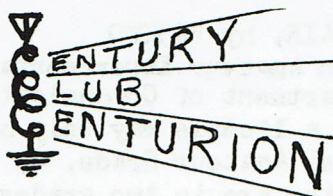


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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER by WD4ROD

The time has come and gone, again, this year - "Eye-Ball 3" is now past history. Before we close the history book on it, let's review the weekend.

First, the weather was hot and sunny, the whole weekend. I felt sorry for Ray, WA4SGP, the Thursday night NCS, on 40 meters; He had so many mobiles check in, and conditions weren't that good. As usual, Ray did a fine job, and the net ran smoothly. The annual migration to Bowling Green, KY was in full swing. I got in about 3 AM Friday morning, and several of the gang were there to greet me. We renewed old friendships and hit the sack. Friday started the real work of the get-together.

People came in all day Friday, and it was a day of putting the final touches on things, and meeting new friends and greeting old ones. We set up K8SGI's equipment for Friday night's nets, and used WA3ZMY's gear for Saturday night's.

As usual, the committees did an excellent job, and all of us want to say THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I think everyone enjoyed the picnic; I for one, hope we make it an annual affair.

WA2ZYM was presented the annual Service Award, by WD4CQY. The Club Officers present were given a lot of input which we will take back to the Board of Directors. WD4CQY was accepting subscriptions for the "Centurion", and he got several renewals and new ones. This year, we had 54 stations represented; I hope we make 100, for "Eye-Ball FOUR"!

I made the announcement, at Bowling Green, that I would not be a candidate, in next year's elections. My work has increased so much that I feel I can no longer do the job justice. I appreciate the 3905 Century Club's electing me as their President, for the last two years. Hopefully, I was able to do a good job. I feel there are several Club members any one of which would make a good President.

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"EYE-BALL THREE" GOODIES by WD4CQY

For details on the commemorative "Eye-Ball THREE, East" photobooks/QSL cards write W4PTW.

For details on the commemorative "Eye-Ball THREE, West" photobooks/QSL cards write W6PIO.

For "Eye-Ball THREE" stickers, East or West, attendees/net checkins, send SASE to WD4CQY.

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In order to establish and operate an Amateur Experimental Station in Canada, it is necessary to obtain a Station License from the Department of Communications. Under the terms of the Radio Act and its associated Regulations, such a license may only be issued to those holding a Canadian Certificate of Proficiency of at least Amateur Grade, as proof that he/she has passed the appropriate examination. Such certificates are in two grades, Amateur and Advanced Amateur. The former permits CW operation in all amateur bands, and additionally, after a period of six months active operation, phone transmission on the amateur ten, six and two meter bands (as well as on higher frequencies.) After a further 6 months' operation, an amateur may write the Advanced Amateur Examination leading to full amateur privileges certification.

To obtain an Amateur Grade, he must pass an examination in Morse Code (sending and receiving) at 10 WPM, in elementary radio theory covering transmitters, receivers, power supplies and associated equipment, and in knowledge of the Radio Regulations. Applicants for an Advanced Amateur Certificate must be able to pass an examination in Morse Code at 15 WPM, and in advanced theory and knowledge of regulations. Both examinations contain oral and written elements together with a requirement to draw circuit diagrams.

Obviously, such examinations present difficult, if not impossible, problems for the handicapped, especially the blind. For this reason, the Department makes special provisions for such persons in general, the examiners tend to be more lenient, giving the examination orally, and omitting reference to diagrams as such.

Since operations on CW are very difficult for most blind or handicapped, the Department will, on the recommendation of the Director of the Canadian Division of the ARRL, or of a local radio club, grant full operating privileges on phone without the usual waiting period of one year and without passing the Advanced Amateur examination.

The C.N.I.B. (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) ARC requires a sighted Advanced Amateur to act as sponsor to each blind amateur and who will be responsible for his equipment, for assisting him through his early days "on-the-air", and generally all those things that the handicapped person would find difficult or impossible to do himself. The C.N.I.B. also provides to any handicapped amateur who obtains his license a rental program whereby he can rent, at a very nominal rate, an HW12 and an HW32 complete with power supply and dipole.

All in all the legal and regulatory problems of putting an amateur "whitecanner" on the air are not too difficult, since everyone concerned, the government, the CNIB ARC, local radio club, and the individual sponsor do everything to make things easier. It does require study and application by the handicapped, but anything worthwhile requires some effort.

There are over 400 "whitecanners" on the air, in Canada, as a result of this program launched by the CNIB just a few short years ago. Among 3905 Century Club members are VE3IKN, Mac (former DX Director), VE3ILT, Audrey, VE3KFO, Jack (current DX Director) - and, others who you hear check in often are VE3HVH, Merv, VE3HRI, Tony, and no doubt there have been others.

Amateur radio is a wonderful thing, but for a handicapped person, it is even more important, and the fellowship one meets on the 3905 C.C. all add to the many hours of enjoyment; and, maybe some day we'll cap it all by attending a 3905 C.C. Eye-Ball.

(Editor's note: Jack gave me permission to "Americanize" the spelling wherever required. Do you know - Jack not only spelled "Americanized" right, but he didn't use the word "colour", at all!)

"CENTURION" FINANCIAL STATEMENT by WD4CQY

Paid Subscriptions ... 171	Gross Income ...	\$360.00
Complimentary " ... 2	Gross Expenses ... (-)	\$265.44
Total Circulation ... 173	Accts Receivable ... (+)	\$ 2.00
	Total Assets ...	\$ 96.56
EXPENSES -	ASSETS -	
Printing ... \$143.68	Stamps on Hand ...	\$ 6.56
Postage ... \$ 96.59	Cash/Checks on Hand ...	\$88.00
Supplies, etc. ... \$ 25.17	Accounts Receivable ...	\$ 2.00
Total Expenses ... \$265.44	Total Assets ...	\$96.56

The above statement of financial status for the Century Club "Centurion" is for the first publication year and is as of the posting of VOL I, No. 4, or at 1200 EDT, June 14, 1980.

EYE-BALL FOUR by WD4CQY

In the last issue of the "Centurion", I asked everyone to be thinking about a "Big Eye-Ball", somewhere in the center of the U.S., for 1981. From what I have heard from a goodly number of members, this idea is a "non-starter"; therefore, we will have to get two someones - one East and one West - to oversee the organizing of "Eye-Balls FOUR - East and West". It appears from previous Board action, that I am the designated organizer for "Eye-Ball FOUR - East"; and I've been directed to choose some location OTHER THAN BOWLING GREEN, KY (although the last is still being discussed.)

With all of the above in mind, I would greatly appreciate your inputs and suggestions for a locale for the next "Eastern Eye-Ball". I'd also appreciate your willingness to volunteer as local point-of-contact, should you suggest a site near your QTH.

Site selection and preliminary organization need to be completed before the December Board of Directors' Meeting (Dec. 13), if possible.

"DO YOU JUST BELONG?" (from the "News Letter" of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society, reprinted by permission of Dave Pilley, N3AFU.)

- Are you an active member, the kind who would be missed,
- or are you just content that your name is on the list?
- Do you take an active part to help the Club along,
- or are you quite well satisfied to only just belong?
- Do you ever take a stand for things you think are right,
- or leave the work for just a few and talk instead of fight?
- Think it over member, you know what's right and wrong;
- Are you an ACTIVE member, or do you just belong?

We are working on the rules in the Board of Directors' meetings, now. By the first of the year, we should have them ready to go to print. All of the committees have done a great job in the preparation of rules to present to the Board.

One other thought I'd like to leave with you, in this issue, is that if you work any DX stations, off the net frequencies, ask them to join us, if they have the net freq. privileges. This is one way we can get more DX on the nets.

Please don't "tip" signal reports. If someone gets a wrong report, just say "negative" or "no, that is incorrect." I have had several members complain about this, in the past several weeks.

Let us all get geared up for the upcoming fall propagation, and the large increase in net check-ins that we will be getting. It won't be long before our check-in lists reach 150 stations.

RECOLLECTIONS FROM "EYE-BALL THREE - WEST" by W6PIO

Collapsing into their cabin, at 2:30 am, Saturday morning, after a wet and tiring ride over Monarch Pass, on their two-wheeler, Debbie, KAØIWP, and Andy, KAØIWQ, were not too surprised to see the remains of the first night of "Eye-Ball THREE - West". The site of the "Eye-Ball", Pleasant Valley, near Cimarron, Colorado, was selected with the helpful suggestion of Margaret, WØGOQ, and Don, WØGOR, and it proved to be a very relaxing place and conducive to lots of good ol' rag-chewing. We didn't have the pleasure of meeting Margaret, but Don was there both nights and filled us in on some of the local facts and figures.

Dave, K7NV, and Geoff, KA7DVR, went fishing Saturday, and caught their limit??? Don, WBØOPI, brought along a couple of dipoles - one for 75, and One for 40 - and had plenty of help putting them up and taking them down. Judy, WDØGAH, passed the hat for the hamburger fry, and I'm not sure who helped, but thanks from all of us who enjoyed the feast, to all of you who helped.

Ivan, WBØUIT, was seen cooking up some mean hamburgers, and his XYL was giving him moral support. Mel, KCØP, who was last heard by this ham operating from the capital of Maine, spent four nights at Pleasant Valley with his family which included his son, Nate, KAØCRO, and others.

Art, K9UEO, and Jim, WA4YWR, both stayed at the Cimarron Inn, after flying in to Gunnison. We were happy to meet Jim, WAØSLT, from Kansas; and Ann, WD8LPP, Trina, WD8LPQ, and John, WD8RDV from Ohio. The prize for fanciest mobile home goes to Bob, KAØBRA, and parents, and of course, the prize for Mr. Personality goes to Bob, AE9W.

Including myself, there were a total of 19 amateurs at the "Eye-Ball". That's a 50 percent increase over last year, and we were very pleased over the fine turnout. Net Control was rotated among all who were interested in assuming it - for the early and late 75 meter net, on Friday night, and the early and late 40 meter net, on Saturday night. Our thanks to Keith, WD4ROD, for assuming NCS on 75 M, Friday, until propagation permitted us to take it.

(Editor's Note: The attendees of either, or both, "Eye-Balls", I'm sure join me in thanking all those members and XYLs, who busted their ~~#20%~~ to make both Eye-Balls howling successes!!!!)

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR WA2ZYM from report os KB2DK and others

On Saturday evening, May 17, Bill, WA2ZYM, returning from the Rochester, NY, Hamfest with Hughes, K2DIM, was duped into stopping off "for a bite to eat", at Raphael's Restaurant, in Syracuse. He had not a single clue that he was the guest of honor at his own testimonial dinner, that was just about to start: Cocktails at 7 pm; Dinner at 8 pm; Attending were:

WA2ZYM, Bill	WB2IPX, Les and XYL	N2ARG, Ray and XYL	K2DIM, Hughes
W2WU, Skeet &	WB2MMN, Hank & XYL	WB2MBO, Jack & XYL	KB2DK, Don
WA2DJF, Barb (his XYL)	WA3ZMY, Bill & XYL	WB3DWH, Bernie & XYL	WB3AMO, Dave

The very surprised guest of honor received a very handsome plaque (which he later proudly displayed at "Eye-Ball THREE - East"), presented to him by Don, KB2DK. Old acquaintances were renewed, new friendships were made, dinner was enjoyed by all. During the course of the evening, Bill received a phone call from Di, WD8IYU, from her hospital bed. The evening ended at 11:30 pm.

(Editor's Note: The "Centurion" joins with his 2-land friends in congratulating Bill on his honor; and in expressing the Club's deep appreciation for all the MANY services he has so selflessly rendered.)

40 METER QSL BUREAU'S NEW ADDRESS by WD4CQY

Phil and Marianne Payton have just completed their move from Baltimore to Florida, so the 40 meter QSL Bureau's new address is: c/o W3LQY/4

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"CENTURION" CENTER OF POPULATION CONTEST RESULTS by WD4CQY

The participation in the "Centurion" CoP Contest announced in the last issue, was something less than spectacular! Out of the 219 subscribers who were eligible to enter, ONLY THREE DID, and one of them was disqualified for failing to observe rule 3! so, here are the winners, with their errors, in miles, and their prizes!

Grand Prize - No winner.

First Prize - KA8DKF, Fred Ramsey (380 mi.) 1 year free subscription

Second Prize - WB5RXV, Don Smith (620 mi.) \$1 off next subscription renewal.

Third Prize - No winner.

Official Center of Population: 39.34 N, 83.89 W, or 8 miles SSE of Xenia, OH (or 9 miles W of Bowersville, OH!)

EDITORIAL by WD4CQY

You may notice that this issue of the "Centurion" is the smallest since the first issue. I'm sorry about that, more than I can tell you. I had high hopes of having so much to tell you, in this issue, that a lot of it would have to be carried over until the December issue. But, that's not the way it turned out. WD4ODF's "Bazooka Antenna" article will appear in the next issue - it's necessary for me to redraw it, to reduce the page size, and there wasn't time to get it ready for this issue. Elsewhere you'll see articles by or attributed to WD4ROD, W6PIO, VE3KFO and KB2DK, for which I thank them very much. Aside from them, input has been zero.

To give you something to think about, the last issue carried the CoP Contest. Out of 219 eligible entrants, only THREE entered, and of them, one didn't follow the rules!

I asked each officer and director to send me a photo and a biographical sketch. Thus far, I have received ONE photo and fewer bios than that!

The QSP column is empty this quarter, because I have nothing to relay. The FROM THE BOARD ROOM and NOTES FROM THE SECRETARIES columns are omitted for the same reason.

The next issue, as I said, will carry WD4ODF's antenna article, and, hopefully, the names of the Presidential Nominees; I'm not sure there will be anything else!

The "Centurion" did a "land office" business at the "Eye-Ball East" - but, not enough to offset the ALMOST ONE HALF OF THE ORIGINAL 117 SUBSCRIBERS WHO, AT PRESS TIME, HAVE NOT RENEWED! I think that you will agree, all the verbal praise notwithstanding, that this represents a REJECTION of the "Centurion".

I fully realize that I'm "preaching to the choir" - the people who should be reading this are the ones who won't, because they ain't gonna get a copy of the "Centurion", any more!

I'll continue to grind this sheet out as long as the "Centurion's" treasury will pay the postage and printing bills; but, every time I stick a 15¢ (soon to be 20¢) stamp on an outgoing issue, I'll think of what might have been had we qualified for bulk-mailing rates.

What I guess I'm trying to tell you is that the fraternity of the 3905 Century Club is too precious a thing to be allowed to wilt because of: "poor propagation", "summer vacation", "I meant to", "I forgot", "apathy", "loss of interest", "I'm only one'-ism", "I didn't know" (cross out any you honestly can.) AND, whether or not you feel any allegiance to the "Centurion", for Heaven's sake, support the Club!!

Like every other column in this newsletter, this one invites rebuttals.

STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

At press time, Ed, W6PIO, has informed me that the firm price on the "Eye-Ball THREE West" picture booklet is \$2.75. Please let Ed have your order soonest, so that he'll have a fighting chance of coming close to breaking even on producing the booklet.

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