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From Bob Hall, K4KWN

Comments from Your Editor

Well, it's time to put out another issue of the *Centurion*. Lots of folks have helped put this one together. Bud McClure sent along some info about the CW Nets. Don Chinnery (WB9ONA) spent time in Mexico and has sent a report about the Mexican Amateur Radio licensing procedures. Ron Grew (N7LLL) sent a copy of the Net Check sheet he uses on the Century Club. I have reproduced it and included it with this issue.

Congratulations to Judy Kneubulh, WDØGAH for her election to the office of President of the Century Club and to Don Chapman, W4PNV, for being elected Chairman of the Board. Outstanding leadership for an outstanding group!

Though I have seen it somewhere before, Harry Sparks (AB4OQ) took the time to send along "The Antenna (Hair) Raising Incident" for which we're most grateful.

With the mailing of this issue, we have 113 subscribers with 20 of those expiring. And by the way, I appreciate all of the kind words about the interesting articles. It wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of a lot of you across this hemisphere!

One of the most often mentioned additions to the *Centurion* are pictures and articles about the folks who check in to the nets. I sent a lot of letters out asking for a picture and information about some of the folks who help make this Club go, but no one has yet responded. Not being bashful at all (and wanting to print another picture in so a new target for the dart board would be available), I have taken the editorial privilege to put one in about ME!

Have fun, and hope to see you on one of the nets (if I can ever get money to get those soft finals replaced!)

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Kentucky Walrus Nose

I have been more fortunate than most in that I have had only two call signs in the 30-plus years of amateur radio experience. Born and reared in Springfield, Missouri, at age 16, my first car was a Mercury Comet with a very loose front-end. The call KØVWC (Voice of the Wandering Comet) was apropos. Those were the days of Harvey Wells, Hallicrafters, Globe Radio and World Radio Labs. And with 200 watts of input from the Heathkit DX-100, 250 miles communications distance on 75 meters was a feat! Six meter operation was with home-brew gear. Where those the Good Old Days?



Bob Hall. King 4 Kentucky Walrus Noses

The picture at the left may give a clue to the phonetics of my current call. Standing a little over 6 feet and tipping the scales at 325 pounds, my shape is more like "()" than "><" or even "||". The XYL hung the moniker on me when visiting the St. Louis Zoo Seal Pond. The Grand-daddy of all walruses crawled onto the pool apron. She said, "That walrus' mustache and your's looks just alike!" So now I am the King 4 Kentucky Walrus Noses!

My station isn't impressive - an old Yaesu FT-101-EE with soft finals; a droopy inverted vee up about 35 feet. The Mini-Quad satisfies matching the Yaesu on 10-15 and 20 meters, and the Heathkit SA-2040 Antenna Tuner keeps the RF out of the shack and off the TV on 40 meters.

The Alinco two-meter mobile is a favorite companion. Like lots of folks, I chew the fat and solve the Problems of the World with the same

crowd as we cruise to work each morning.

Writing, reading and gardening are hobbies. Being the Executive Director of a Boys & Girls Club organization with 3000 kids, I get to do too little of the first hobby mentioned, have to do too much of the wrong kind of the second hobby mentioned, and the third usually goes to weeds!

Interested in the Nets?

Daily 75 Meters	3905 kHz	0100-0500Z (Summer)	0200-0600Z (Winter)
Daily 40 Meters	7233 kHz	0000-0400Z (Alternate Frequency 7253 kHz)	
Fri. 160 Meters	1870-1875 kHz	0100-0500Z (Late net 0500-0900Z)	
Sat. 160 Meters	1870-1875 kHz	0400-0800Z	
CW NETS Mon.	40 Meters	7035 kHz	0200-0400Z
Wed.	40 Meters	7035 kHz	0200-0400Z
Sat.	40 Meters	7035 kHz	0200-0400Z

* All frequencies are \pm QRM

Antenna (Hair) Raising Incident

I'm writing in response to your request for additional information for block number 3 of the accident reporting form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of the accident. You said in your letter I should explain more fully, and I trust the following details will be sufficient.

I am an amateur radio operator and on the day of the accident I was working alone on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and hardware. Rather than carry the now unneeded tools and materials down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and materials into the barrel. I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 300 pounds of tools. You will note in block number 11 of the accident reporting form, I weigh only 155 pounds.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming down; this explains my fractured skull and broken collar bone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope in spite of the pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer again to my weight in block number 11. As you might imagine, I started a rapid descent

down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming up; this accounts for my two fractured ankles and the lacerations on my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools, and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked. I'm sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind...I let go of the rope.

"Tuned Circuit," L'Anse Creuse Radio Club Reprinted in HAMNEWS, Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc., March 1990

From your Board of Directors

From Minutes prepared by Ray Grant, WA4SGP

This year's Eyeball will be August 3-5 at Sand Creek Campground at Chesterton, IN. NY9L will be the coordinator.

Don Chapman, W4PNV, has been elected as Chairman of the Board.

ARRL lists Kure Island (part of the State of Hawaii) as a DX Country. The Board voted to accept contacts from Kure Island as either Hawaii or as DX, but not both, for the numeric progression awards. It may also be used as DX for the DX award regardless of its use on numeric progression awards.

John Ross, WB2K, was elected as Second Call Area Director and Wendell Turner, KE6BV, was elected as Sixth Call Area Director.

Cheryl McBride, WA2DKC, was appointed as 75 meter early net coordinator.

The 100 point and all level 1 numeric progression award applications will be changed to remove maximum number of contacts in each category.

Our Award Recipients

from John O'Keefe, NJ3V

75 METERS

100 Point

1685 KM4QQ
1686 KA1DZP
1687 KE8MB
1688 KA1SDI
1689 KA5PVB
1690 KC3YD
1691 KB2FGS
1692 N4VYZ
1693 N5NSX
1694 N8KRP
1695 K0YQU
1696 NO7I
1697 WB4NWR
1698 N2IGW
1699 WD5CPK
1700 KC4IVI
1701 AK5D
1702 N4SSF
1703 N0KOJ
1704 WM0M
1705 N9HFP
1706 NY1A
1707 KC0JB

500 Point

Endorsement

AA5FY
KB4AEX
N5NSX
N8KRP
NN7I
KC0JB

1000 Point

263 WA3TJD
264 WB9FRF

265 W5RDZ

266 N5NSX

267 NY0C

268 KJ4KR

2000 Point

67 KB8RM

68 KE6BV

4000 Point

5 WA2TEW

Alphabet Award

83 KJ4KR

85 N5NSX

First Call Area

N3DRO

Second Call

Area

N3DRO

Third Call Area

N3DRO

Fourth Call

Area

N3DRO

Fifth Call Area

N3DRO

Sixth Call Area

N3DRO

Seventh Call

Area

34 N3DRO

Eighth Call

Area

35 N3DRO

Ninth Call Area

36 N3DRO

Tenth Call Area

37 N3DRO

C/A VE

Endorsement

W7SPN

Nite Owl

Award

81 WR2R

82 KB2FGS

83 VE3HVV

VIP Award

271 KA2ZZM

273 NN7I

Worked All

States

223 N5NSX

WAS

Endorsement

KJ4KR

WAS Capitals

280 N3DRO

285 KJ4KR

WAS CAPS 40

End

N2GFM

NCS AWARD

NU9M

40 METERS

100 Point

1254 N3GIL
1255 WD4CJQ
1256 KK4EG
1257 WM0M
1258 KF7GM
1259 AA5MP
1260 WN7D
1261 NO7I
1262 KM4XX
1263 N8LLD
1264 KC6ASP
1265 KF7SG
1266 WB4NWR
1267 NZ0E
1268 KA1SDI
1269 KA2FES
1270 NV2Y
1271 KQ1N
1272 WT0F
1273 N0BGF
1274 K0YQU
1275 KJ6PJ
1276 KK6CN
1277 N9IVP
1278 WD5CPK

1279 KC1OM
1280 KB9ASU
1281 N5OHL
1282 WA6SNG
1283 WD9GVA

500 Point
Endorsement
KB0ATZ
AB4OQ
NY9L
N9HFP
WA3EOP
WN7D
KJ4KR
N5LIB
AH6JG
KA8BQA
N7MFB
N8KRP
K6FO
WY0Z

1000 Point
202 WB9FRF
203 KA3HBB
204 NY9L
205 KJ4KR
206 N5LIB
207 K6FO
208 AB4OQ
209 K5FNS

2000 Point
49 W0ZTP
50 KA3HBB
51 KD5YQ
52 AA4LB
53 N5LIB
54 AA5CV

3000 Point
13 K8MZA

4000 Point
7 WD0HSJ

Alphabet Award
81 WB9ONA
84 KJ4KR
86 K6FO

Bakers Dozen
Award
126 NU9M
127 W4PNV
128 N5GAP
129 N5LIB
130 K6FO
131 K6FO

Bakers Dozen
Award/Mobile
31 N3DRO
32 WB9FRF
33 WB9OFA
34 KF7JE

Certificate
Hunters
57 N9HFP

Nite Owl Award
37 NU9M
38 WS7C
39 W7PSN
40 K6FO

Nomad Award
23 AB4OQ
24 N7MFB

VIP Award
266 WB9ONA

267 WS7C
268 N7MFB
269 WA3EOP
270 N9HFP
272 N5LIB
274 K6FO

WAS Award
216 N3DRO
217 N7LZK
218 WD4CJQ
219 KK4EG
220 N7MFB
221 N8FJI
222 WB9ONA
224 KA3HBB
225 K6FO
226 N8KRP
227 W0ALW
228 N9HFP
229 KE9SN

WAS
Endorsement
KJ4KR

WAS END
40-45
N7MFB

WAS Capitals
Award
281 KA5MFE
282 K4UQP
283 KA9CNQ
284 AB4OQ
286 KJ4KR
287 K6FO

WAS CAPS 45
END
AA5CV

W/VE
Endorsement
W7PSN
K6FO

160 METERS
W/VE
Endorsement
W7PSN

CW NET
100 Point
28 KM4QQ

*** 500 Point ***
W5RDZ
K5IUO

Interest in CW Nets?

by Bud McClure, K5IUO

Well we tried 80 CW and at it's best, it was no good. Band conditions didn't help us and certainly lack of participation didn't do us any good, either.

I have decided that the 80 meter CW net has been canceled effective now and we will take a look at it early next Fall.

Effective 5 March 1990, we will have a net on each Monday night on 40 meters starting at 0200Z. This will be in addition to our normal Wednesday and Saturday night nets.

We have the pleasure of welcoming Ted (AA5FY) as a NCS on 40 meters. I have assigned Ed (KM4QQ) and Herb (WK9O) on alternate Monday nights; I have Bob (W5RDZ) and Ted (AA5FY) on alternate Wednesday nights and Frank (W3PYZ) and Den (AK5D) on alternate Saturday nights.

We are going to try for a few weeks to run the Wednesday night nets operating at 13 WPM in hopes that we can lure some new operators to join us. The frequency is 7.035 kHz \pm QRM.

Top Award Recipient

Barbara Baum, N3DRO, has again taken top honors as the station which has received the most awards since the last issue of the *Centurion*.

Besides receiving Call Area Awards for all 10 Call Areas, she added WAS Capitlals, WAS on 40 meters, and Bakers Dozen/Mobile.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Letters to the Editor

From Don Chinnery, WB9ONA

The United Mexican States has not entered into a reciprocal licensing/operating agreement with the United States (though the two countries share a third party traffic agreement). In other words, you cannot operate in Mexico as you would in Canada.

Mexico, however, issues operating permits to visiting U.S. amateurs on a courtesy basis. Currently upon issuance of your certificate as a Class II radio amateur (all bands up to 250 watts) you are assigned a call having an XE2 prefix and a suffix utilizing your stateside call. Thus in my case I was assigned call XE2WB9ONA. In other words a 2x5 call. This certificate is valid for six months and is renewable. Note that the call does not contain a "/" (slash or stroke).

The certificate designates a specific address as the fixed location. So while operating from that address, in my case in San Carlos, it would be considered a fixed location, and no strokes in the call. If I go mobile then I would indicate thus as XE2WB9ONA/m.

Previously they used to assign regular 2x3 calls to U.S. amateurs visiting and applying for licenses in Mexican. At this writing I do not have information whether holders of those calls will be renewed under the old call or assigned a call under the new procedure.

If anyone would like information on getting licensed in Mexico, I would be most happy to help them out.

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Call Sign Changes

N0KFA now WV0P
WD4FIP now KM4FC
KA2ZYQ now WB2R
N1ECV now WA1V

N1GIT now KC1OM
N9IHA now KE9SN
N0KWI now WY0Z

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