apply.

The Santa Nets are presented annually by the 3916 Nets. The Rag Chew Crew, The Tailgaters and The Freewheelers are all amateur radio nets that meet on 3.916 MHz nightly. For more information on The 3916 Nets, go to <http://www.3916nets.com> For more information on The Santa Net, email KE5GGY@Gmail.com



Leave laughing

George goes to the doctor after getting some very bad news about his condition.

Doctor: "Unfortunately sir, you have only 1 week to live."

George: "Doctor, what on Earth are you saying?", clearly shocked.

"What can I do to live at least a little longer? I don't have any family but I really want to finish all the tv shows I'm watching."

Doctor: "Well, do you eat greasy and fried food?"

George: "Yes."

Doctor: "Stop doing that."

George: "If I'll live longer, sure!"

Doctor: "Do you drink sodas and eat fast food?"

George: "Yes."

Doctor: "Stop doing that."

George: "If it allows me to live longer, sure."

Doctor: "Do you stay up late?"

George: "Most nights."

Doctor: "Stop doing that."

George: "Alright, done."

Doctor: "Do you have sex often?"

George: "Yes. A lot."

Doctor: "Stop doing that."

George: "Well, I guess, if it means living longer."

Doctor: "Do you smoke?"

George: "Yes."

Doctor: "Stop doing that."

George: "If it allows me to live longer, I will."

Doctor: "Do you drink?"

George: "Yes..."

Doctor: "Stop doing that."

George: "OK Doctor, but you didn't tell me, if I do all the things you told me to do, how much longer will I live?"

Doctor: "You'll still only live a week... but it will seem like a decade."

