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"I CAN'T SEND 'EM IF I DON'T GET 'EM", by WB3IZK, as told to WD4CQY (For the 75/80 m. Bureau.)

There has been some criticism of the 3905 Century Club FREE QSL Bureaus on account of members having not gotten their QSLs back. Below is a list of call-signs for which the bureau has NO SASE

WB1CII	WA1YAZ	N1BGK	N1BYH	KA1BSZ	KA1BTU	KA1AMK	KA1AWK	N1BFD	KA1BDZ	KA1EUO	KA1EZH
WB1FGS	KA1FUD	KA1HBH	KA1HMH	WA1JKI	K1JLW	W1KCL	N1KK/M1	WA1LJP	WA1ONT	K1RR	K1RSC
KA1SR	WA1TKT	AE1T	W1UVT	WA1WSB	K1ZKW	WA1ZVI	N2AFN	WA2CDV	N2CIW	KA2CLQ	K2CSY
KA2DZA	KA2ECV	KA2FND	KA2GVH	AK2I	WA2IKX	KA2KSS	WA2STM	KF2T	KB2VF	KB2WI/7	WB2YWH
WN2SGI	WB2LEE	KC2CK	KJ2C	WA2HNG	WB2WMP	WA3YAO	W3PSV	KF3V	W3DQZ	WB3JRU	KA3AMK
WB3HEJ	WB3KOJ	KA3ARH	N3BAW	N3BPN	WB3CEJ	WB3CZK	KA3EFS	WB3FOJ	W3HDJ	W3HIH	K3HWL
WB3JGD	AG3K	W3KWH	W3LQM	AK3O	W3PV	AC3T	KC3X	K3YDH	WA3ZBI	K3ZFF	K4OXC
WA4PGM	AA4FF	N4DZW	WD4OCO	N4FFO	KE4CC	WD4KXB	N4ATP	WD4SAG	KE4JN	WB4MDQ	N4BWA
WB4CMU	N4CCK	NQ4C	N4GO	KD4UF	K4LKD/7	N4ABZ/5	N4AVB	N4BGN	WD4CZD	KA4DBZ	N4DLH
KA4EWX	N4FAI	WD4GVU	NI4H	KB4I	K4JJ	WA4JRP	KA4KDF	W4LIE	WA4PQD	KB4SH	WB4TVG
KD4UF	KN4ZVO	N5AXN	WD5BSJ	KC5EB	WA5EXB	KC5FM	WD5HIO	K5HFV	KC5PI	KB5DX	KD5BD
KB5DN	WB5SFM	K5IKL	K5BNA	WD5HEJ	KC5JM	N6AVX	N6CLE	W6TLO	K6JAD	WD6FIA	W6OFD
N7CJO	KA7CIW	K7JAD	N7CTY	WB7VYO	KC7JC	WB7TMZ	W7ZDE	W7AAC	KD7J	N7DMW	KC7CK
WB7NER	KB7XJ	WB7TXF	N7CIP	WB7DZX	W7AMH	WA7RCT	N7AVW	W7BH	N7CPK	N7DF	KA7DRN
K7GDN	KL7HHX	W7MAM	WB7SKY	W7UMX	KB7XJ	KB7YP	W7ZZW	KB8ZQ	KC8BE	KA8CXQ/4	WD8KKM
N8CEI	WD8MZZ	WD8RLA	KB8BO	K8TUT	N8CVQ	KB8A	KA8AEE	N8AK/KP4	WA8BKA	N8BO	N8CEU
N8CNY	KA8CTH	WB8HIW	K8HOB	KA8KAK	WD8KWT	WB8LOP	KB8LP	KB8MF	WD8MMK	WA8OVC	WD8RLP
K8TUT	K9BX	KA9KXZ	KC9JP	KA9LNG	N9CRD	WB9WCV	N9BAN	W9NUF	N9AFZ	KC9CJ	WB9EVJ
KA9FKL	W9GFO	KA9GMF	W9JR	K9JTW	WA9LHP	WB9RFC	KB9RK	K9SCM/M4	KB9TN	WDØBIE	KBØNI
WAØYRI	NØCKW	NØATH	WØUAE	WAØMRG	KCØHV	KØBJW	KAØCNI	KCØBP	NØCEF	WBØAXN	KAØGCN
KCØM	WBØWSQ	KCØCK	NØAZF	NØANQ	NØARN	WAØAUF	KBØBL	KCØFX	WDØGMT	WØLYI	KBØRM
WØRHP	WBØSAX	WBØWS(?)	KBØYKT								

(Check the above list against your log and QSL direct.)(3/31/82.)

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THE "CENTURION" - A STATUS REPORT by WD4CQY

With this issue of the "Centurion", circulation has dropped over ten percent. This is due, mainly, to non-renewals not having been offset by new subscribers. To be honest, though, I think a sizeable number of non-renewals is due to lack of interest in what the "Centurion" has to say.

The "Centurion" has printed as many newsworthy items (antennas, BY-land visits, W6JGY's critical reports on East Coast stations, etc.) as space, AND ARTICLES CONTRIBUTED, allowed.

A concerted effort was made to gain a bulk-rate mail permit from the Post Office. so as to reduce the ONE-THIRD of your subscription money that goes for postage; AND, to allow for more, and more diversified, articles. As previously reported (March '82 "Centurion", page 4.), the original application was denied by the mail classification center, in Miami. An appeal was filed. On May 24, the "Centurion" received notice of the FINAL ACTION on that appeal - DENIED! Your Editor feels that the 34-month effort, and the time and postage spent on this exercise was not all in vain - at least he has learned how NOT to run a postal system!

To those few subscribers who've submitted articles to the "Centurion", and who've not seen them in print: EITHER THEY WERE RECEIVED TOO LATE TO MAKE THE ISSUE IN WHICH THEY WOULD'VE BEEN TIMELY; OR, BY PRESS TIME, THEIR CONTENTS HAD BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. (An example of the latter: A recent input requested an article asking that the CCN (CW net) be expanded to 40 meters. Immediately thereafter, I was given to understand that the CCN had been abolished by the Board of Directors.)

Since the last issue, I have returned FIVE "Centurion" "inquiry-SASEs" with copies of Vol. III, No. 3 enclosed with notes stating how to subscribe. At press time, I have received ONE subscription from this effort.

With this issue, about 44 percent of the subscriptions are up for renewal. Past experience would indicate that less than 1/3 of these subscriptions will actually be renewed. It follows that the "Centurion" MUST now consider WHEN, and HOW EQUITABLY, to CEASE PUBLICATION. Foreseeing this requirement, FOUR MONTHS AGO your Editor wrote to several of the Club's Officers/Directors for the benefit of their counsel.

Having received NO guidance, I have decided to follow this plan: When paid subscriptions drop to about 125, I will refuse all new/renewal subscriptions; I will print and mail ONE FINAL ISSUE; AND, my personal check, in the amount of the un-serviced subscription to which the subscriber is entitled, will be stapled inside that final issue.

CALL-SIGN CHANGES by WD4CQY

Here are the two call-sign changes I've recieved since the last issue of the "Centurion":

KA4JIS is now KC4XI N4DLX is now KD4OM

Silent Key

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

KR2U Bill Donnell, Penns Grove, NJ

"CENTURION" SPECIAL NINE-MONTH FINANCIAL STATEMENT by WD4CQY

Paid Subscriptions ... 230

Gross Income	.....$ 418.00
Gross Expenses	..(-)$ 391.83
Assets Carried Over	..(+)$ 196.55
Total Assets	.....$ 222.72

Expenses -		Assets -	
Printing	... $ 155.02	Stamps/Postal Cards on hand	... $ 22.14
Postage	... $ 205.95	Cash/Checks on hand	... $ 162.00
Supplies	... $ 30.86	Accounts Receivable	... $ 38.58
Total Expenses	... $ 391.83	Total Assets	... $ 222.72

The above Financial Statement for the Century Club "Centurion" is for a SHORTENED, 9 month financial year. This SPECIAL FINANCIAL REPORT is made to bring the the "Centurion's" finances and accounting year in consonance with that of the 3905 Century Club, Inc. The former was required to do so, so that the latter could gain Federal Income Tax Exemption.

The above financial statement reflects the status of the "Centurion" as of mailing of Vol. III, No. 3, or at 1200 EST, March 13, 1982. Thomas L. Bowers WD4CQY

FCC MONITERING STATIONS by WD4CQY (from info provided by WA3ZMY)

Below are listed locations and telephone numbers of the FCC Monitering Stations. Be advised that you may be answered by a recorded message after normal business hours, which was my experience when I last phoned the number listed for Powder Springs, GA (see March '82 "Centurion", page 3):

Allegan, MI
(616) 673 2063
(616) 673 3055

Douglas, AZ
(602) 364 2133

Grand Island, NE
(308) 382 4296

Livermore, CA
(415) 447 3614

Anchorage, AK
(907) 243 2153

Ferndale, WA
(206) 354 4892

Kingsville, TX
(512) 592 2531

Powder Springs, GA
(404) 943 5420

Waipahu, HI
(808) 677 3954

Belfast, ME
(207) 338 4088

Fort Lauderdale, FL
(305) 473 9845

Columbia, MD
(301) 725 3474

Sabana Seca, PR
(809) 784 3772

THE TEN 2-LETTER WORDS THAT FORM THE VOLUNTEER'S CREDO (ANON)

If it is to be,
It is up to me.

CONTENTS NOTE by WD4CQY

Neither "The President's Corner" nor "Where Does It Say That..." will be carried in this issue of the "Centurion". Hopefully, both will be featured in the next issue.

PUBLICATION NOTICE: Articles for the September issue of the "Centurion" should be in my mail box no later than August 21.

USQS by WD4CQY

Recently, a Century Club member, who asked not to be identified, sent me a page from the April, 1982, "Worldradio" newspaper. An article on the page, written by KM7Z, Laryl Myers, described his non-profit company, the U.S. QSL Service, Inc. Included with that article was a list of over 400 call-signs of unclaimed QSL cards which USQS had recently received. There were some call-signs of 3905 Century Club members on that list. Some that I identified are: WB3AMO, WB3FFE, K3HPG, WB3HPJ, W5PWG, W7HAH and W8JQR. For further information, I suggest you contact KM7Z. He is good in the Call-Book.

BY1PK NOW ACTIVE by WD4CQY

Word has reached the "Centurion" that, after more than four decades, the Peoples' Republic of China has an amateur radio station back on the ham bands. I have been told that, from time to time, BY1PK (in Beijing, PRC) may be found in the CW sub-bands of the 15 and 20 meter ham bands. "Florida SKIP" reports that sample QSL cards have been received by ARRL Headquarters, and that a confirmed QSO with BY1PK is good for the ARRL's DXCC Country List, and awards.

MORE MURPHY'S LAW by WD4CQY

"Friends tend to come and go, but enemies accumulate."

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"If I traveled to the end of the rainbow,
As Dame Fortune did intend;
Murphy would be there to tell me,
The pot's at the OTHER end!" (submitted by WA2ZYM)

NOTES FROM THE DESK OF THE AWARDS SECRETARY by WB3AMO

The awards activity on 40 meters, over the winter months, was very low. Now that Joe is cleaning up the backlog of QSL cards in the Bureau, I expect to see a lot more applications coming my way.

I am still getting quite a few award applications with many duplicates from previous awards. It really slows down the operation when I have to write letters back and forth, get other cards, etc., to straighten out the problems. A little more time spent on your part, in checking your records on what calls you've used previously, would perhaps help this situation. If you don't have a record of what you've already used on your 100-, 500- or 1000-point awards, I'll be glad to send you a copy. Just send me an SASE and something to cover the copying cost (20¢ a page).

If you're thinking of going to the "Eye-Ball" this year, send a post card to the Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism, One Capitol Mall, Little Rock, AR 72201; and ask for their information package. You'll receive all the information, maps and discount coupons that will help you make the most of your trip.

Hope to see you all, in August, in Dogpatch.

LINES LOST IN THE QRM by WD4CQY

"Nuthin' scares me worse than an 80-year old man bein' willin' to die for his country". (Artus Hamilton, on the Johnny Carson Show.)

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF A VOLUNTEER, Editorial by WD4CQY

The old cliché goes: "If I've got the 'name', I might as well have the 'game'!." Often forgotten is the corollary: "If you've got the 'game', you're expected to uphold the 'name'."

Obviously, if you're a paid employee who develops a history of unreliability, either you'll be fired or demoted. However, if you are a VOLUNTEER, your associates are super-reluctant to ask you to step aside, to make way for one who may be less talented, BUT MORE RELIABLE.

Whenever we accept a voluntary appointment, we say to the organization, "I'll accept the title" AND "I'll do the job to the best of my ability". It has been my experience that oft-times "volunteers" "accept the 'title'" without any thought being given to "I'll do the job". THIS IS UNSATISFACTORY.

If anything, a volunteer should discharge his duties in a MORE SATISFACTORY MANNER, than he would were he being paid a salary. There are two reasons for this observation: First, were you a paid employee, your employer could go out on the street and find someone else to replace you; and, secondly, because your "volunteer-employer" has next to no leverage when it comes to replacing you.

There are those "volunteers", who accept the "name", then pay no attention to the "game", until the calendar-date imminently approaches, when performance is MANDATORY. Then, they either try to "hold back the clock", or they, MORE OFTEN and FAR MORE DAMAGING, decide simply to do nothing. THESE ACTIONS, TOO, ARE UNSATISFACTORY.

Always, there are pressures upon us to "volunteer" to do this or that, but the bottom-line is: "If you can't 'play the game', don't 'accept the name'."

QSPs by WD4CQY

"Florida SKIP" is a regional monthly amateur publication snippets from which have often found their way into the "Centurion". Normally, I've only reprinted bits and pieces, but because of the importance and unique approach suggested, I've decided to print the following article from the June 1982 "Florida SKIP", in its entirety. The article is written by the editor of "SKIP", Andy Clark, W4IYT, of Miami Springs, Florida. Here is Andy's article:

"IN THE BEGINNING"

"FLORIDA SKIP" and ye Editor is undertaking a new exciting project of collecting standard cassette tapes from our remaining old old timers in Florida and world-wide.

These tapes are requested from all Old Timers. They will be cataloged and kept in a fire-proof safe - forever. Tapes will also be available for other old timers to listen and return.

Each person submitting a tape should give his name, call, previous calls and QTH. Tell us all about yourself. How old you are, when you first got started in communications (telegraph, commercial or amateur), the first rig you operated, your military assignments, your ship assignments and any unusual experiences you had in communications. Also mention names and calls of amateurs you know in Florida, active or inactive, alive or Silent Keys. In other words, from beginning to present time in your communications life-time.

As mentioned on the QCWA, OOTC and SCWP nets, Many of our old timers are becoming Silent Keys and when they are gone, so are their many many interesting stories.

Ye Editor is now 59 years old (May 24th) and licensed 41 years and when I pass on these tapes will be passed on to my son Andy Lee, KA4MHL (23) who will continue on with the project or turn it over to a younger amateur.

Well, what do you think? Is this project worthy of your support? If so, sit down to your standard cassette recorder and make a tape for "IN THE BEGINNING" Library and mail it to FLORIDA SKIP OT LIBRARY, P.O. Box 501, Miami Springs, FL 33166. Thank you".

(Editor's Note: This seems to me to be an excellent project for the several ARCs members of which are subscribers to the "Centurion". Of course, you can send your tapes to Andy, BUT WHAT ABOUT ESTABLISHING YOUR OWN LIBRARIES?!)

IF YOU HAVE A FRONT-WHEEL DRIVE CAR, HAS ANYONE TAUGHT YOU HOW TO DRIVE OUT OF A SKID?

FROM THE BOARD ROOM by WD4CQY

The following are extracts from the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meetings, as indicated. For a number of reasons, your Editor is no longer attending the Board Meetings, in person:

At the beginning of the March BoD Meeting, the Board reelected KBØYX as its Chairman.

Joe, KC5ZB was appointed 40 meter QSL Bureau Manager.

The Board voted to combine the 3605 kHz and the 3705 kHz CCN (CW nets) on 3705 kHz. (Editor's note: But, I understand that the CCN was abolished by the May, '82 Board meeting. The "Centurion" has not yet received the May BoD Minutes, however.)

The April BoD was plagued by very poor propagation and heavy QRN. (Your Editor repeatedly tried to check in, without success.) HOWEVER, a letter from WA4SGP which was an attachment to the minutes, states that a Grand Jury in West Virginia is prepared to hear the 3905 Century Club's case against the former Secretary/Treasurer. It will be necessary for an officer of the club to personally appear before them. Your President was planning to appear before them, in early June, if he could arrange his schedule. Otherwise, he would try to appear before their next session, in either September or October, 1982.

(Please note that the April BoD Minutes were taken by KBØZZ, since your Secretary was unable to copy the Board of Directors Meeting.)

"CENTURION" ON TAPE by WD4CQY

Helen, WBØHOX, is receiving the "Centurion" on a tape cassette. I read it onto the tape. Helen has asked me to ask the "readers" for the blind/unsighted/ minimally sighted subscribers if their charges would rather have their "Centurion" on a tape cassette. If so, mail me a cassette (a minimum of 45 minutes, please), and I'll read the "Centurion" onto your cassette. (I can handle only five or six such requests, however; so "first come, first served".) Also, Helen has developed a canvas cassette mailing pouch (which can be sent through the mails, both ways, for FREE), so you might want to check with her, for the requisite design features.

"DO-IT-YOURSELF ARTICLE" by WD4CQY

Since your Editor has emptied all his trash cans and drawers, in an attempt to generate copy for this issue of the "Centurion", without filling up the last page, he has decided to "hold open" the remaining space for YOUR article. Write it down, below, and if you wish, send it to the "Centurion", for possible printing in the next issue. (Quotation marks - " - are provided to guide you in the requisite length.)

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