



Volume 2019, Eyeball edition

### 3905 Century Club Thank you Keon (KE3HAY) & Chaka for hosting a wonderful eyeball in Delaware. You were masters of making adjustments to mitigate things out of your control while still focusing on covering the important ele-

You were masters of making adjustments to mitigate things out of your control while still focusing on covering the important elements of the eyeball. A good balance of activities and free time. Chaka spent a lot of time providing/preparing some fine food & her famous "jungle juice".



Special points of interest:

### Attendees

AA1NA	Kirk		
AC2MT	Rich	Kathy	(Rich)
AE4NT	Ben	Jenny	(Ben)
K1UU	Fred		
KE3HAY	Keon	Chaka	(Keon)
K9GWS	Gary		
KB3PU	Jim		
KC1YL	Lisa		
KG8WL	Ralph	Jo	(Ralph)
KK5XX	Frank		
K9FZ	Al		
NOPUI	Jay		
N2XTT	Peter		
N3VEJ	Doug		
N3WD	Bill		
N3YRZ	Michelle		
N7XG	Dean		
NJ9T	Pete		
W1IP	Paul		
WA1LNY	Lanning		
W3TTT	Joe Cotton		
W8NET	Gene	Jackie, John	(Gene)
WF4H	Dwight	Beth	(Dwight)
WN1F	David	Gin	(David)

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## N7XG N3WD KK5XX KB3PU WA1LNY N3VEJ AE4NT K9FZ NJ9T W8NET K1UU KG8WL N0PUI WF4H K9GWS Gin WN1F AC2MT Jo



### KC1YL AA1NA N2XTT John Jackie Beth JENNY W1IP N3YRZ KE3HAY Chaka Phot taken by Kathy Walbert

### Masters at the eyeball 2019



71 Ralph KG8WL 55 Pete NJ9T 47 Gene W8NET 45 Fred K1UU 43 Bill N3WD 25 Jay N0PUI 6 Peter N2XTT



## The YL's KC1YL & N3YRZ

#### Eyeball 2019 Newark Delaware

With 121 days to put it together I can safely say that our eyeball in Newark Delaware was successful. Did it have some bumps in the road, absolutely! I will say that this was a true test of what being an amateur radio operator is all about. We had obstacles and we came together as a team to overcome them. We got on the air, we met some really nice people, but most of all there was loads of fun and at the end of the day that is what the eyeball is all about.

I can honestly say it was a pleasure to meet so many new people which opened the opportunity for new travel destinations and to forge new lifelong, bonding friendships. This eyeball was a big learning experience in my life, I learned how to let things go. As a young new ham my views and the way I see things may be different from someone else's but it does not mean there has to be an absolute one way solution, and in reality when things happen that you can't control you just have to let it go and work on the things that you can.

One of their highlights for me was having the opportunity to operate Delaware portable with two legends of the 3905 Century club. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity happened on Saturday night. At my station I had the opportunity to host N2OCW and N2XTT. To hear Peter throw his call sign in his signature voice, Norway 2 x-ray tango tango and to hear Larry and his thunderous voice at my station may never happen again in life for me however, I had to get a picture of them which can be seen on Facebook because both are true pioneers of this club. I want to personally thank both of them for coming to hang out with me.

In conclusion, I have to thank every single person that showed up with a willingness to help in anyway they could. I want to thank the YL's and XYL's for making sure we ate well and Providing loads of laughter, fun and entertainment! I want to thank those who were advisers to me throughout this process, those who brought door prizes, those who brought special gifts for various people, and my YL for making sure I stayed calm cool and collected, and for making sure the women were taken care of.

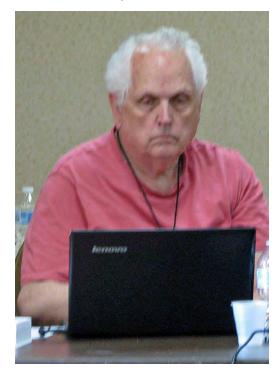
Last but not least I have to thank our president Dean N7XG for pressing his way over 2700 miles to be with us. I don't think he knows how his presence alone solidified this year's eyeball and I want to thank you for making the sacrifice to come.

Keon KE3HAY- 2019 Eyeball Host





N2OCW Larry Ashton, Master #13; N2XTT Peter Summers, Masters #6 KE3HAY Keon, 2019 Eyeball Coordinator.



Dean N7XG running the QRP nets

# Eyeball presented certificates

As the eyeball edition will highlight those certificates presented at the eyeball - look for Ben (AE4NT) Goldfarb's regular "Awards Happening" column to resume in the regular issue in September.



## W1BML Ambassador Award Kirk Frazier AA1NA



### Rich Walbert AC2MT





75M early NCS of the Year Kirk Frazier AA1NA

## 2019 Leisure Mobile

# of the Year Kirk Frazier AA1NA



## Ben AE4NT For great work on Awards as manager



Michelle is thanked for being editor





Thanks are given to our Webmaster Frank KK5XX

And he's recognized for CW Net NCS of year





Fred K1UU recognized for working on governing documents

## Gary K9GWS For Treasurer

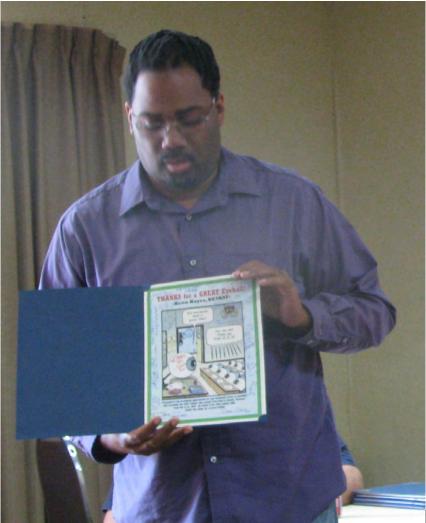




Gary Slagle, K9GWS Digital Net Control Station of the Year

40 Meter SSB Late Net Controller of the year





Everyone signed a certificate to let Keon know we appreciate the great eyeball he hosted

# And his job as chairman is also recognized



## Gary K9GWS



# Appreciated for membership committee

### Lanning WA1LNY



### One Eyeball in 50 years and it had to be this one!

My first Eyeball in nearly 50 years by Lanning Levine WA1LNY

So, why did I go to the 2019 3905CCN Eyeball this year?

Simple, I was asked to come along and have some fun.

I was asked if I was going and then encouraged to go by my 3905CCN Ham Friends that I hear most nights on the nets, talk on the phone during the week, over AIM, texting, emails, but have never met.

3905CCN friends Gary Slaigle (K9GWS), Rich Walbert (AC2MT), Gary Sheridan (N1RNJ) and Kirk Frazier (AA1NA) all encouraged to attend and said it would be a lot of fun. **And they were so right! I had a blast!** 

They never really told me what the EyeBall is like or what actually happens. Only that it is fun. I had no expectations because none were really set. Truth be told....I did wonder if we actually had a shootout some old antennas. I enjoy shooting sports.

It was great to put faces to voices. The first person I met was Michelle (N3YRZ) in the lobby. The hat gave it away. The second person I met was Ralph. Standing alone at a hallway intersection I hear a voice. Sounds like Ralph (KG8WL), looks like how I imagined Ralph, so being the introvert that I am, I called QRZd, QRZd, WA1LNY is that Ralph (KG8WL). He turned around and YES it was Ralph.

In the next hour I met so many of my 3905CCN club friends I lost count and for a while, even who was who. Ben (AE4NT), Jay (N0PUI), Bill (N3WD), Dean (N7XG), Gary (K9GWS), AI (K9FZ), Rich Walbert (AC2MT), Kirk Frazier (AA1NA), Dwight (WF4H), Dave (WN1F), Fred (K1UU) to name a few and the next day Lisa (KC1YL), and Paul (W1IP).

Working the evening NET's in K9GWS's SUV with N7XG and K9FZ was a blast. It was great HAM fun and with lot's of laughs. Al (K9FZ) and I were cracking jokes (lots of jokes) in the back seat while Gary (K9GWS) and Dean (N7XG) were trying to have a serious radio voice while operating. Passing the mic, seemed like a Club right-of-passage. It was cool. Very cool.

Checking-In to the nets at the motel parking lot, tri-nets in some catering business parking lot, QRP nets, all lots of fun. (Lots of cards too).

I have only 2 regrets. First, that I haven't attended The Club Eyeball in past years. Second that I did not do the CW nets. Even with Kirk's encouragement, I thought my code too rusty. But I should have tried.

Something to look forward too for next year!

Kirk, sign me up now!

## We had plenty of food & drink



Keon sneaking cookie





Chaka and Kathy back from shopping

Beth, Gin set up







### Then at the Golden Corral













With some stealth antennas, we did some QRP nets





# Frank helped us do cw QRP Lisa on the key with David & Frank







W1IP N7XG K9FZ AA1NA W1LNY K9GWS KK5XX W8NET KC1YL

### Frank Rich Kirk in David's vehicle mobile DE



## Filling out QSL cards





Meetings....







## Then prizes















# See you next year in Mississippi

Lake Tiak O'Khata 213 Smyth Lake Rd Louisville, MS https://ltok.com/ Wednesday, July 15 to Sunday, July 20, 2020.

Host Kirk Frazier AA1NA



3905 Century Club 2020 Eyeball

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Wednesday, July 15 – Sunday, July 19, 2020 Lake Tiak O'Khata Resort Louisville, Mississippi

Let's go to Mississippi!

Besides being very centrally located to most members, Mississippi offers a wide range of reasons to host the 3905 Century Club Annual Eyeball! Primarily, Mississippi is the home of Mr. Martin Jue, Founder of MFJ Enterprises in Starkville, MS! MFJ manufactures and catalogs the largest selection of amateur radio gear in the world! It is safe to say the majority (if not all) ham radio operators use, have used or talked to another operator that have MFJ products in their shack! Mr. Jue has offered for MFJ to roll out the red carpet for the 3905 Century Club!

And there's food! Our resort, Lake Tiak O'Khata (<u>https://ltok.com/</u>) offers all we need in one location! Hotel, restaurant, banquet hall, meeting rooms, waterfront, RV spaces, tall pine trees and parking in one location. The resort is located in Louisville, MS (the natives pronounce it "Lewis-ville"). Plan for a great time! The goal is to have members together in one QTH for visiting, enjoying, relaxing, operating and all the great things that go along with the annual 3905 Century Club Eyeball!

### Some local features include:

1. Starkville, MS home of MFJ and its sister companies, Ameritron, Hy-gain, Cushcraft, Mirage, Vectronics and may other lines of ham radio gear www.mfjenterprises.com <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin F. Jue">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Martin F. Jue</a>

2. Starkville is home to Mississippi State University known as "Stark Vegas" during college football & baseball seasons. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Starkville,\_Mississippi

3. Golden Triangle Regional Airport (GTR) is about 35 miles from the proposed Eyeball

4. Old Waverly Plantation in West Point, MS is right at 45 minutes north of Louisville. Besides being a site for world class golf, (Ladies PGA tour site), Waverly Mansion is a phenomenal example of a Deep South antebellum home. In fact, nearby Columbus, MS has one of the largest populations of antebellum homes for those that may be interested! <u>https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\_Review-g44092d3399598-Reviews-</u> <u>Waverley\_Mansion\_</u>Old Waverly Golf Club: https://oldwaverly.com/

5. West Point, MS also is the home of the famous Mossy Oak brand! Even the occasional hunter should make the trip to Mossy Oak HQ and store to see where the camouflage innovation began and still thrives! West\_Point\_Mississippi.html

6. Jackson, MS, state capital is just an hour and a half southwest of Louisville and has the closest International Airport, the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers Airport (JAN).

7. New Orleans, LA is only 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hours southwest of Louisville for those that would like to experience the food, music, architecture and culture the Big Easy is known for. Think Bourbon Street, Court of Two Sisters, Café Du Monde, Canal Street!

8. Memphis, TN is in striking distance at about 3 hours north of the Eyeball site. Beale Street, Mud Island, Barbeque and the Peabody Hotel are a great stop on the way or as you leave the Eyeball. The International Airport there is the central hub to FedEX and its designator is MEM.

9. Philadelphia, MS has 2 fantastic casinos only 30 minutes south of Lake Tiak O'Khata! Also, there is a world class water park, Geyser Falls for a family outing or a place for the kids while mom and/or dad QSO with Lady Luck! Anyone wanting to stay a spell longer can join the Neshoba County Fair that begins July 26. Anyone wanting to see Mississippi politicking or saddle-bred horse racing should plan to see this famous regional event.

Louisville, MS: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louisville,\_Mississippi Pearl River Resort: www.pearlriverresort.com Silver Star Casino: www.pearlriverresort.com Golden Moon Casino: www.pearlriverresort.com Geyser Falls Water Park: www.pearlriverresort.com Dancing Rabbit Golf Club: www.pearlriverresort.com Mossy Oak HQ: https://www.mossyoak.com/about/our-story Starkville Gun Club: http://www.starkvillegunclub.org/





Lake Tiak-O'Khata A gathering place for all occasions

### **The Activities**

With a white sandy beach, spiral water slide, and supervised swimming area, this is the perfect place to bring the entire family. We even have a special beach menu, with a picnic area for you to enjoy. There are tennis, basketball, as well as volleyball courts. Some of Mississippi's best golf courses are also nearby. Fishing and Lake Tiale-O'Khara are synonymous. The breathtaking view of our coves and inlets offer scenery to go along with the challenge of landing an elusive large mouth bass. Pedal boats are constantly gliding into the deeper expanses of the lake during the summer, to soak in the sun and observe the activities from a different perspective.



#### **The Facilities**

The people here at Tiak O'Khata understand the importance of your visit, whether it's basiness or pleasure. We are perfect for both.

#### Our Facilities includes

- · 6 private dining rooms and a deck that overlooks our 100 acre lake
- 2 beamiful convention centers nestled away from the main lodge, ideal for private meetings.
- . \$77 unit motel, complete with efficiencies, just ideal for family reamions.
- Beautiful RV park complete with water, electricity, cable TV, and private disposal.
- 7 duples cabins complete with kitchens and lakefront view. Perfect for families and fidherman who want to get away from it all.
- · Waterfront pavilion and lakeside gazelsa

### **The Cuisine**

Lake Talk O'Khata has long been an establishment known far and wide for it's savory buffer and mena selections. Our chefi specialize in traditional southern delicacies while continuously offering semething delicious and different. Just the food makes it worth the trip. We also have a wide array of carryouts, including horsemade caueroles, pies, and cakes,

### **The Heritage**

Our family business is special and so are our employees. They are part of our family, Lake Tiak O'Khata was founded by two sisters-in-law, Ruby and Catherine Smyth. Their determination and bravery led to the creation of this wonderful treasure. With humble begionings, the area has been transformed into the tranquil resort that it is, now. The heritage at Lake Tiak O'Khata is strong in hospitality, warmith, and deep concern for others. We truly want your visit with us to be as enjoyable as possible. Please, come see all we have to offer you and yours at Lake Tiak O'Khata.

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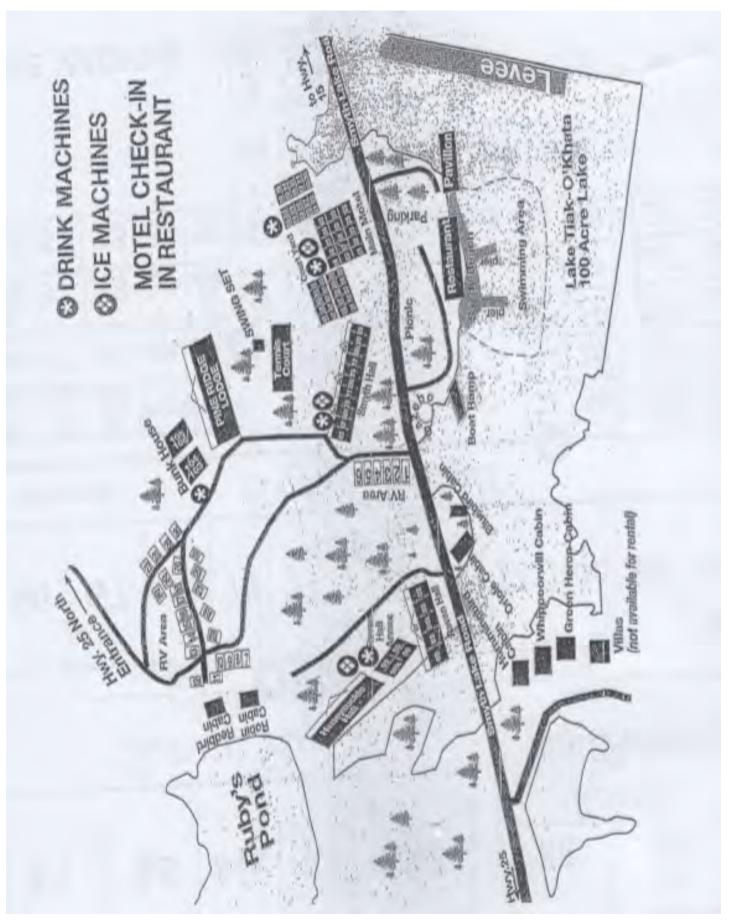
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### **The Location**

Lake Tiak O'Khata is off the beaten path, and fortunately so, but not hard to find. Easy to reach via modern highways. Lake Tiak O'Khata is located just southeast of Louisville, at the intersection of highway 15 south and 25 north.





## Winlink Changes

If you are a US-licensed station that routinely connects to a foreign gateway, or a non-US-licensed station that connects with a US gateway, you may be affected by new CMS behavior. The Winlink CMS now will enforce US Third-Party Message rules. Because Winlink is being severely criticized for allowing US client and gateway operators to violate US amateur radio third-party traffic rules, we are today starting to test automatic enforcement of these rules. Part 97.3(47), 97.115 and 97.117 apply.

If you attempt to send or receive a third-party message between a US-licensed station and another station the US does not have a third-party communication agreement with, you may receive a service message saying the message will violate the applicable rules and that the message is refused (if you're sending) or being held at the CMS (if you are receiving). Alternative means to successfully send or receive the message will be explained. The US has treaties with most countries in the North and South America, but not most European, Asian and Pacific countries.

We wish this was not necessary, but we have relied on US client and gateway operators to know the rules and obey them � � � and most have ignored them, unfortunately for all of us. In order to clean up the violations we are taking these measures to keep US Winlink operators legal. All licensees have an obligation to study, know, and obey the Amateur Radio Rules. We're doing this to make it easier for US operators to avoid loosing their licenses! We will be tweaking the behavior of this new mechanism to make it as friendly and informative as it can be. Please bear with us as we make changes. Thanks and 73, Lor W3QA Winlink Development Team Folks,

I received this email from one of our newest members, Don Wa2tpu/qrp.

Don has lost a lot of his antennas that you hear him on [due] to a recent Tornado!

He states he will be off the air until OCTOBER or so while he tries to rebuild!

Let's give him all our best wishes and thanks for the QRP contacts he gives our Club!

Bob Kn4euk



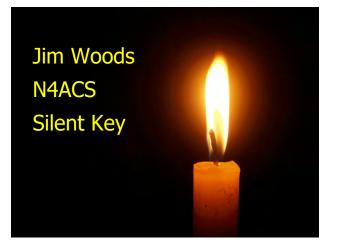
# WHO ARE WE?

So we can get to know each other better, lets do a member column. With the size of our club, a quarterly newsletter- the chance of featuring each would be improbable.

So a Question of the Quarter will be a way to get to know folks. Respond to the editor (msack@verizon.net) for inclusion in the newsletter, talk about it on AIM during nets (leaving the radio open for exchanges), or on the radio airways outside of the nets.

# What are some of the favorite QSL cards you've gotten? Can you send me a picture?

Look in the newsletter next quarter to see !



It is with deep sadness that I have to report that Jim Woods (N4ACS). After a long illness became a Silent Key this morning. Please keep Cathy in your prayers.

73's

Dwight - WF4H

A ham since High School in Ohio, served as radio cw op in the Army with time in Vietnam with the Army security agency. Then to Milligan college in TN, graduate in 1969. 3 master's degrees, one in religion, library science and a teaching degree in the field of philosophy and religion. Served as a clergy for 15 years then into librarianship and teaching at Hillsborough Community college in Tampa Florida where he lived for almost 30 years.

Retired thanks to a VA pension was active on many nets, mostly the 3905 century club 40 meter nets & also a charter member (# 100) of OMISS. Member of the YL System, 10-10, east cars, etc etc. XYL got her ham license (KD0HER).

Mr. James Woods was born on January 30, 1933 and passed away on July 19, 2019 in Saint Petersburg, FL.

Century Club Cares has sent a card from the club.

## About our newsletter This is our newsletter!

It is to share news and information about the club, its activities, and its members. Since the club is spread across the globe, the editor can't be everywhere and therefore relies on the rest of the members to provide the information. Please help make this the best by being my eyes & ears there.

Did you do a mobile expedition-send where you went, what you visited, who you contacted, what you learned, & pictures. Made a new discovery, learned a new mode, or got a cool QSL card - please share. Have a question we have lots of members...I suspect some member knows an answer.

Did you think of something that you want to share with fellow members? Know a fellow member who could use some assist? Think of a column that would be useful to see in the newsletter...send me a note.

Please be patient as we build the newsletter to what you like...but let me know suggestions and especially columns you like or don't like. I'm not trying to just copy what is elsewhere but want to highlight and inform our members. I can't report if folks don't let me know. I'm especially interested in getting input from the members about the members. See the Who are we question of the quarter!

I accept input **all the time** but if received by *1 week before the 1st* of March, June, September, & December, or 10 days post eyeball can be in that edition otherwise will appear in the following quarter.

Provide input by emailing to msack@verizon.net or your area director.

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