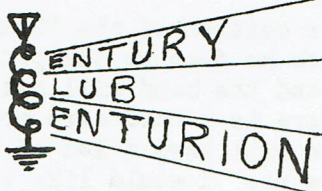


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EYE-BALLS III, by WD4CQY (with reports from W4PTW and W6PIO.)

The 1980 Century Club "Eye-Ball QSOs" will be held on successive weekends, during August. Eye-Ball III - EAST will be held the second weekend (Aug. 8th - 10th), at Beech Bend Park, Bowling Green, KY. Alice, WA4RRR, has kindly agreed, again, to act as point of contact in Bowling Green. Besides handling reservation of the pavillion for members' use, she will handle your requests for RV space reservations, in the Park. Please let her know your desires ASAP. Motel reservations outside the Park will be the responsibility of the individual member. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE - Friday, Aug. 8 (all times CDT, unless otherwise identified):
1200 (noon) - Commence "Talk-In" on Bowling Green 147.93/33 repeater.
2000 - 40 meter net will be controlled from Park, if "Field Day" station is in place.
2400 - 75 meter late net will be controlled from park if "Field Day" station is in place.
Saturday, Aug. 9:
1000 - Pavillion opens at the Park. Meet and swap lies, laugh and joke and like that.
1100 - Pavillion: Award of door prizes; further lie swaps, laughs and jokes and like that.
1700 - Informal Banquet at a local cafeteria (possibly scrubbed in favor of a picnic at the pavillion, if arrangements can be made.) In either case, we hope to introduce a Special Guest - we can't promise for sure because the guest's business is such as to not allow a commitment this far in advance. If the guest is unable to be there, WA3ZMY will do card tricks.
2000 - 75 meter net will be controlled from the Park. Bingo and rag-chewing for the non-hams.
Sunday, Aug. 10:
1000 - Pavillion: It's "good-bye" time.
L ATTENDEES, AT BOWLING GREEN, ARE REQUESTED TO BRING 2 OR 3 25¢ ITEMS FOR BINGO PRIZES.

Eye-Ball III - WEST will be held the following weekend (Aug. 15th - 17th), at Pleasant Valley Campground, about 3 miles east of Cimarron, CO, on US hwy 50, at an elevation of 7,000 feet. Ed, W6PIO, Eye-Ball III - WEST Chairman reports having received a great deal of help in site selection from WØGOQ, WØGOR, KØQIG, WDØHFX and Pres. KAØAIA of the Montrese ARC. (Cont. Pg. 3)

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Helle, again it is time for another edition of the "Centurion". I would like to thank WD4CQY, Tom Bowers, for the excellent job he does on the paper. (Ed. note: Tha's whut he sed.)

Another summer season is upon us, and the band will get noisy. The check-ins will drop off as we have more outside activities. There is a hard core group of Century Club members who will stay in there all summer, though, and we will have a lot of fun.

Eye-Balls 3 are rapidly coming upon us. I would like to invite everyone to attend. Details will appear elsewhere in this issue. You don't have to be a member to attend - if you check in to the nets, or just listen, come and meet everyone at the Eye-Ball Get Togethers. We are looking for another record-breaking year, attendance-wise, this year. We have several surprises lined up for everyone.

The intentional interference we have been having is being monitored by the FCC. Just remember: We must operate according to the rules or we can be cited for violations, as well. So let the net operate properly, and let the others worry about the citations.

We now have a CW net that operates on Wed. and Sat. nights, on 3.605 MHz, \pm QRM. We invite all to join this new Century Club net. This net is another step toward trying to provide something for everyone. The code speed is slow, so try it; you may like it.

Any 3905 Century Club member who would like to get into the mainstream of the nets, by serving as an NCS, or in another job, please let me know. I'll pass the information on. There are Club members holding down several jobs because of the lack of volunteers. We have issued over 1,100 certificates, since the inception of the net; so we should be able to get plenty of help out of that many people. To the people who are now working, or did a job in the past, THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE. Let's face it, without help, the Club can't operate.

What does the future look like for the 3905 Century Club? This is a question that is sometimes asked of me. I think it is very good. I hope to see a net in the Novice portion of the band sometime in the future; probably in Sept. We will have more awards in the future as demand warrants it.

The Board was requested to do something about people checking in on both the 40 and 75 meter nets at the same time, then being on the other band when someone calls them. This is not fair to stations who sit there for an hour or two, to work you, then there is no answer. I suspect the Board will make a time change on a net so they don't run at the same time, if we can't alleviate the problem, voluntarily.

We have had several members on the sick-list, and hope all are feeling much better, by now.

SUBSCRIPTIONS, by WD4CQY.

The subscriptions of about 3/4 of the subscribers expire with this issue. If yours is one of those subscriptions, there will be a red renewal stamp on the masthead of this issue. Please post your renewal to arrive at the "Centurion" on, or before, the date written in the stamp blank.

For the time being, the price is being held at \$2.00. After the cost of postage goes to 20¢, in December of this year, the only way this price can be maintained is through sufficient growth in circulation that will qualify the "Centurion" for bulk postal rates. That will require some 50 to 60 more subscribers, so please urge your friends to SUBSCRIBE NOW.

BACK ISSUES OF THE "CENTURION", by WD4CQY.

The "back-issue" policy of the "Centurion" is as follows:

- For issues copies of which are still available50¢, postpaid.
- For issues "out of print"\$1.00, postpaid.

Thus far, Volume I, No. 1 is OUT OF PRINT; all other issues are still available. For current subscribers who have not received their copies within 15 days of publication date, upon notification to the Editor, a copy will be provided WITHOUT CHARGE. Publication dates are the Saturdays nearest the 15th days of March, June, September and December.

TIPS ON GETTING QSL CARDS FROM A VERMONT, by N1AXM, Marcel (ex: WA1JJZ, Mark.)

1. If the net has a bureau, use it.
2. If you originated the call and wish to QSL direct, enclose an SASE.
3. If the Net (or System) has no QSL bureau, ne SASE from you is needed, even if you originated the call, because all stations checking in expect to spend for QSL mailing. Receiving station now has your address, without the hassle of looking you up in the Call Book. He may not even have one!
4. SASE shortcut is to include a stamp with your card, for the use of receiving station. Get Canadian stamps for Canadians, and vice versa.
5. Why the big rush to get a reply from the station that called you? Be patient, and wait for his card. That will save you time and money.
6. If you can't write legibly, type. It may be better for you to get off the nets where you are trapped into QSLing.
7. Operating from Vermont is costly QSL-wise, no matter where you go on the bands, and many hams in Vermont are not card seekers. SASE is your best all around bet to get a reply. If you don't, you are losing your time and another valuable stamp (that may go up in price again.)
8. A short personal note on your card is pleasant to receive. Feelings of good will are generated this way.
9. Send your card by return mail. Your friend may have moved or lost his logs by next month!
10. Send a beautiful card. Make it personal to you.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Marcel submitted the above article to the "Centurion" with the caveat that it be printed as written, or, if altered, NOT ATTRIBUTED TO HIM, BY EITHER NAME OR CALL-SIGN. I wrote Marcel a long "devil's advocate" letter, which he answered, smartly.

There is much in Marcel's article with which I, personally, and I imagine, several of you, disagree. NEVERTHELESS, his is a viewpoint that probably is shared by many amateurs in the low-ham-density states, such as Delaware, North Dakota and Wyoming; hence, I believe it is worthy of your attention. The "Centurion" solicits responsible letters in rebuttal, and may print the best of those received.

AND, before you go accusing Marcel of being "out of tune" with the Century Club, you should be advised that, probably before you receive this issue, Marcel will have checked in to the nets as "N1AXM/Mobile 1, in the Vermont Capitol"!

In last quarter's "Centurion", there appeared an article by Marianne Payton, W3LQY, the 40 meter QSL Bureau Manager. A few more words from Marianne, along with her photo, follow.



Marianne, W3LQY

"MY PET PEAVES", by W3LQY

1. Envelopes containing ONLY SASEs, WITH NO CALL-SIGNS ON ANYTHING.
2. SASEs with NO STAMPS.

I guess these are standard "pet" problems, BUT, in all honesty, these guys are the greatest. I can't really complain about any of them. They all bend over backwards to help me.

(Editor's note: Thus sayeth Marianne for her second time "at bat"; now, Andy Helms, WB2LSK/Ø, the 75 - 80 meter QSL Bureau Manager steps up for his "first time to the plate". His thoughts and photo follow.)

THE 75 - 80 METER QSL BUREAU, by WB2LSK/Ø

Hi! I'm WB2 Little Skinny Kid, my name is Andy and I am your 75 - 80 m. QSL Bureau Manager.

During the winter months, I handled an average of 400 QSL cards a day. It took about 25 hours per week. However, the move to Kansas sure helped the average. The first mailing from the new QTH had over 400 envelopes going out.

After "doing" the Bureau for the past 5 months, I have noticed a few things that seem to be common errors with some of the persons that use the Bureau. Here are some helpful hints:

a) When making out QSL cards, make sure the station's call you worked is put on the card, clearly and correctly.

b) When you work a "combo", send each half of the combo a card. If you send one card made out to both, they have to fight over who gets the card. No use starting a fight over QSL cards; besides, I usually lose. Hi Hi.

c) When sending SASEs, check them over for your call, name and address. Also, make sure there is a stamp on it. An SASE just isn't the same without a stamp. Also, please try to remember that the Postal Service has a size limit on 15¢ postage; it is 6" X 11" or 1/4" thick, so please use the 4 1/2" X 9" business-size SASEs.

d) A lot of users are always running out of SASEs. Remember - I can't forward your cards if you don't have SASEs on file. Try to remember that it takes one 15¢ SASE for each 7 stations you work on the net, who go through the Bureau.

e) When getting your cards ready to send to the Bureau, check through them for cards that don't belong; a lot of times I find DX cards from other bands mixed in with the Bureau cards. It wastes time and money for me to get the card and then send it back to you.

Remember, this is a free service to you; any help you can render to make my job easier would be greatly appreciated. The only funds for the Bureau come from contributions from you people who use the Bureau.

I would like to thank the people who have sent contributions for the DX pool; also, those who sent pictures, gum and thank-you notes - it is greatly appreciated.

I have one last request to those who use the 75 - 80 m. Bureau: Please send me a picture of yourself. I am putting together a scrapbook of the net members and would really like to add your picture to it.



Andy, WB2LSK/Ø

EYE-BALLS III (Continued from Page 1.)

Nets will be run from the campground, during these nights, using radio equipment being provided by Andy, WB2LSK/Ø, and Don, WBØOPT. A hamburger and fish fry picnic is in the planning stage, for the Saturday afternoon. There are commercial airports at Montrose (20 miles west) and Gunnison (20 miles east.) Facilities, addresses and prices per day follow:

PLEASANT VALLEY -

Larry and Linda Griffin	(Showers, Fishing and Hunting, Private Lake - Trout - Boats,
Box 127, Cimarron, CO 81220	Bike Trails, Hiking, Picnic Tables, Tent Sites, River Fishing
(303) 249 8330	Licenses - \$5 for 2 days, etc.)
RV hook up (15)... \$7	RV space w/o hook up ... \$5
	Cabin (6)... \$16 to \$25

(Ed advises to make reservations at least one month in advance.)

Motels in Cimarron (prices are for 2 persons/one bed per night.)

CIMARRON INN - \$18.50

NEWBERRY STORE (MOTEL)

Sally and Van Vijill

Bill Newberry

Cimarron, CO 81220

Cimarron, CO 81220

(303) 249 6222

(303) 249 5689

Check-ins to any Century Club nets on Aug. 9, 10, 16 and 17 (Greenwich date), 1980, will qualify for an Eye-Ball THREE sticker for attachment to his or her Club Certificate. It is WD4CQY's pleasure to, for the third year, provide these stickers free. They will be mailed as soon as practicable, following my return from Eye-Ball III, AND THE RECEIPT OF YOUR REG. SIZE SASE. Also, it is helpful if you tell me which net/nets for which you are claiming qualification. You may receive ONE STICKER FOR EACH BAND, if you check in to ANY 40 m. net, and ANY 75 - 80 m. on ANY of the above Greenwich dates. NCSs, PLEASE SEND COPIES OF YOUR QGS, TO ME, WITHOUT DELAY.

THE BIG EYE-BALL, by WD4CQY.

Several of us, I, myself, being the primary guilty party, have been discussing the possibility of holding a combined East-West Eye-Ball IV - a "Big Eye-Ball" - in 1981, somewhere in the mid-USA. Please think about this idea and be prepared to discuss it at Bowling Green and/or Cimarron. Also, be advised that your editor has been appointed Chairman of the Eye-Ball IV Site Selection Committee; other members who've agreed to serve on the committee, at press time, are Di, WD8IYU, Dan, KC4CZ (ex-WA4WSV), and Ed, W6PIO. We (I, in particular) would appreciate your writing your ideas on a "Big Eye-Ball", even before the Bowling Green/Cimarron get-togethers. Further, be advised that the Board of Directors has directed the committee to select a site OTHER THAN BOWLING GREEN, whether or not we hold a combined Eye-Ball. Let us hear from you!!

There has been much speculation, over the last few months, about where the majority of our Club's members live. I can't really speak to that, BUT I have computed the "Center of Population (CoP) of the 'Centurion' subscribers", based on the current QTHs of the first 155. So, the "Centurion" is prepared to reward the perceptive!

GRAND PRIZE - Within 25 statute miles of my figures - FREE LIFE SUBSCRIPTION.

FIRST PRIZE (only if GRAND PRIZE is not claimed) - Closest guess - ONE YEAR'S FREE SUBSCRIPTION.

SECOND AND THIRD PRIZES - Next closest - \$1 off next renewal.

- RULES:
1. Each entrant must be a current, paid-up subscriber to the "Centurion".
 2. Each entrant must be a member of the 3905 Century Club, Inc.
 3. Entries must be submitted in latitude and longitude, IN WRITING.
 4. Each entry will be measured against the recorded "CoP" figures, which are expressed to the 1/100th degree, in both latitude and longitude, as measured in the 1953 edition of "Hammond's New Supreme World Atlas".
 5. Only one entry is allowed per subscriber.
 6. All entries must be received at, or before, 2400 Z, August 23, 1980.
 7. In the case of ties, the earliest LEGIBLE postmark will determine the winner; otherwise, the winner will be determined by the order of receipt, at the "Centurion".
 8. All prizes won will become effective at the end of the winners' current subscription.
 9. WD4ROD and WD4CQY are ineligible, since they each hold the "CoP" figures.
 10. The decisions of the "Centurion" Editor are final.

GOOD LUCK!!

QSPs, by WD4CQY

JIM FISK, W1HR. With deep regret, the "Centurion" notes the passing of Jim Fisk, W1HR (ex - W1DTW), the Editor of "Ham Radio" magazine. Although Jim was not a Century Club member, he has served the amateur radio community, with distinction, for a number of years.

RNARS. The Spring, 1980 edition of the Newsletter of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society carried a very nice, descriptive article on the Century Club. Hopefully, some of the 50-odd Region 2 members of the RNARS will be checking into our nets. Paul, W1VMY, and Don, KA4DJG, have joined your Editor as members of both clubs, since the RNARS was last mentioned in the "Centurion".

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS. The Editor would much appreciate your sending the "Centurion" a snapshot and a short autobiographical sketch for use, as space permits, in upcoming issues. (I have a very few photos already, but you who have sent them know who you are. I would still like the bio from you, though.)

ON CHASING QRM. Please Don't! This paper has carried articles repeatedly on the folly of "moving off to 'chase' splatter". The bands are crowded; there USUALLY will be QSOs nearby; there will always be those few that get their kicks from QRMing a net. In the first case, if they can "live with us", we'd better be prepared to live with them. In the second case, the FCC is working on it - IMI - THE FCC IS MONITORING THE NETS!!!! PLEASE, JUST "GRIN AND BARE IT!!!!" And, since the FCC is aboard, best you mind your procedures, as well.

FROM THE BOARD ROOM, by WD4CQY.

There is very little that transpired during the last Board of Directors' Meeting to which comment was not made by Pres. Keith. It should be noted, though, that EVERY DECISION TAKEN, BY YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DURING THIS MEETING, WAS VOTED UNANIMOUSLY! The Rules Sub-Committees have both submitted their reports on "elections" and "awards", but they had not yet reached the Board members, for their deliberations. The sub-committees are now working on "By-Laws" and "general" rules. More in the next "Centurion".

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARIES WILL NOT APPEAR IN THIS ISSUE DUE TO SICKNESS AND OTHER ACTS OF GOD.

TO ANOTHER FORGOTTEN BREED, by WD4CQY.

Around North America, there are a bunch of people hopefully known to you as your Awards Manager. His/her job is to screen your QSL card submissions, before your applications are sent on to Jim, WB3GWA, the Awards Secretary, who, in turn, will mail your "paper". As an ex-aviator, I look on these people as air traffic controllers, and on Jim as the Final Controller. Like many pilots who don't pay attention, some of you will "crash enroute"; others will "bust a bunch of rules", but still "make it to the runway". The vast majority of you will "fly your flight-plan", and make the job of the FORGOTTEN BREED easier. I join Jim, and his crew, in saluting the last group, and in admonishing the two earlier groups to READ THE RULES ON YOUR CHECK SHEETS, AND COME ON THE PRE-NETS, IF YOU HAVE A QUESTION. The "Centurion" salutes ALL the awards managers, and the Awards Secretary!



CARTOON, by Dan, KC4CZ.

EDITORIAL, by WD4CQY

If you have been with the "Centurion", since the start, many, many thanks for your support; if you are new with us, "welcome aboard", and many thanks to you.

As I recall, I had the money from only 34 subscribers when I took the first "paste up" of the "Centurion" to the printer. I wasn't sure I could pay the printer's bill, and the postage, too. But, you OUTSTANDING PEOPLE just kept subscribing, and contributing to the "Centurion", to the point where I feel justified in reporting to you, at the end of its first year, the "Centurion" is alive and well, and SOLVENT. Many thanks, all!!!!