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ELECTIONS by WD4CQY

The elections or re-elections of the following directors were announced during the Presidential on-the-air election of January 23, 1982. The mailed-in votes for EVEN call-area directors, as previously tallied, indicate that the following will serve on the Board of Directors, for the next two years (for addresses, see the roster on the mailer-back):

WA2JDP, KC4CZ, W6PIO, KB8MP and KBØYX

The vote-totals, of the on-the-air Presidential Election are:

WA4SGP - 120 WA2ZYM - 33 KB6HM - 9

The results of all of the above elections were validated by the Board of Directors, during their meeting of February 13.

The "Centurion" congratulates all of the winners.

CLUB HISTORY, ETC. by WD4CQY

The history of the 3905 Century Club, Inc. is rather colorful. Its first written history appeared on page 4 of the very first issue of the "Centurion". This history was through June, 1979.

A second (updated) history of the Club has been prepared, including the above original issue, and adding to it, chronologically, through December, 1981. For a copy, send a 4 X 9 SASE along with 50¢, to cover copying.

Also available are copies of YV5DLT's "Telerana" ("Spiderweb") wire-beam diagrams and specifications. Send 50¢ and a 4 X 9 SASE for one of these.

If you want a copy of each, 75¢ and a 2-unit SASE'll do it. (Checks, money orders, cash or stamps are acceptable.)

HEARD ON THE NETS by WD4CQY

From a YL: "I'll be damned if I'm 59. I'm THUREE NINER...and holding!!"

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During their regular February meeting, the Board of Directors voted to hold "Eye-Ball FIVE - East" at Dogpatch USA, near Harrison, AR, on August 13th through 15th. Rock Candy Mountain Campground adjoins Dogpatch. (Information on any "Eye-Ball FIVE - West" was not available at press time.)

Letha, KA5HFB, has agreed to act as on-site coordinator, and she has sent the "Centurion" road-routing recommendations as follows:

Dogpatch, USA, and Rock Candy Mountain Campground are located on Arkansas State Highway 7, about 8 miles south of Harrison, AR.

FROM NORTH OF THE OHIO RIVER AND EAST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER - Via Saint Louis, MO, I-44 to Springfield, MO, south on U.S. 65 to U.S. 62, then southwest to Ark. 7, south to Dogpatch;

FROM THE EASTERN U.S. AND THE SOUTHEAST - Via Memphis, TN, I-40 through Little Rock, AR, to Russellville, AR, then north on Ark. 7 to Dogpatch;

FROM THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST - Via Fort Smith, AR, I-40 to Russellville, AR, then north on Ark. 7 to Dogpatch;

FROM THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST - Via Springfield, MO, south on U.S. 65 to U.S. 62, southwest on U.S. 62 to Ark. 7, then south to Dogpatch.

(Editor's Note: Dogpatch, USA, is located roughly equidistant from Springfield, MO, Little Rock, AR, and Fort Smith, AR. For those attendees who might wish to fly to the "Eye-Ball", airlines flying the most flights (or ONLY flights) into these three cities are: Little Rock - Delta Airlines; Springfield - Ozark Airlines; Fort Smith - Scheduled Skyways (a commuter airline out of Saint Louis, MO.) I am told that rental cars are available at each of the above airports.)

Letha points out that there are a number of scenic areas in the vicinity of Harrison; in fact, Arkansas Highway 7 is, itself, a very scenic route.

She says that the area is particularly radio-noise-free and she has almost complete copy on the Century Club nets, from coast to coast.

She promises to "take a run over to Harrison", once the weather improves, to check out the repeaters. (Perhaps we'll have repeater frequencies, in the June issue.) She already has gotten an invitation, from the Harrison Repeater people, for the Club to use their repeater as much as we need. As mentioned, when winter is gone, she'll trek over, but, since Letha lives over 100 miles from Dogpatch, it's not quite like just running up to the top of the next hill to check them.

There are, among others, a Ramada Inn and a Holiday Inn, in Harrison, for those not planning to camp. For further information on any of the above, send a business-size SASE to:

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Route 2, Box 173
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WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT ... by WA2ZYM

(Editors Note: This is a re-write of Bill's column, from his memory. His ORIGINAL SUBMISSION has been in the mail 18 days, now, and HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.)

As you who read last month's column will know, one of the main topics was the recent update of the By-Laws, and the effect of that update on the awards program. It was noted that the revised By-Laws were available from the Club Secretary, Marianne, W3LQY, whose address appears elsewhere in this issue.

Why mention this again? Well, it seems that some people just don't get the word. The changes that took effect were really mass in scope, and everyone should have the latest rules. This month,

we will review some of the changes and some of the effects on your search for the various awards

The most wide, sweeping change is with respect to the use of QSL cards. Previously, if you used a card once, you could not use it again. Now, with the revision, you may do so in most cases. Perhaps the easiest way to show these changes is to use a hypothetical QSO and show how that card may be used.

Assume that you work me, WA2ZYM, at my home QTH. Under the revised rules, you may still only use me one time, on the 100-500-1000 progression. If you use me as a prefix, on the 500, you may use me again as a certificate holder, on the 1000, BUT ONLY IF YOU WORK ME A SECOND TIME

But, again, under the revised rules, you may use the original card on the Poker Player, Baker's Dozen, Night Owl (if it was a Late Net contact), on the WAS endorsement, Journeyman, etc ALL WITH THE SAME CARD, FROM THE SAME CONTACT. This is a major change, of which most people still are not aware, since there still are numerous questions on the Q & A sessions about it. REMEMBER: If the award for which you are working does not fall within the 100-500-1000 category THERE IS NO LONGER ANY LIMIT ON HOW MANY TIMES YOU USE THE ONE (SAME) CARD.

By the time this reaches you, the application sheets for the DX Award should be available. This is a tough one, requiring 25 different countries, with endorsements for each 5 extra countries up to 100. One important rule about this award is that the 48 contiguous states, and Alaska and Hawaii DO NOT COUNT AS DX. Other than this, you may count any country that is on the ARRL Country List, in the back of your log. But, that country MUST have operating privileges in the part of the band where the Club operates. Once again, you may use cards that you have used on other awards.

To close out this month's column, I would like to suggest that if you don't have a copy of the By-Laws, by all means, get one. If you are an NCS, then you should, shortly, receive a package from your NCS Coordinator, with the new NCS Guide, preamble, By-Laws, Certificate Holder List, etc., that are essential for you to do a good job.

I will close by reminding you all, again, that if you have any questions, please get them to me. I will do my best to answer them. In fact, I will answer your letters by return mail, then print the Q & A in the column. This way you won't have to wait 3 months for the answer.

LINES LOST IN THE QRM by WD4CQY

"Honesty is the best policy; but, insanity is a better defense." (Steve Landesberg, on "Barney Miller!")





Congratulations to Frank, WA2JDP, Dan, KC4CZ, Ed, W6PIO, Jerry, KB8MP, and Bob, KBØYX, on your election as Club director for your call area. I know that each of you will continue the excellent service to the club that you have provided in the past.

Eyeball 5 will be held the 13th, 14th, and 15th of August 1982 near Harrison, Arkansas. This area is in the Ozarks with campgrounds, family recreation park, fishing, motels, etc. There should be plenty of activities for all members of the family. More specific information about motels, prices, points of interest, etc., will be available soon and will be discussed on the club pre-net and net sessions. (Also

see additional information elsewhere in this issue of the "Centurion".)

This will be our fifth eyeball and will be held in an area that many of us have not had an opportunity to visit. I hope each of you will make your plans to be with us at Eyeball 5. I am looking forward to seeing many of you again and to meeting many of you for the first time.

We are beginning to see some interest in our short wave listener (SWL) awards program. This is good for amateur radio and for our club. Please QSL them promptly as you would another amateur. We have an excellent opportunity to make many friends for amateur radio and for the club.

The BAD, to say the least, band conditions this Fall and Winter has reduced the number of check-ins and made it tough to make the contacts even when a station you need is checked in. There is not much we can do about band conditions except wait for things to improve; in the meantime, hang in there, be patient, and keep plugging away.

My thanks to the Net Control Stations for your continued excellent job under these conditions of QRN, QRM, QSB, and other assorted junk that you have to listen to for four hours a night.

Make your plans to join us for Eyeball 5 in August.

(NOTE: "NOTES FROM THE DESK OF THE AWARDS SECRETARY" will not be carried in this issue.)

CW NETS REOPENED by WD4CQY

Dick, KA3CDQ, backed up by Art, KK2M, has resurrected the Saturday night CW "CCN" net, on 3605 kHz. Thus far, Dick has NOT exactly been overrun with check-ins, and he would much appreciate a higher attendance.

If interest DOES pick up enough to justify them, and if Dick can find the requisite NCSs, he plans to reopen the Wednesday night 3605 kHz CCN and/or the 3705 kHz novice band CCN, on Mondays.

The CCNs meet at the same times as do the regular 3905 kHz LSB nets, and QSOs may be QSLed via the 75 meter bureau.

Be advised that your Editor's CW "weapon" is about as rusty as is yours; plus the fact that his antenna is cut for resonance at 3900 kHz - that gives about a 4:1 SWR at 3605 kHz! But, remember: "No guts, no Air Medal!!"

Let's give Dick and Art a little more support, gang.

FIRST SWL CERTIFICATE ISSUED by WD4CQY

Bill Grow (WDX3IHW), of Shamokin, PA, has qualified for and been issued "SWL Certificate Number ONE". Bill, a "Centurion" subscriber, tells me that he has been listening to the Centurion Club for over two years, and he is delighted that the Club has opened its awards program to SWL. Congratulations on your achievement, Bill!

Also, Brian Kilshaw (BRS 46773), of Boston, Lincolnshire, England, and also a "Centurion" subscriber, is working toward the award. Brian, being in IARU Region 1, and some 3,000 miles from the NEAREST Century Club transmitting member, REALLY has his work cut out for him.

"OLD-TIMERS' NIGHT" by WD4CQY

The Club's Fifth Anniversary (Feb. 17, '82) was celebrated with "Old-Timers' Night", on the nets, on Saturday, Feb. 20. I haven't heard how many check-ins there were on the 40 meter and the 80 meter CW nets, but the 75 meter net had 162! There were some members checked in that your Editor hadn't heard in over three years, and it's hoped that they won't stay away so long, this time.

FINANCIAL REPORT IN THE NEXT ISSUE by WD4CQY

The next issue of the "Centurion" will carry a Financial Report covering the 9 months since the last such report and ending with the publication and mailing of this issue. This is being done to make the "Centurion's" accounting year coincide in future with the Club's fiscal year.

FCC MONITORING STATIONS by WD4CQY

This space was reserved for the printing of the addresses and phone numbers of three more FCC Monitoring Stations. I have decided to hold off the printing of this information until I get an update on it. On March 2, I used the long-distance phone number I had been given by the EIC at Powder Springs, GA, in order to get the FCC Monitoring Station IN POWDER SPRINGS, GA; and what I got for my long-distance toll money WAS A RECORDING SAYING THAT FCC POWDER SPRINGS DOES NOT HANDLE CB AND TVI ON THIS PHONE NUMBER, AND IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO SPEAK TO SOMEONE IN AUTHORITY, call this OTHER phone number. Troops, I submit that that IS A HELL OF A WAY TO RUN A RAILROAD!!!

My list of FCC Monitoring Stations' addresses and phone numbers is being updated, but who knows how long the UPDATED ones will get you a hold of a real, live person!

Please don't misunderstand me: I have the utmost respect for the FCC FIELD Organization, but when you REALLY NEED the Fire Department it is just a little bit unhelpful to find out that their PHONE NUMBER IS UNLISTED!!!

LINES LOST IN THE QRM by WD4CQY

Mortgage Banker's Credo: "To 'scare' is human; to 'foreclose' is divine."

The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away ... and, the IRS gets a cut, BOTH WAYS.

BE PREPARED TO QSL OR DON'T QSO - Editorial by WD4CQY

Three weeks ago, the 3905 Century Club celebrated its Fifth Anniversary. I seriously doubt that any of its founders, even in their wildest dreams, ever thought that the Club would have the success, or gain the stature, that it can now claim.

The growth in membership has been very nearly phenomenal; the manner in which the "New Blood" has stepped forward to fill the breach when members of the "Old Guard" left, has been most heartening. The interest shown by numerous members who have written needed, and hard-to-get stations, to invite them on the nets, is commendable.

However, even as the Club has grown in size and maturity, the percentage of "come-back QSLs" has steadily DECLINED. There have been those who have accused the Club QSL Bureaus of "dropping the ball", but, friends, if the Bureaus don't get 'em, they can't send 'em. (In January, I received a bureau shipment that contained a return QSL for a net QSO in May, 1980. The card said, "Thanks for your call". This sort of delay is unconscionable and unacceptable, unless there is a valid reason - AND that valid reason should be written on the card.)

The Club By-Laws provide for the withdrawal of membership from anyone who consistently fails to QSL - and, boys and girls, we do have a few like that.

Not everyone uses the bureaus, so you may have to go direct. There are times that someone may be out of cards. Those are both valid excuses for delay in QSLing; but, if you know of someone who simply refuses to QSL, let your Director know.

BULK-RATE MAILING PERMIT, YET AGAIN...Editorial, by WD4CQY

I have a friend of very long standing who is one of three brothers, all of them from Nebraska where his parents still live. The first time I met the father, in a quiet moment he showed me a snapshot of his three sons, and pointing to the eldest, he said "He was an innocent experiment"; he pointed to the middle son and said "He was misplaced confidence"; and, to the youngest, "He was just damn foolishness".

Most readers will be aware that there was a protracted delay in collecting the necessary documents for filing for IRS tax-exempt status and for a bulk-rate mailing permit; but, finally, last October the IRS application was filed; and, on the first business day of January, 1982, the USPS application was filed.

I won't go into all the yo-yoing of the IRS application. Suffice it to say that it was necessary for me, in rebuttal, to copiously quote both FCC Regulations and Webster's Dictionary, in order to prove to the IRS that the 3905 Century Club was a "hobby" and "social" club. The un-mutilated stamp had not yet fallen off that mailing when I heard from the local postmaster that the bulk mail commissar, in Miami, had turned down our bulk-rate application, BECAUSE "HOBBY CLUBS" WERE NOT QUALIFIED FOR SPECIAL BULK-RATE MAILING, according to the Postal Manual. Fortunately, an appeal was allowed; and, even more fortunately, a few days before, I'd received a "bulk-mailed" 12-pager from the Orlando Amateur Radio Club. An appeal was filed, of course.

Now, you may ask, what does the first story, above, have to do with the second? Let me tell you the way I see it!

When our national leaders pass a law relative to the Internal Revenue Service or the U.S. Postal Service, that is an "INNOCENT EXPERIMENT" (LARGE benefit of doubt.) When they allow the head bureaucrats in those two "services" to write and ENFORCE regulations, that is "MISPLACED CONFIDENCE". BUT, when the heads of those "services" put people on the Federal Business-End of a typewriter or a telephone, with little education and no indoctrination, EVEN IN THEIR OWN SPECIALTIES, I submit that that is "DAMN FOOLISHNESS".

FROM THE BOARD ROOM by WD4CQY

The Board, during its December meeting, validated the nominations of three members to stand for election to the office of Club President. The nominees were:

WA2ZYM WA4SGP KB6HM

The January Board meeting, among other things, approved the SWL Award and its associated criteria.

The February Board meeting resulted in the validation of the elections of the even-call-area Directors, and the President and the Vice-President. (See the roster on the back of the mailer face.)

In addition, at its February meeting the Board considered and voted upon the following items, as indicated:

- "Eye-Ball FIVE" to be held at Dogpatch, AR - Yes.
- We adopt a paper ballot for Presidential/Vice-Presidential elections - No.
- Hold separate paper ballot elections for President and Vice-President - No.
- We establish a net on 20 meters on Sat. or Sun. - No.
- We do something to support the CW nets - No vote necessary.
- Approve the making of two calls at one time - No vote necessary; provided for in the By-Laws.
- Get into the rules what constitutes a valid signal report - No vote necessary; defined in the By-Laws.
- Cut down on time taken on information at the beginning of the nets. No vote taken.

MORE OLD AND NEW CALL-SIGNS by WD4CQY

Here is another list of old and new call-signs. Do I have yours?

Old	New	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
KA1CNB	KA1JC	WB1DQJ	KA1HD	WB1DZZ	KA1HI	KA1EK	AJ1M
N2ALB	KE2K	KB2AM	KB5PO	N2BMG	KB2SS	KB2DL	KB4GW
KA3CCW	KB3HZ	KB3CN	AK3O	KA3CWT	KB3GX	WB3EDA	AJ3Y
N4BPK	NC4F	K4CLM	N9BOT	KA4CSS	N4DDK	WD4FFL	NØBDS
KA5CES	KI5P	KA5FRN	KB5WT	KB5FZ	KF5U	WB5IYB	KØ5X
KB6DH	KQ6C	KA6DRG	KD6DS	KA7AWN	KB7LV	WB7FFG	AK7T
KA8AOT	KB8SX	N8BDB *	KC8O *	N8BVR	KB8WB	WD8CTB *	N8BDB *
WB9AGY	KA4NBF	N9AVB	KB9PC	KAØAYB	KBØCW	KAØAZQ	KBØNI