



THE CENTURION, March 2026

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Welcome to the second issue of the Centurion under my responsibility. I still cannot do “pretty”, but I can do my best in bringing you the Century Club news without your participating in any social media platforms. Your comments are welcome, just send me an email at BUDDYS70@GMAIL.COM and put “Centurion” in the Subject area.

NEWSFLASHes

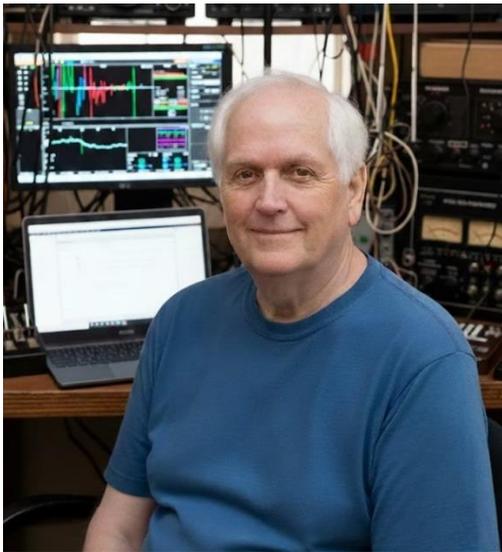
3905 Century Club Announces Updated Award Fees - Effective March 1, 2026.

<https://www.3905ccn.org/mar2026fees.php>

Save the date, 2026 Eyeball, September 16-19, Grand Forks ND. For the details see <https://www.3905ccn.org/files/board/mins-2025-09-13a.pdf>

According to the QRZ biography page for Clay, WA2JIM Operated from all states except AK & HI. Plan to pick up both of these this spring. Rumor has it that Clay is going to Alaska via Hawaii, so please read Alaska article elsewhere in this issue.

Message from the President, Dean Davis, KL7OR



Happy Birthday to such a wonderful place to live in that allows us to pursue our interests in amateur radio



First, I would like to thank the members of our great club for their vote of confidence shown in my recent reelection.

Next, my first order of administrative business, new committee assignments effective March 1.

- **Bylaws Committee**
 - This committee will remain open until such time as we can find a suitable replacement for the outgoing chairman
- **Election Committee**
 - AA1NA, Kirk Frazier
 - W9WWG, Virgil Warren
- **Audit Committee**
 - KI4WCQ, Johnny Allen
 - VE3CMB, Craig McLoughlin
- **Awards Committee**
 - AC2MT, Rich Walbert – Chairman
 - AA1NA, Kirk Frazier
 - N5OHL, Jimmy Richardson
 - N2XTT. Peter Summers
 - KI4WCQ, Johnny Allen
- **IT Committee**
 - K2YS, Matt Taylor – Chairman
 - KL7OR, Dean Davis
 - K9DBB, Debbie Yarbrough (Netlogger Support)
 - AI4K, Dave Yarbrough (Netlogger Support)
- **Presidential Advisory Committee**
 - VE3CMB, Craig McLoughlin - Chairman
 - K3CD, Thomas Edmonds
 - KI4WCQ, Johnny Allen
 - N5OHL, Jimmy Richardson
 - K4JEL, Jeff McCulloch

Also new this year are the 2 new Area Directors, N2XTT, Peter Summers for the 2nd area and W6PNY, Mac McCracken for the 10th area. Please welcome both to their new positions on the board of directors.

With the resignation of the outgoing Awards Secretary, I put together a special workgroup Consisting of the following:

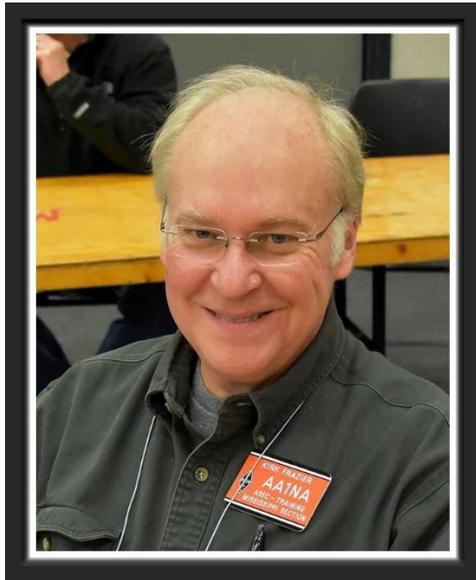
- KL7OR, Dean Davis
- AC2MT, Rich Walbert
- KI4WCQ, Johnny Allen
- K2YS, Matt Taylor,
- W3BS, Buddy Spiegel
- WA8MD, Tim Myers

Their task was to assist in the transition of the awards system from software and hardware not owned by the club to a new software system owned by the club running on the same server as our web site, This work was completed within 60 days and as I write this, Rich, AC2MT, is processing the remainder of the backlog of award applications and sending out certificates.

Looking forward:

- Several new awards are in progress by the Awards Committee
- Additional enhancements to the website to support the awards program
- Evaluating social media options to better support our membership
- Continue producing instructional and informational You Tube content
- Set-up mentor program for New Members
- Improve communication with members through email, chat groups etc.
- Planning for a spectacular year-long celebration of the club's 50th year.

Message from the Vice President, Kirk Frazier, AA1NA



Several club members plan to bring the Alaska state capital to the 3905 Century Club nets in March.

The group is comprised of Dave and Debbie Yarbrough, AI4K & K9DBB, Mark McClellan, W5LPZ, Clay Statmore, WA2JIM, Doug Wittich, N3VEJ, Mac McCracken, W6PNY, Gene Marsh, W8NET, Rich Walbert, AC2MT, Joe Fritton, KA0BMX, Craig McLoughlin, VE3CMB, Mike Rush, KU1V and Kirk Frazier, AA1NA. Most will have a club call, and several will have special event calls when they check in.

The dates they are planning to be on the air are from Thursday, March 12, 2026 through Monday, March 16, 2025 (local time). They will attempt to be on as many nets as possible including 20M SSB, 40M SSB & 75M SSB. Maybe 160SSB, fingers crossed. Mostly on the late nets, but will try the early nets, too. Also, the group will try as many of the CW and digital nets that they can.

Plans are to have at least one mobile station (maybe two) and one portable station (maybe more).

Lots of things have to come together to be heard: weather, band conditions, station setup and of course everyone that needs an AK contact to be on the air those nights.

Many of the group will set up in an Airbnb with some in a hotel. We will set up, enjoy Juneau with its sights and food, visit, relax and most of all be on every net that we can.

And to make QSLing easy, please be setup to receive QuickQSLs and reply to them. This makes QSLing much easier for the dxpeditioners. We get it, some do not want to do electronic QSLs and that is ok, but if you would it helps a lot, especially for trips like this. If you want a QSL card from one or more of the travelers, let them know.

Hope all the moving parts come into alignment! We all look forward to making the contact from Juneau.

Message from the Awards Secretary, Rich Walbert, AC2MT



- Just a short note from your Awards Secretary,
- First and foremost, I would like to thank Ben AE4NT for all the time and effort he put into the Awards Program. With his help from time to time and the file system he kept, Ben has made the transition as Awards Secretary a little easier. I have processed 135 awards in the first three weeks as being Awards Secretary, so keep those awards coming.
- I made my first contact on the 3905 Century Club in January 2015 and became a member January 2018 and never looked back. I've been a 20m, 75m and 160m Net Coordinator as well as the 2nd Area Director.

- I have made a lot of friends here on the 3905 Century Club, some I met in person at the Eyeballs and others just to talk to on the nets.
- Very shortly (March 11) I'll be flying to Alaska with Gene W8NET and we'll meet up with the rest of the gang. So get ready for those Alaskan Contacts.
- My job as Awards Secretary is to process Awards, serve on the Awards Committee, work with all the Area Awards Directors and with the help of the Awards Committee generate new Awards. On Saturdays I will post the Award News for the previous week. You can find the Award news on the club website under "Award News".
- I would like to thank everyone for being patient during the transition period to the new website awards program. I would also like to thank the Awards Task Force Matt K2YS, Johnny KI4WCQ, Gary K9GWS, Tim WA8MD, Buddy W3BS and Dean KL7OR for getting the Awards website up and running as fast as they did.

Thank you all for those awards and keep them coming.

Board of Directors actions, February 2026

- Elected a new Awards Secretary, Rich Walbert, AC2MT
- Elected State of Florida Resident Agent, Glenn I. Silver, KM4P

A link to the full February 2026 Board of Directors Meeting packet is <https://www.3905ccn.org/files/board/mins-2026-01-06su.pdf> and <https://www.3905ccn.org/files/board/mins-2026-01-10u.pdf>. If you want all the details click on the previously defined links.

Message from the NCS Training Coordinator, Joe St. Columbia Jr, N5MIG



The 3905 Century Club is proud to support the continued growth and professionalism of its Net Control Stations through a structured Net Control Training program conducted by Joe St. Columbia, Jr., N5MIG, in partnership with Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas. This comprehensive training is offered during the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters and consists of six to eight one-hour sessions per term, with enrollment limited to six candidates per semester to ensure individualized instruction and hands-on participation.

The Net Control Station (NCS) curriculum is designed to thoroughly prepare operators for the responsibility of managing a 3905 net. Instruction includes detailed coverage of NCS rules and regulations, proper net procedures, and practical training in the operation of Net Logger software. To build confidence and competence, each candidate will conduct several simulated nets in a controlled classroom environment and will also shadow experienced Net Control Stations during live nets to observe real-time operations. This combination of classroom instruction and practical application ensures that each trainee is fully prepared to assume net control duties.

Upon successful completion of the course, each participant is certified as an Official Net Control Station for the 3905 Century Club. Graduates receive a certificate from the 3905 Century Club as well as a Certificate of Completion from Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas,

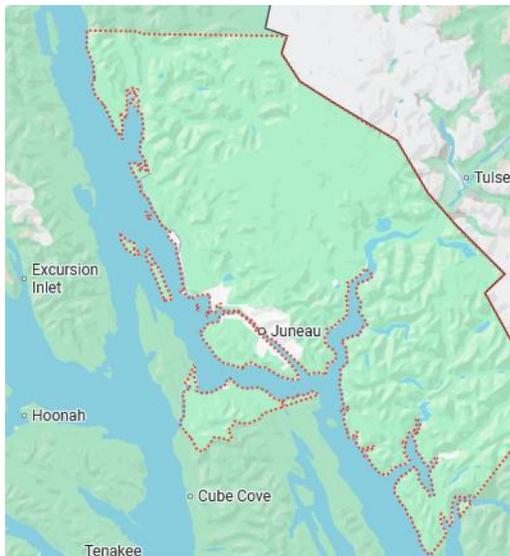
recognizing both their technical proficiency and their commitment to serving the amateur radio community.

On February 23, 2026 N5MIG released the following

I am pleased to inform you that Ken, K9TPT, successfully completed all requirements for certification as a 3905 NCS this morning. As with any new Net Control Station, it will take a few live nets for him to become fully comfortable and confident in the role. That said, Ken was an outstanding student and has demonstrated a thorough understanding of the rules and procedures. In my opinion, he will be an excellent NCS for the club.

Later on the same day, similar news sent out by Joe, N5MIG about KE3NR, Robin Stout. And, on the 24th Rich KN4CQB.

Message from Gene Marsh, W8NET & Kirk Frazier, AA1NA – Do you need contacts from the Alaska Capital?



Juneau is the tiny white colored section in the middle, and you cannot get there by automobile (pic and comment - Editor's insert).

The text which follows is self-explanatory. Gene has taken the following from a Kirk, AA1NA email.

We are one month away from the Alaska Trip! Here's what we have so far:

We have twelve/thirteen going - AI4K, K9DBB, W8NET, AC2MT, W6PNY, KU1V, KA0BMX, N3VEJ, WA2JIM, W5LPZ, VE3CMB, and AA1NA. WN1F may still be able to join us last minute, he should know the first week of March. We're hoping you can make it David!

The Airbnb address is 3819 Killewich Drive Juneau, AK 99801. It has 4 bedrooms (and a great looking couch) listed but should sleep 10 with some of us sleeping on the floor. Here's who have indicated they will be at the Airbnb: AI4K, K9DBB, N3VEJ, W5LPZ, W8NET, W6PNY, AC2MT, VE3CMB, AA1NA.

WA2JIM, KA0BMX, and KU1V indicate they'll stay at a hotel.

There are two SUV's confirmed by WA2JIM and AA1NA for pickup on March 11 at the airport for general use getting about. There are two UHaul pickup trucks reserved for mobile radio operations only. They are cheap to rent by the day, but the mileage is 90 cents/mile so we'll leave them parked and set up.

I have one mobile station tested and ready to ship. A Kenwood TS-480 HX, TM-1 tuner, SGC-500 Smartcube amplifier and Tarheel Designs Magnum screwdriver antenna with mount for a receiver hitch. Will need to pickup a battery and battery charger when we're there to power the amp.

Also, I'll test an ICOM - 7000, LDG Tuner, ALS-500 amplifier, power supply and CrankIR vertical antenna for portable operations. Should have it tested this week and then packed next week.

[Note inserted by W8NET: W8NET will have a FT-710 for CW and digital nets. We will try to check in to ALL nets, depending on propagation, NCS's and relays - YOU CAN HELP!

Also, a few of us will be doing a few POTA activations - 4 very close POTA parks are in the Juneau area.

Alaska AirCargo tells me they'll get it from New Orleans to Juneau in 5 days guaranteed by Priority shipping. I plan to ship these February 25. Allied Moving and Storage will pick up the shipped containers and hold them for us to pick up March 12.

Tentative schedule:

Arrive Wednesday, March 11 get settled, take care of food, incidentals, etc.

Thursday, March 12 pick up UHaul pickups, pick up shipped radio equipment, set up mobile and portable stations. possible be on the air that night (fingers crossed).

Operate as many nets as possible! March 12 - 16

Tuesday, March 17 take down, take radio shipment to Alaska AirCargo, return UHaul pickup trucks, pack up, clean up.

Wednesday, March 18, return SUVs, flights home.

Looking like a great trip!

CCLogger News, submittd by Tim, WA8MD



We have been busy getting the Century Club Logger ready for the new version (6.01.04) which was published in February. Below is a list of several nice enhancements included.

The most exciting addition is the **“Locate Confirmed QRZ Contacts”**. After the popularity of the revisions to the **“Get eQSL”** autolog and catalog routine, it made sense to do something with QRZ as well. While this routine does not autolog or catalog the QSOs from QRZ, it does help you identify QRZ Confirmed QSOs that match up with QSO’s in your ccLogger Log-Book for which you have not yet received a QSL card. We are hoping that this feature will make it easier for you to find those missing QSOs

A new Century Club Logger video was created and uploaded mid-February to the Century Club Logger YouTube channel, covering this new feature.

Following is the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4z9YO-CMJ4> for this new video.

Callsign	Mode	State	Date	Time	Frequency	Band	Confirmed	Result
W9W/WG	SSB	IN	3/16/2024	00:39	7.263	40m	C	
VA3YKT	SSB		3/16/2024	01:37	7.263	40m	C	
KD4LEM	USB	GA	3/13/2024	00:58	7	40m	C	
K3VTS	SSB	PA	3/19/2024	02:30	7.239	40M	N	
K4PVK	LSB	AL	3/19/2024	02:33	7.239	40m	C	
K9GWS	LSB	SC	3/19/2024	02:25	7.239	40m	C	
KC0VAK	SSB	MN	3/19/2024	01:57	7.239	40M	N	
KF4MGG	LSB	NC	3/19/2024	02:33	7.239	40m	C	
KI5RFI	LSB	AR	3/19/2024	01:51	7.239	40m	C	
KS4HE	SSB	KY	3/19/2024	01:09	7.239	40M	N	
KQ0Q	LSB	MO	3/19/2024	01:50	7.239	40m	C	
N0PUI	LSB	MN	3/19/2024	01:56	7.239	40m	C	
VA3TUV	SSB	ON	3/19/2024	02:01	7.239	40M	N	
NC8N	LSB	SC	3/19/2024	01:31	7.239	40m	C	
W2RCH	SSB	NY	3/19/2024	02:05	7.239	40M	N	
VE3CMB	SSB	ON	3/19/2024	02:01	7.239	40M	C	
W5UOT	LSB	TX	3/19/2024	01:05	7.239	40m	C	

Other useful features are as follows:

- We have added date tracking within ccLogger of QSLs sent from ccLogger through quickQSL.
- We continue to work on standardization of the Awards Processors.

- The timing signature used in ccLogger has been switched from a 3rd party provider to using the time signature in Windows.
- I added another YouTube video to the Century Club Logger YouTube channel.
- I am continuing to add more HyperLinks to the User Guide making it easier to navigate.
- Two new tokens were added, <myname> and <mycall>. Tokens are data points used in the creation of QSL Messages and some e-mails that are sent out from ccLogger.
- The “**Data Entry Utility**” has been revised to automatically update new QSLs entered, marking them as Received in the log-book.
- All the included, QSL Card Templates have been re-worked, by rearranging the data fields and renaming the templates in a more standard format. A smart Return Card has also been created, allowing new operators the ability to check a couple boxes, type their initials onto the card and then save it so it can be returned via e-mail.

Whether you are a Century Club Logger user or just a looker, please check out the videos uploaded to the channel. We currently have 10 videos available.

A video on QSL Messages is in the works, plus if you have any suggestions for a video, please email WA8MD, my email is good in QRZ.



For access to the Suite of Alpine software <https://alpinesoft.com/>

CCLogger Release Notes, submitted by Dean, KL7OR

With the latest release we are now able to help with finding needed QSLs that are confirmed in QRZ, as well as some enhancements with Sending QSLs from ccLogger through quickQSL, plus some enhancements of previous routines.

New Features:

Searching QRZ for matching/confirmed QSLs: A new feature of this version provides the mechanism to search QRZ for confirmed QSLs that match up against QSOs for which you have not yet received a QSL.

Enhancements for using quickQSL: ccLogger now dates and records QSLs in your log-book that are sent through quickQSL, and you now have three choices on which QSOs to send via quickQSL, *Not Sent*, *Not Sent or Direct*, and *Marked*.

Awards processor improvement: Continuing to work with standardizing how each of the Award Processors works.

Application operation improvement: Now utilizing a timing signature from Windows rather than from an outside source, removing some persistent errors.

Century Club Logger YouTube Channel: We now have a functioning YouTube Channel with 9 tutorial videos available to help you with installation and some of the processes and routines found in ccLogger. Just press **Ctrl** and **Left click** the following link to be directed to the Channel [Century Club Logger](#)

User Guide Hyper-Links: We are continuing to add more hyper-links throughout the User Guide to improve navigation of the Guide.

Added Tokens for QSL Messages: We added a couple new tokens, **<myname>** and **<my call>** for use in QSL Messages and e-mails.

Enhanced operation of the Data Entry Utility: When playing catchup entering unlogged contacts and assuming you have the cards in your hand the Data Entry Utility automatically updates the Received Column in your Log-Book.

Digital QSLs & CCLogger, submitted by the Editor



If you are a CCLogger User and receive QSLs as JPG images in an email, you will find the two sections below of great value.

Method I (been around for a few years)

Download JPG QSL image from the email, most likely location will be your Download Folder. Copy the JPG file(s) to drive:\Legacy Apps\Century Club Logger\ScannedImages\. Open CCLogger. Click on QSL from top line menu. Select Catalog Scanned QSL Images. Based on the QSL image(s) presented: select band/mode, optionally select Suppress box, enter the callsign of the QSL. scroll down in the lower screen and find the appropriate QSL record. Click on the correct line to match the QSI record

to the QSI image. To verify or view the recorded image is simple. From the main CCLogger screen, double click the record in the lower portion of the screen. The Contact Edit Screen appears, click on the Catalogued QSL Cards screen, scroll down, click on Show Cards.

Method II (relatively new)

Download JPG QSL image from the email, most likely location will be your Download Folder. Copy the JPG file(s) to drive:\Legacy Apps\Century Club Logger\DigitalQSLImages\. Click on QSL from top line menu. Select Catalog Digital QSL Images. Click Process.

If CCLogger finds a QSO record with matching details in the QSL which was downloaded, CCLogger attaches the QSI image to the QSO record, overlaying a previously applied QSL. If no match is found, the CCLogger moves the QSL image to the Scanned Images folder for processing described in Method I above.

Member Submission de Ken Simmons, K9TPT

Am I Mobile, Portable or Both?



I currently live full time in my RV. Living in a fifth wheel does not leave you a lot of room for a ham shack and most RV parks do not allow a big antenna array. So, POTA 2 was born.

My ham shack started as a 6 X 12 cargo trailer that I ordered directly from the factory in Indiana. Cross Trailers were very good to work with when ordering custom options for my shack. I ordered a 6'6" interior height, a 4" lift they call the offroad package with 31" tires and a RV door with window and screen.

My idea is to leave the fifth wheel parked in Florida as a home base travel with the trailer and do the Century Club nets and Pota from all 50 states.

On the outside I added the windows, awning, door handle and stairs. On the roof I have 800 Watts of solar panels keeping my lithium battery bank fully charged along with a MaxxAir Fan.

I completely removed the interior plywood and insulated the entire trailer with pink foam board insulation and re installed the plywood.



The insulation keeps the trailer tolerable in both extremely cold and hot conditions.

I designed and built a twin-size folding bed that serves dual purposes. It gives me somewhere to sleep while also providing a hiding place for the electronics. It is made out of 80-20 aluminum extrusion.



Under the bed is a Victron Lynx Distributor, a Victron Solar Charge Controller along with the Lithium battery bank, 3000K w pure sine wave inverter, solar panel disconnect breaker and the rest of the electronics that runs the entire trailer.



I wish I had ordered a flat nose instead of a v- nose which would have made for a better operating position. Being right-handed adding the L

shaped desk works perfect for me. I don't like having my back to the door but it's lockable and security measures are put in place, so it is what it is.



My station consists of a Yaesu FT-710, Acom 1000 HF & 6 Amplifier and a Palstar AT2KD tuner. A Yaesu FTM-500D provides VHF, UHF and APRS contacts.

Don't notice the clutter, it was a spur of the moment photo. Who wants a clean and organized shack anyway.

The roof has a Tarheel Designs 40 PRO HP antenna along with a dual bander.



The Tarheel folds down flat when needed but it is under 13'6" upright which makes it perfectly legal to drive with it in the operating position. With the entire frame made of square steel tubing on 16" centers I have a great ground plane. Notice the 30A RV cord on the ground. If for some reason there is no sun for several days or camping under a lot of trees, I can always plug in. I don't do that very often, typically rely on the solar and batteries.



I am afraid this is a never-ending project with moving this and adding that and trying the other thing.....Sound familiar? Tell me you never change your setup. LOL.

Member Submission de John F Reisenauer, Jr KL7JR

From South Carolina, these were the top 3 hardest Canadian RAC stations to make contact with while I chased the 2017 Canada 150 Award. Hard being radio conditions were not all that good and the arctic RAC stations were illusive. With patience, I did manage to work all 13 RAC stations!

CANADA 150 AWARD

KL7JR HAS ACHIEVED THE 1999 LEVEL BY CONTACTING 13 OF THE 13 PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES

The award is based on the number of provincial and territorial stations worked and named according to the year provinces or territories joined confederation.

4 stations 1867 (Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia)	9 stations 1898 (Yukon)
5 stations 1871 (Manitoba, Northwest Territories)	11 stations 1905 (Alberta, Saskatchewan)
7 stations 1871 (British Columbia)	12 stations 1949 (Newfoundland)
8 stations 1873 (Prince Edward Island)	13 stations 1980 (Nunavut)

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Thanks for the contact.

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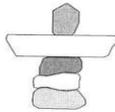
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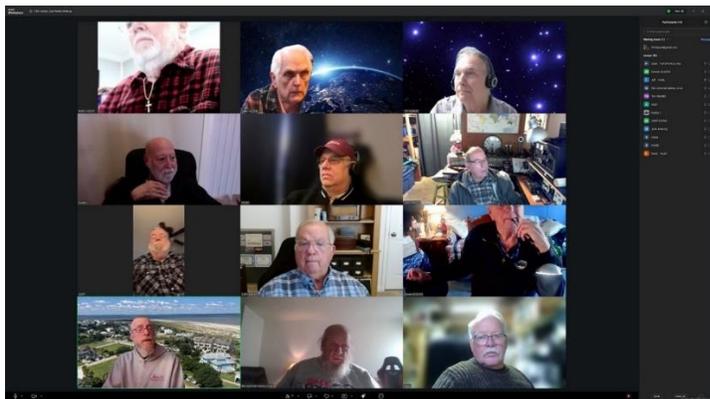
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Thanks for the contact.

Weekly Meetup on ZOOM, submitted by Dean, KL7OR



Since COVID in 2021 the club has been meeting on Wednesdays using Zoom in what we call the “Weekly Meetup”. Everyone is invited to join in and ask questions. The meetup consists of (a non exclusive list):

- It's a way to meet up with other people in the club face to face
- It's open discussion about anything exception politics and religion
- It's a way you can ask questions to other club members
- It's a chance to talk about radio and ask questions
- Open discussion on the awards program

So if you are free on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 pacific time please drop by. Below is the information to get logged into Zoom.

The direct link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85296526370?pwd=UnFleDJ3YzhLcUc5dmIFK2QxSVNkZz09>

Meeting ID: 852 9652 6370