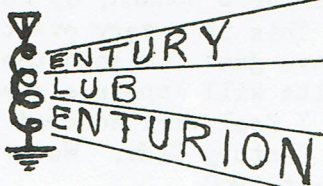


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ELECTION RESULTS, by WD4CQY.

The annual Presidential Election for the 3905 Century Club, Inc. was held on the evening of January 26th (Jan. 27th, UTC.) The results of that election, and of the several Call-Area Directors' Elections previously held by mail, are shown below. These results are UNOFFICIAL pending validation of the elections by the Board of Directors. Votes and results:

	President	(C/A)	Directors	(* = elected)
WD4ROD	62 - Re-elected.	2	WA2ZYM	9
AJ8Y	59 - New Vice-Pres.		KB2DK	13 *
NØSD	51	4	WA4SGP	11 *
WB2LSK	20	6	W6PIO	2 *
		7	WB7QOM	1
			WDØCCL/7	3 *
		8	WD8LPP	1
			AJ8Y	2
			WD8JYN	4
			WD8IYU	14 *
		1Ø	NØDF	3
			KAØBRA	6 *

(For names and addresses of new officers and directors, see Officers & Directors Roster elsewhere in this issue. Note: 7th Call-Area had a special Director's Election to fill the vacancy.)

HEARD ON THE NETS, or how NOT to complete a 2 x 2 contact, by WD4CQY:

"W1ABC... ugh WA1ABC this is... ugh... W glorch 5 Kangaroos Tigers and Zebras... ugh... I QSL your... ugh... what was it? - I wrote it down here... ugh, yeah, I QSL your TWO by TWO, I do QSL your TWO TWO, QSL TWO TWO, thanks for your TWO by TWO; you're about a... ugh froos by igen. Over"

The 3905 Century Club, Inc. is incorporated as a "Corporation Not For Profit" under Chapter 617, Statutes of the State of Florida.

S T O P P R E S S ! ! - The election results, above HAVE BEEN VALIDATED by the Board of Dirs.

M1AHX

Tom Oliver

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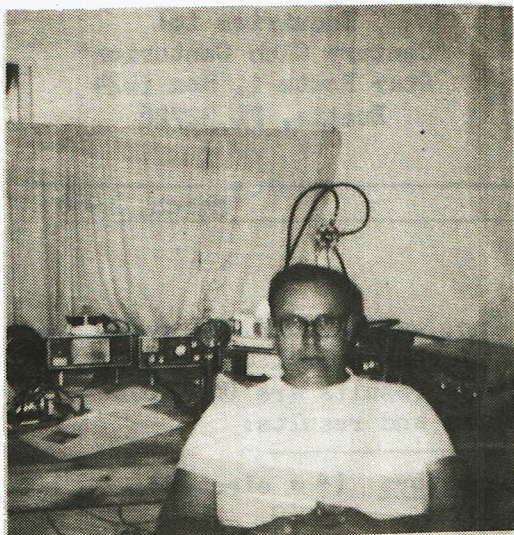
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C/A

1 AA1Q
2 KB2DK
3 N3AIA
4 WA4SGP
5 KB5FT (CHMN)
6 W6PIO
7 WDØCCL/7
8 WD8IYU
9 WØBEC
10 KAØBRA
DX VE3TKN
(Acting DX VE3KFO)

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President Keith Brown, WD4ROD

PRESIDENT'S CORNER, by Keith Brown, WD4ROD.

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This is a very eventful time for the 3905 Century Club. We have just finished the club elections for 1980. The results will appear elsewhere in the "Centurion".

I feel very honored to be re-elected as President of the 3905 Century Club. We have had a good 1979 and hope to have a great 1980.

The club has doubled in the past year, and we hope it doubles again in the coming year. At the present time, we are having a few growing pains, but this will pass, in time.

As everyone knows, WA2ZYM, Bill Herbert, retired, in January. Bill did an unparalleled job for the club. Bill, from ALL MEMBERS OF THE 3905 CENTURY CLUB: THANK YOU, VERY MUCH! One thing about it, Bill, it'll let your phone bill go down. Hi, Hi.

NØSD and KB4JO have both retired from the Board of Directors. They have both worked very hard and have been instrumental in the formation of the 3905 Century Club. Once again, we owe them a great big THANK YOU! NØDF, Sheila, is also leaving the Board. Thanks for all the help.

WA1KKP is giving up the NCS Coordinator job. Lynne,

thanks for a job well done.

We have many new people in the jobs necessary to keep the nets running. I hope we will all help them to keep things on an even keel. We need people willing to work to keep things going, so if you want to help, let me know.

I have most of the programs written for the computer to put us in a position to have a monthly up-date on the Rules and Regulations of the Century Club.

I hope everyone will start making plans for Eye-Ball THREE. If you haven't made one of the previous ones, you don't know what your missing. We are getting a head start on planning, this year, and I hope this will make for a better Eye-Ball THREE.

The FCC is working very closely with the 3905 Century Club. They will have some of our more extreme problems taken care of, before long. I feel we owe these people a vote of thanks for all their help.

73s, Keith

NOTES FROM THE 4Ø METER CENTURY CLUB QSL BUREAU, by Marianne, W3LQY.

(Editor's note: Marianne's input just barely missed the last issue of the "Centurion", so, in spite of the fact that her holiday wishes may seem late, or unduly early, her input is printed in full.)

Please send larger envelopes and more sturdy stock - Post Office is destroying some envelopes.

If you do not care that "oversize QSLs" are folded, then send the envelope of your choice - I have gone through 2 boxes of envelopes - but some don't get the hint to send larger SASEs! It breaks my heart to fold the oversized QSLs - but I must draw a line somewhere.

Also, please keep extra envelopes on file at all times - if you wish your QSLs faster than I send them out - let me know - otherwise envelopes will be held for amount of postage on SASE.

Some new stations go "gung ho" and send in extremely large SASEs with 45¢ to \$1 postage on them, and then do not participate enough to fill the first envelope. BE WISE - 15¢ SASEs are sufficient, unless you are a state capital and plan to participate regularly.

Please remember - a state capital is "Hartford, CT" NOT "EAST Hartford" - or "Columbia, SC" NOT "WEST Columbia".

When I notice SASEs holding QSLs that are over a month old and that station has been inactive for a month - then his SASE is mailed, regardless of amount of QSLs enclosed. It is NOT FAIR to those working for their awards to have their QSLs held here - in fact - REMEMBER, YOUR QSLs here at the Bureau are NOT DOING YOU ANY GOOD!!

Also, listen on the nets! When a station says DIRECT or has a QSL manager (DX station) DO NOT send to the bureau! They will be returned to you.

I am holding QSLs now for stations who participate - but NO SASEs. The older ones will be returned for direct QSLing.

Thanks to all who have sent in stamps and money and "gum" and gifts. All is appreciated - the money and stamps for our DX POOL is just great! Those of you that have received some of your DX QSLs from Ecuador, New Zealand, etc., can thank the net members for keeping our DX Pool healthy.

Also, for those who worked a WD4/1 station in NH, forget it! He was a Technician and had no business on our net. I am sorry to say I got his address and mailed his QSLs to him, hoping to get your reply QSLs - but this time I goofed! Thanks to W4MLC who called his home, in Virginia, found out we could kiss those QSLs "good-bye"!

I would like to thank the 4Ø meter net for all their cooperation and putting up with some of my goofs and to all: a very Happy New Year and Valentine Day and Easter, etc. 88s, Marianne.

QSPs: (This will be a regular column that will pass on items of some general interest that may have come to your editor's attention from ANYWHERE, with attributions, as appropriate.)

OLD-TIMERS' NIGHT - Friday night, March 28 (local date), will be "Old-Timers' Night" on both nets. Old-Timers are those club members whose certificates were issued on, or before, Dec. 31, 1977. There are two main purposes for Old Timers' Night - First, it will offer an opportunity, such as was offered by the Anniversary Night Nets, for our "founding fathers" to say "hello" to each other, again; but, of more importance, it will give the newer net members a golden opportunity to work a Wild Card who may not have been checked in since they joined. CHECKS FOR "CENTURION" SUBSCRIPTIONS - should be made payable to TOM BOWERS! Checks, money orders, etc. made payable to the "3905 Century Club" must be sent to the Club Treasurer for him to cash and then return to Tom who maintains the "Centurion" funds separately from those of the Club. Thanks to all who have "talked up" the "Centurion", but please add this info! APPLE COUNTRY AWARD, from Don, KB2DK - The Drumlins Amateur Radio Club now offers the "Apple Country Award" for log info supporting three contacts with their members (no QSLs), \$1 + 2 15¢ stamps. Awards manager is WA2REC ('78 Callbook up). Members currently checking into the 3905 Century Club are: WB2MBO, AB2F, WD8IYU and KB2DK. For further info contact Don, KB2DK.

IT HAPPENED ON 3905 - by Jim Crislip, WD8JYN, Information Secretary and Treasurer. 3.

On January 31, 1977, a group of Amateur Radio Operators who normally met on a frequency of 3.905 MHz, were on that frequency during the evening and night hours. Two of the stations that were on the frequency were WA1FWO and W4NVF.

A discussion took place as to what these stations would do since the BiCentennial Year was over and that awards had been issued to most of the amateurs on frequency. Since most of the amateurs wanted to stay on this frequency, and somehow keep the friendships and amateurs all together, it was decided to create a new award.

In an open discussion as to what type of award and how the award was to be issued, the first idea that seemed workable was a club. The club would be called the 100 club. This was suggested by station WA1FWO, who also suggested that the award be issued for working 100 stations on 3.905 MHz.

It was then agreed for all stations to meet on 3.905 MHz the next evening for further discussion. (Editor's note: See also September, 1979 "Century Club Centurion", page 4.) (Also please note, hopefully, Jim's picture will appear in the next issue of the "Centurion".)



JIM FISHER, WB3GWA

FROM THE DESK OF THE AWARDS SECRETARY, by
Jim Fisher, WB3GWA.

First of all, I would like to say to all the net members of the 3905 Century Club, Inc. that I am very happy to be able to be of assistance to the Club and I hope I am able to do as good a job with the awards as Bill (WA2ZYM) has done for so long.

Secondly, I hope to be able to use this column in the "Centurion", in future editions, to furnish to the Club Membership information and changes pertaining to the Awards Program.

In closing, I would like to ask the membership to please put all the pertinent information on your QSL cards and help the great guys, your awards managers, that are checking your cards and applications to keep your applications moving. I also want to thank all of the Awards Managers for the great jobs they are doing.

DELIBERATE INTERFERENCE, by Ray Grant, WA4SGP.

On a number of occasions, the 3905 Century Club has been the victim of deliberate interference. This interference is usually caused by someone who is mentally a little off center and gets his pleasure in this way; or, by someone who is mad at the Century Club about something, and is trying to get even.

In either case, if they are completely ignored they will soon go away because they are not getting the recognition and attention they want. The club members can help reduce this interference by not saying anything about it on the air. Don't indicate that you are even aware of it. Especially be careful of the following:

1. Let net control or a club officer handle all problems. Follow all instructions from net control or club officers but give active assistance only if specifically requested.
2. Do not make any comments about calling the Federal Communications Commission. We have several net members who can contact the FCC when required. These comments, though they may temporarily stop the interference, will tend to make the problem worse.
3. Do not make any comments about, or to the person causing the interference; however, if it does become necessary to communicate with that person, stay calm and courteous and say nothing to further irritate him, no matter how rude and abusive he may become.
4. Do not move off frequency to "police the band". This irritates stations near the net frequency and can CAUSE deliberate interference.

Your help is greatly appreciated by the club and will help make the net more enjoyable for everyone.

LETTER FROM A MEMBER. The following letter was received by Ray, WA4SGP, requesting an anniversary sticker, but since it is typical of several that your editor has received over the last few weeks, it is anonymously re-printed here, in its entirety.

Dear Ray,

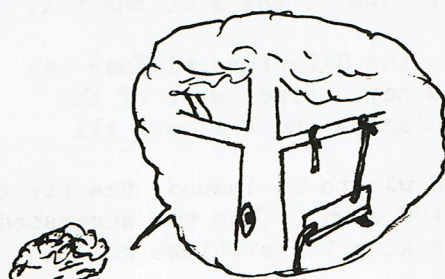
Thank you very much for taking the time, trouble and expense to make these anniversary awards available to us.

The Century Club has afforded me the opportunity to meet many fine and friendly people. I joined the net soon after I upgraded to General class. Since the first time I checked in (Sept., '78), I've NEVER been made to feel unwelcome. This is more than most organizations can say. So with that I would like to say, THANKS and HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to all of us for WE are the 3.905 Century Club. Tnx, 73s. (Editor's Note: I guess we're doing something right!)

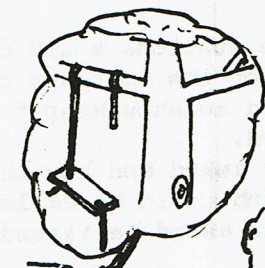
FROM THE BOARD ROOM: (This column will try to highlight decisions taken by your Board of Directors that otherwise may have escaped your attention.)

EYE-BALL THREE - The Board approved the recommendations of the Eye-Ball 3, EAST Site Selection Committee who recommended Beech Bend Park, Bowling Green, KY. Alice, WA4RRR, was approved as Site Coordinator. Tom, WD4CQY, was appointed Chairman of the Eye-Ball FOUR Site Selection Committee with the mandate of finding a different site for the 1981 Eye-Ball.

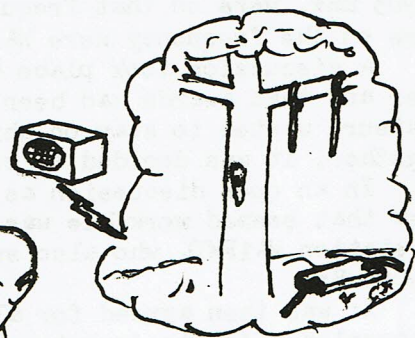
"THANK YOU, CANADA" - Pursuant to a Resolution offered to the Board by the Public Relations Officer, the Board directed me to write the following letter to our Acting DX Director, Jack, VE3KFO: Dear Jack, At last night's Board of Directors' Meeting of the 3905 Century Club, Inc., I presented a resolution and it was unanimously authorized by the Board. Please pass it far and wide, in VE-land, to your amateur and non-amateur friends alike: "THANK YOU, CANADA!"



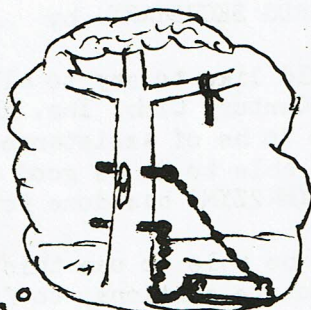
A MEMBER OF THE CLUB IDENTIFIES A PROBLEM.



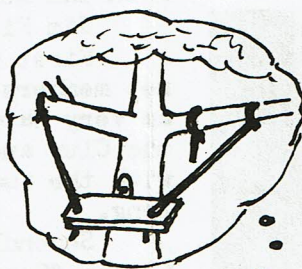
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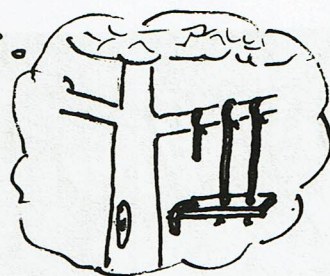
THE WORD FINALLY WAS PASSED TO A CLUB OFFICER.



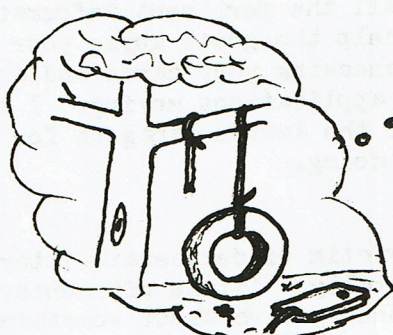
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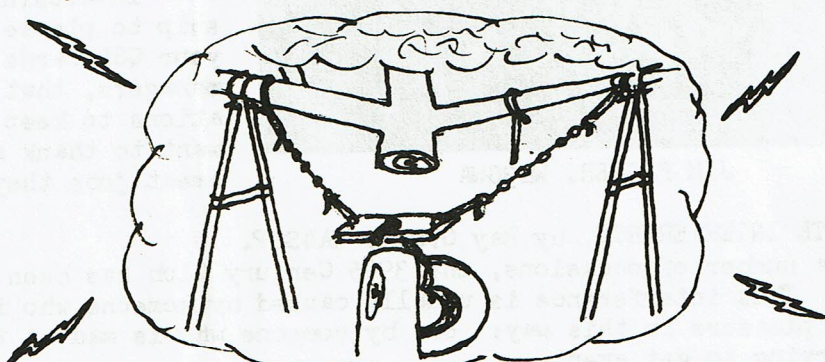
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.



SO THE BOARD CAME UP WITH A SOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO EVERYONE.

"YOU CAN'T BEAT THE FARE" - Editorial by Tom Bowers, WD4CQY.

As anyone with a sharp eye can see, the editorial cartoon, above, pokes a little fun at our officers and directors, and, after all, ham radio is a hobby and a hobby ought to provide fun. There is another point in the cartoon, though. Your Club's officials "bust their collective humps" trying to please you. They do this willingly and their sole remuneration is the knowledge that they have contributed to the growth and continued strength of the 3905 Century Club. Your officials receive no pay; in most cases they receive no reimbursement even for postage costs paid out of their own pockets. Another thing they don't receive, certainly in the numbers desired, are INPUTS FROM YOU, THE MEMBERS. So, the next time something "goes down" that you don't like, don't just mumble and growse about it, let your director know your feelings! And, the bottom line is: remember, if you think "the service ain't too good, you can't beat the fare!"

Silent Key.

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of the following Club Member:

WD8CAA Robt. (Bob) L.J. Hanna, Sidney, MI

QSPs (Cont.):

"HAM RIDES HERD ON HURRICANE PATH", by Barbara Houts, "Newport (R.I.) Daily News", Nov. 6, '79. is a $\frac{1}{4}$ page feature article on our own Lynne, WA1KKP. It is far too long to reprint here, but it may be available in some of the larger libraries, in W1- and W2-lands. There is also included in the article a picture of Lynne, her station and her cat, Jaldi. And, there are several interesting facts about Lynne, herself, and about her non-amateur activities. Read it, if it is available to you.

A BUNCH OF REQUESTS FROM YOUR EDITOR -

PLEASE continue to send me short articles and comments suitable for inclusion in the "Centurion".

PLEASE continue to "spread the word" about the "Centurion". As we go to press, we have 128 subscribers, which is not too shabby for a quarterly that has only been on the street seven months. But, the only hedge against rising costs of printing, and the probable 20¢ per oz. first class postage, early in 1981, is the continued growth in the "Centurion's" circulation. PLEASE ENJOY THE "CENTURION"!

75 METER QSL BUREAU IS BACK IN OPERATION -

Andy's new address is as follows: WB2LSK/Ø, Andy Helms, RR#3, Box 11-B, Mc Pherson, KS 67460.