Old Timers Nite
Saturday, Feb. 16

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VX's Corner

Thanks to Bob, and a true story about going 160

This is my first issue of the *Centurion* and first things first. I would like to extend both my and the Net's sincere thanks to Bob Hall, K4KWN, for his efforts and work as the past *Centurion* Editor and Publisher over the years.

1991 is the twelfth year for the *Centurion* and only two editors have guided it through its first eleven years. I hope I will be able to guide it as well.

Trials and Tribulations

Well, knowing that Santa's gift to the net is a couple of good months of 160 operation, I decided early in December to add 160 to my station.

One of my mottoes I use often with those young know-it-alls with those real short calls is: "I've forgotten more than you'll ever know," and my recent experiences certainly went a long way toward proving that!

I noticed in a QST ad that Spi-Ro had a 100 ft. antenna kit for 160 that included two shortener coils and a lot of other stuff I didn't need.

So I called them up, found out that both coils are available separately at a package price of $30, and ordered them. Sure, 25 years ago I probably would have looked up the article in QST or 73, grabbed that spare piece of 2 in. PVC and wound them myself. But anyway, four days later the coils arrived.

The coils are neatly done in 1 in. PVC pipe and are designed to be spaced 25 ft. out from the center insulator.

This is ideal for me because I'm

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Raccoon Mountain calling

Eyeball set for Aug. 9-11, in fun-filled Chattanooga

RACCOON MOUNTAIN, TN —Yes, it's time to set your plans for the second weekend in August for the 3905CC Eyeball '91. The Raccoon Mountain Campgrounds selected by our new VP and your host R.B., K4UQP, and hostess Judy, WA4JNN, is in walking distance of one of the most exciting fun parks in the South.

The weekend starting Friday, Aug. 9, will combine high adventure with good friends for a really dynamite time. And for the **Non-Camping** types, Raccoon Mountain is just a short 10-minute ride from those cozy air-conditioned motels in Chattanooga.

Here's an opportunity for all 3905'ers to really meet each other eye-to-eye. More details will be available by June, but mark Aug. 9, 10 and 11 down on your calendar today.

R.B. sent along some wishes of just

a few things and people he's looking foward to see that weekend:

- Spence, K0AFY, ***hang-gliding*** from the mountain slopes. No parachute!
- Ricardo, K8MZA, giving legal advice to those that choose to ride the ***ski-lift*** and come down the 1/2-mile long ***Alpine Slide***! Yes, it's a summer version of a bobsled. See just what repeaters you can hit from the top of the lift.
- Judy, WD0GAH, and Don, W4PNV assisting the youngsters on the 4,000 gallon per minute ***Water Slide***! Remember to bring your suits.
- Ben, NY9L, and Pete, K5BM, training Indy 500 drivers into winners on the unique scaled down ***Grand Prix race cars***. (driver's license required.) You'll need both hands to drive, so no mobile will be allowed.
- Carol, N5GAP, explaining all the different rock formations on the 45-minute ***Crystal Caverns*** tour. (For the people who really want to test their equipment, an optional 4-hour tour will show you the whole subterranean waterfalls, natural bridges and domed ceilings!)
- Hale, N5LIB, teaching ***horseback riding*** to 3905'ers who have never been around a horse! Both guided and unguided rides are available.
- Mike, KV1M, illustrating the use of a Camcorder while wandering through the miles of underground ***wilderness caverns***.

The Campgrounds are just across from Lookout Mountain. Facilities available include: pool, bathhouse, laundry, full-service and pull-through sites, grocery and supplies, and game machines.

If you've not been to Chattanooga before, there are plenty of other sightseeing and fun attractions to make you want to stay more than just the weekend.

The Jack Daniels Distillery tour, located on Highway 55 is a bit of a drive but is a classic . . . and on the National Historic Register, too.

Send R.B. a SASE, two-units postage, for the Chattanooga Visitor's Guide. It's a real surprise. R.B., Rt. 5, Box 547K, N. Chattanooga, TN 37405.

1990, Sandcreek Campground, Indiana

Friends gather to network eye-to-eye

Sandcreek Campground was 3905-iated by people fishing in trees, cables running under picnic tables, camcorders photographing camcorders, and Hams trying to operate in rooms filled with loudly talking friends looking over wide-eyed Bingo players still wondering why the Potted Possum tasted so good on crackers. Whatever did the squirrels think?

Highlight of the event was the Annual Service Award presentations to Don Chapman, W4PNV, 40M Net Coordinator, VP and Chairman of the Board; and Ray Grant, WA4SGP, Secretary and Treasurer.

Their efforts over the years are truly appreciated by all 3905CC members.

'Checkins were assigned numbers and the list set up ...'
(Just can't take away those years of 3905CC's training!)

1. AA4LB — FRANK BLANCHARD and GENOA, BIRMINGHAM, AL
2. K5BM — PETE KORS and ETHEL, BLACK ROCK, AR
3. N3DRO — BARBARA ZYARA, STAMFORD, CT
4. KV1M — MIKE ZYARA, STAMFORD, CT
5. K8MZA — RICARDO MEANA and KAY, RUSKIN, FL
6. N0HNJ — DAVE CORIO and PAM, CEDAR RAPIDS, IA
7. KA9PJZ — BOB BATES, WOODDALE, IL
8. WB9ICD — MIKE DANECK, CHICAGO, IL
9. WU9D — MIKE ROHWEDDER and KAREN, BEECHER, IL
10. WK9O — HERB SCARPELLI and KAY, GALENA, IL
11. NO9Y — JIM THREATT and LINDA, MT. VERNON, IL
**12. NY9L — BEN AUSTIN, VALPARAISO, IN
13. NY9K — DAN BOWKER and BETH, VALPARAISO, IN
14. WC9T — LARON BEYER, FT. WAYNE, IN
15. KB9ODU — MARLA JOHNSTON, ELKHART, IN
16. NT9V — ED DRANCHAK, PORTAGE, IN
17. N9HRX — KATIE DRANCHAK, PORTAGE, IN
*18. WD9CNR — BOB HALL and MARILYN, CHESTERTON, IN
19. N8ALL — BILL HINEMAN, INDIANAPOLIS, IN
20. KC9UH — PHIL SPRINGER and NANCY, VALPARAISO, IN
21. WG0E — RANDY DENISON and DOROTHY, HAYS, KS
22. W5DOE — SAM LACK and MARY, DERIDDA, LA
23. N8IFS — RALPH MITCHELL, COLON, MI
24. KA8AEV — JO MITCHELL, COLON, MI
25. NB8R — VINCE ROBEL and RUTH, MIDLAND, MI
26. NE8L — RICH ROERSMA, WYOMING, MI
27. N8MNV — SUE ROERSMA, WYOMING, MI
28. WF8A — DAVE ROERSMA, COOPERSVILLE, MI
29. K0AFY — W. B. SPENCER, JEFFERSON CITY, MO
30. KF0KC — BILL TURNER and GWEN, MOBERLY, MO
31. N0AOP — DAVE WEISS and JOAN, MT VERNON, MO
32. WV0P — COLIN WRIGHT and ERIN, OMAHA, NE
33. N2AWI — BARB CHRISTOPHER, WALLKILL, NY
34. WE2W — TOM CHRISTOPHER, WALLKILL, NY
35. W3PYZ — FRANK ALLING, MADERIA, OH
36. VE3HR — BILL CATE and PAT, SCARBOROUGH, ONT
37. VE3OVX — GARY INGOLD and JOYCE (MOM), CAMBRIDGE, ONT
38. WB3AMO — DAVE WELKE, SUNBURY, PA
39. KA3POA — ED WIECHMANN and TERRY, PITTSBURGH, PA
40. W4PNV — DON CHAPMAN, MARTIN, TN
41. K4UQP — R.B. WRIGHT, CHATTENOOGA, TN
42. WA4JNN — JUDY WRIGHT, CHATTENOOGA, TN
43. KR5N — MARCUS LEATHAM and MAX, THE COLONY, TX
44. WA4RRK — RUBE BURTON, RICHMOND, VA
45. N9DKH — JACOB DERENNE and PATTY, CASCO, WI
46. N9DFR — STEVE KITTLE and CAROL, GREEN BAY, WI
47. WB9FRF — CHARLIE SUTCLIFFE, MADISON, WI
48. KB3GN — GEORGE ROBERTS and MARY, GERRARDSTOWN, WV
49. KE9OI — DAVE CZERNIAK, WHEATFIELD, IL
50. WB0OPI — DON KNEUBUHL, SMOLAN, KS
51. WD0GAH — JUDY KNEUBUHL, SMOLAN, KS

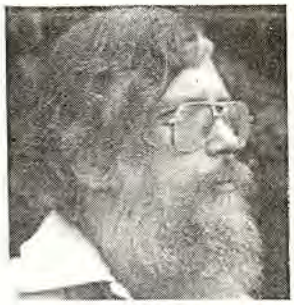
* OWNERS OF CAMPGROUND
** EYEBALL HOST

W4PNV

N8ALL

W3PYZ

WD0GAH


N8IFS

K0AFY

K8MZA

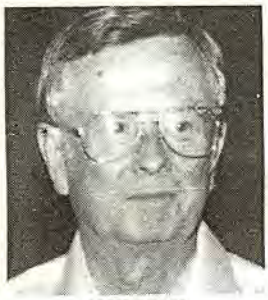
VE3HR

with good food, radio and outdoor fun

N9DKH, KB3GN, and WU9D listen.

KE9OI

K4UQP helps WV0P run net



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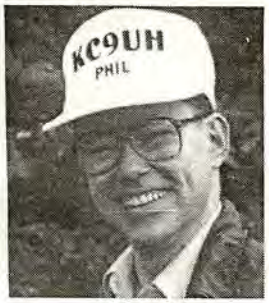

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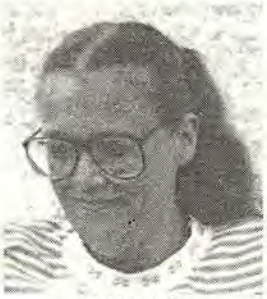

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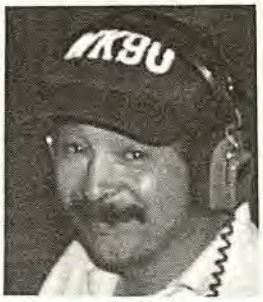

WK9O

N0HNJ

N9DKH and Patty

NY9K and family

KF0KC and Gwen

WF8A and Sharon

Chef NT9V with N3DRO AND NY9L

Saturday night Bingo

1500 CC QSLs in 35k miles: WB6KBB

Two years, 34,649 miles, 46 states, Mexico and Canada, 288 fish caught, and over 1500 3905CC QSLs later, WB6KBB's search for the promised land is nearly at the end. Arlen Hatlestad and his traveling partner, Laura Lee Ragan, N7OKJ, have decided to settle in the northwest, find a fixed QTH, and go back to WORK.

"Our mobileering trip began in March, 1989 when we decided to escape from over populated sunny southern California. We simply got tired of the typical suburban big-city life and desired to find a more relaxed atmosphere in the country," Arlen explained.

An Illinois native, Arlen was first licensed in 1959 and held WA9CLU until he moved to California. At 42, he really hasn't shown previous wanderlust as he racked up 11 years working at TRW Defense and Space Systems in Redondo Beach, and nine years at Pacific Power Source Corp. in Huntington Beach, CA.

"It just seemed natural to allocate a couple of years to look for that just-right place, as well as see the sites."

We will all miss that big mobile signal we've grown accustomed to on both 40 and 75.

KBB's rolling station is a 22-ft Winnebago Motor Home trailing a Jeep. A Kenwood TS-440S/AT is boosted by Metron MA1000B amplifier to output about 600W to a B&W 370-19 motorized Tri-bander (B&W bought the Cubic

KBB operating at his IBM clone, the 440 is on the dash.

Division of Swan and this antenna was the Swan Tri-bander design.)

Three ARCO M-55 solar panels on the MH roof output 7A flat or 10A when tilted up and aimed at the sun. Backup power is a 4.5 kW Onan generator that's only been needed about 150 hours over the last two years.

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located in the middle of a city in an apartment and B&B building that is 60 ft. long on 70 ft. of land. It's three stories high plus attic (My wife runs a Bed & Breakfast if you're ever visiting Newport.)

In 50 ft. I can fit the top of the antenna in the attic, drill two holes under the gutters at the ends of the roof, run the wire out the sides of the house and tie them to the fences at the ends of the lot.

All my antennas in the house are made of insulated #10 wire run in 1/2 in. PVC pipe and in this case I ran the PVC pipe about 10 in. out past the side of the house and from there the wire runs directly down to the fence. The ends of the 160 antenna are about 15 ft. off the ground.

I used to use only the insulated wire (no PVC) until one day when I was tuning up my 40 antenna I accidently left the wire on a copper water pipe near the end of the dipole. It blew that double insulation wire apart with a nice puff of sparks and smoke. . . obviously something that you just don't want to happen in an old colonial house with real dry wood!

Back to the antenna. . .I said naively to myself, "I'll dual band this and just hook this 160 antenna onto the balun I have for my 75 inverted U."

I noticed my first problem when I tried to tune up. Here's where the "I've forgotten" part starts to kick in.

There was no real sharp dip in SWR! And I couldn't get below 3-to-1 anywhere on the band.

Of course all the simple things started to come back to me, especially after the plates of my MFJ 3KW tuner started to put out pretty blue-white lights visible through the meter and I couldn't pump my normal 500 Watts through.

Things like that old chestnut: "Well you know what MFJ stands for," was one of the first.

Fortunately, I had a W1OP (Providence Radio Club) meeting the next night where it was nonchalantly mentioned by one of the old-timer techies (who had just reviewed the theory and put up his 160, naturally) that most of the baluns commercially available drop out below 3 MHz.

And even of those baluns that did claim they worked at 1.8 MHz. . . feeding them with 80 ft. of coax would set up the least desirable 1/4-wave feed line.

I happened to have an extra 165 ft. of RG213, so the next weekend I spent an hour fishing the coax through the house, clipped the 160 wire off the 75 balun and opted for a couple of traditional 25-cent porcelain egg insulators tied together for my center insulator. (You can get away with a lot less when you hang your center insulator from a hook on a 2 by 6 rafter.)

My first test came up with all the things I really like, the MFJ did its job with its traditional sharp dip to 1 to 1, and for the first time someone actually returned a Break into their 1.860 MHz QSO. . .gave me a 59 from NH.

Now see, I knew all this stuff about baluns and transmission lines, and over the past 30 years as a Ham, I've known all this at least four or five times!

So when I say "I've forgotten more than you ever will know." to those younger kids, its because I've had a lot longer time to learn and forget the same old stuff over and over again.

I look forward to working you on 160...73, Vic, K1IVX

★★AWARDS UPDATE★★

NET CONTROLLER AWARDS

★ W5RDZ
★ KE2SM
★ K8MZA
★ W2PHW

CW 100 Point

#33-VE3HR; #34-AA5FY; #35-WS9G; #36-KF0KC; #37-VE4FJ; #38-N4SSX; #39-KB9CAT

CW WAS 40-Endorsement: KV1M

160M 100 Point

#64-KM1T; #65-N3DRO

75M 100 Point

#1735-KD0OK; #1736-KK4UJ; #1737-WB2WPM; #1738-N9HAS; #1739-N3HWI; #1740-KA1IFC; #1741-AA6AG; #1742-KB9A; #1743-AA5ES; #1744-WA1TJX; #1745-WA1SUH; #1746-N0MFJ; #1747-AA8BL

500-Pt. Endorsement: N8FEH; WB0UCI; KD0OK; WB2WPM; KF5IU

1500 QSLs

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Four batteries are isolated from each other using blocking diodes (heavy-current bridge rectifiers). "This way, when one of my 'sleaso' batteries goes south, it doesn't take the rest of them along.

"We've met a lot of RV'ers with battery problems and **ALL** can be traced back to one bad battery making the others continually discharge."

Duties for the four batteries are: #1 — 110AH gel-cell powers the Metron amp; #2 — 110 AH lead/acid deep cycle powers the DC-to-AC invertor for the computer and small AC equipment; #3 — powers the 440, other Ham equipment and living quarters; #4 — a 90 AH lead/acid is used only for the MH's 454 CID engine.

Arlen, who upgraded to Extra on the journey's last leg, and Laura want to extend special thanks to all the members of the 3905CC . . ."who shared their hospitality with us and provided us with a comfortable place to stay.

"We both had a wonderful two years RV'ing and enjoyed many contacts on several Nets, but the 3905CC is by far the largest of the nets, and is great fun."

Now let's see. . .what state would we most like to have a WB and a N call in most. . .Idaho or Oregon?

75M 1000 Point

#272-KE2SM; #273-WD4ALQ; #274-N8FEH; #275-KF5IU; #276-AF5A

75M WAS

#255-K4UQP; #256-KA3POA #257-N4WKX; #259-WG0E

WAS Endorsement: KD0OK; N8FEH

W/VE Endorsement: N8FEH

75M WAS Capitals: #297-KA2ZZM; #299-AA5CV; #301-KF0KC; #302-WA0ROH

75M Alphabet: #92-AF5A

75M Bakers Dozen: #145-KA1IFC

75M Bakers Mobile: #40-NA2A

75M Certificate Hunter: #367-WA3EOP

75M Nomad: #13-WB9FRF

75M Numbers Racket: #17-WA0ROH

75M VIP: #291-WA0ROH; #296-N3HWI

40M 100 Point

#1322-N7MXZ; #1323-KC9UH; #1324-WA6CMM; #1325-N7DZK; #1326-WB4EVH; #1327-WB2STV; #1328-KE2QI; #1329-KA0JJK; #1330-WA5OLM; #1331-KC1MI; #1332-KB5GVR; #1333-KM4FO; #1334-KE0PT; #1335-KJ8F; #1336-N4ILG; #1337-N4SLV; #1338-KF8HM; #1339-N0EYK; #1340-K7AYC; #1341-KC4EGM; #1342-N8KTD; #1343-N7KTP; #1344-K1KFP; #1345-VE3OVX #1346-WI2C; #1347-WA5C; #1348-N0HNJ; #1349-KD0OK; #1350-N2BJV; #1351-N3DLM; #1352-N3EQK; #1353-WY8H; #1354-N8JZH; #1355-N5OHN; #1356-N4XXE; #1357-N7PFU; #1358-KE9VG; #1359-N1HXR; #1360-NX1T; #1361-WA7ELH; #1362-N5PIX; #1363-N7LLL; #1364-WB2WPM; #1365-N0MFJ; #1366-KD4DI; #1367-W2HPE; #1368-N0ALC; #1369-KB7FZC; #1370-N4WAL; #1371-KB0FQC; #1372-N5JUM; #1373-N1WR; #1374-KF5IU; #1375-N7PFX; #1376-N7OKM; #1377-KA1IFC; #1378-N2GFM; #1379-N4YIV; #1380-KA2ZZM; #1381-WZ0K; #1382-WA2QLE; #1383-KE9XR

500-Pt. Endorsement: WV0P, KE7XP, AA8BL, KB0EPE, N3HHE, KF8HM, KD0OK, WB0UCI, N2GFM, WA1TJX, N1WR, WA1SUH, N4YIV, N7PFX, KB3ZA, K1KFP, KB9ASU, N0ELA, N4ILG, WA5C, N3EQK, N3HWI, KB5GVR, N0HNJ, WB2WPM, WY8V

40M 1000 Point

#214-WV0P; #215-K4UQP; #216-KE7XP; #217-AA5FY; #218-N0GBF; #219-AA8AV; #220-K1IVX

40M 2000 Point

#57-WVOP; #58-K6FO; #59-AA5ES; #60-WA2TEW; #61-NB8R; #62-AA5FY; #63-WB2RWT; #64-K5FNS; #65-KV1M

40M 3000-Point: #15-WG0O; #16-KQ0S; #17-W9RMP

40M 4000-Point: #10-KB8RM; #11-N1DJX

40M 5000-Point: #5-KE6BV; #6-W4BKP

40M 8000-Point: #1-N5GAP; #2-K0AFY

★ 40M 9000-Point: #1-N5GAP

40M WAS

#252-KC1NA; #253-KB0EPE; #254-N5OHL; #260-KD0OK; #261-KB5GVR; #262-KF8HM; #263-KE9VG; #264-AA7DQ; #265-WB2WPM; #266-WY0Z; #267-N3HHE; #268-AA6AG

WAS Endorsement: N7PFU

W/VE Endorsement: KC1NA, KB0EPE, K4UQP, N1DJX, KB3ZA

40M WAS Capitals: #298-VE7GPK; #300-WB2RWT

Cap Endorsement: 40/50 K4UQP

40M WAS YL: #25-K4UQP; #26-N1DJX

40M Alphabet: #93-KF0KC; #94-N2GFM

40M Bakers Dozen

#136-K4UQP; #137-AA5FY; #138-AA5FY; #139-KK2M; #140-KK2M; #141-AA5FY; #142-W4BKP; #143-KK2M; #144-WV0P

40M Bakers Dozen/Mobile: #36-WV0P; #37-WB1DSJ; #38-WB6KBB; #39-K4UQP

40M Call Area: #49-K4UQP; #50-K4UQP; #51-K4UQP; #52-K4UQP; #53-K4UQP; #54-K4UQP; #55-K4UQP; #56-K4UQP; #57-AA5FY; #58-AA5FY; #59-AA5FY; #60-AA5FY; #61-AA5FY; #62-AA4FY; #63-NZ9B

40M Certificate Hunter: #66-WB4NWR; #68-WA3EOP; #69-KA4BHL; #70-KB0EPE; #71-N7MFB; #72-WB2RWT; #73-WM9H

DX: #17-W4BKP

40M Nite Owl: #45-N8FJI; #46-KB0EPE; #48-AA7DQ; #49-N7MFB; #50-KF7GM; #51-KF0KC; #52-N9HFP; #53-AA6AG; #54-N3HHE

40M Nomad: #28-K4UQP; #30-K1IVX

Nomad 1200 Endorsement: N3DRO

40M Numbers Racket: #5-K4UQP; #6-KA4BHL; #7-AA5FY; #8-N1DJX; #9-N9HFP

40M VIP: #286-KM4XX; #287-KC1NA; #288-KE9OI; #289-N7DZK; #290-K2LJJ; #292-AA8BL; #293-NZ9B; #294-WB4EVH; #295-KB9ASU; #297-N3EQK; #298-WB4NWR; #299-KF8HM; #300-KA1IFC; #301-KD4DI; #302-WY0Z; #303-WM9H; #304-AA6AG; #305-KE9VG;

40M Poker Player: #8-KE6BV

Call Sign Changes: KK4KN now NX3W, KA9CNQ now WM9H, KK6CN now AA7DQ, WB2NRK now WJ2O, KA9CNQ now WM9H, CORRECT N4SLV to N7SLU WD6HBR now AA6AG, KB0ATZ now KF0KC, KA3PXG now WF3B, WB9ONA now WU9T

DAYTON

Anyone interested in Saturday, April 27, Eyeball contact K1IVX.

Recruiting is a job for all of us!

Every once in a while we all run into perfect candidates (new prefixes, rare states, desires to become nationwide Net Controllers) to join the 3905CC. But even when we take the time to pitch the 3905CC, our perfect candidates often just never show.

We can't really blame them because, indeed, there is a lot to know, especially for someone new to the idea of Working All States or of participating in a net of any sort.

Our net is one of the best nets in the country. We should all be proud of the efficiency and all around willingness to help that our members show.

Wouldn't it be a great step to have a quick little data sheet to send or hand out that would wrap it all up?

Well the ***Centurion*** has come to the rescue. On the back of this page is our first attempt at "The 3905CC Invite." It's the start of a campaign to spread the word.

There are four Invites on the page. When Xeroxed, cut and placed in the hands of ideal candidates, they should help all of us become **3905CC Recruiters.**

This is just version A. We are interested in your comments and suggestions. There are a lot of candidates out there. They just need to be asked.

Communications

On Inexpensive scales for ascertaining small postage weights

I live in a rural area with a 10-mile drive to the post office so being able to accurately weigh outgoing QSL bureau envelopes is a must. I use a small calorie watcher scale that goes up to 16 ounces. These scales are not very accurate and I have come up with a calibration method that works for me.

I purchased three packages of copper-coated BBs for an air rifle at the hardware store. Into four small ziplock bags goes a small piece of paper marked with 1 oz., 2 oz., 3 oz. and 5 oz. respectively ... and enough BBs to come close to the mark. (About 85 BBs to an ounce.)

Post offices as a rule are very cooperative when you tell them that these bags will be used as "weights" to calibrate a small postage scale. In one trip, with a few BBs as spares to zero in on the weight, you now have four standard weights that will combine to provide accurate weights from 1- to 10-ounces for that initial adjustment of the scale.

Everything goes on the scale — envelope, SASEs, stamp, label, and QSL cards —and is matched to the maximum weight per postage unit. When the mailman delivers the mail, he picks up outgoing mail with the correct postage right at my box.

73, Ted, AA5FY

Notes from Alaska

... have moved to Alaska and new job ... picked up a new TS-140S. I can hear the 40M net, but am racing the onset of cold weather to get my radials in so you can hear me. I can hear everyone beginning about 0350Z but not enough late nets are running. Look for me as conditions improve with a new AL7 call.

73, Richard, ex-KF7GM

Notes from a QRP via AA5FY

I've been running QRP on the 75M net for about a year ... it works real good! These nets help me toward my 5-band WAS QRP award. It would be pure hell for me otherwise. Hi!

I'm PR Director for the MI-QRP Club ... one of the largest QRP clubs in the world. On any of our awards ... or other QRP club awards ... or with the ARRL ... it is not required to have the station that worked the QRP'er put how many watts he was running on the card. In fact, you don't even have to put the other station down as QRP. It is just taken for granted you worked stations QRP ... and you must sign an affidavit attesting to that fact. Even if I'm going for an endorsement of under 1W, the other station never knows I'm running QRP until I tell them.

In regard to the CW net, I hope you don't feel I'm disturbing your CW nets with my QRP signal. I'll try not to check in too often.

I know copying a QRP sig is a pain in the rear sometimes. That's one of the reasons we often don't tell a person we're QRP because they get upset or quit the QSO. Some don't even QSL if they know we are QRP! It sounds silly but it's true!

Many Hams don't understand how it works. It's really just a little skill with a lot of help from propagation.

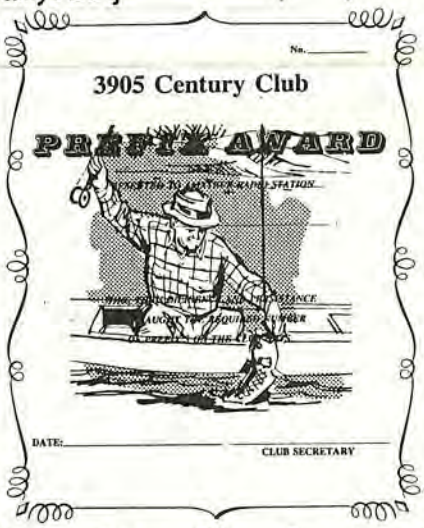
73, Bill, WD8DWM

[AA5FY answered this letter with the club's assurances that QRP'ers are always welcome on all Century Club Nets. ED.]

Notes from the road

I recently upgraded to Extra ... new call is WU9T (old call WB9ONA and KE9XL). Took the exam at the Motley Group's Fourth of July bash at Byers Lake, AK. So far there are two recipients for the DONOMAD Award: #1-K6FO, and #2-W4PNV. *[WU9T's personal DONOMAD award involves a number of contacts with him made in different states. No application is necessary and you will receive it when you qualify. ED.]*

73, Don, WU9T



New Prefix Award

For the first time in many years the 3905CC has launched a new award program. The award details are available through information officer, WA2TEW, with a SASE. Above is a reduction of the 8-1/2- by 11-in. Award which reads: "PREFIX AWARD ... presented to amateur radio station ___ who thru diligence and persistance has caught the required number of prefix's on the club nets."

In the background is art of a fisherman landing what looks like a 5-1/2 lb. Bass.

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CW....M/W/Sa....7.035.5 MHz.....0200-0400Z
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Summer, 0100-0500Z; Winter, 0200-0600Z
160M.....1.870 MHz.....F/Sa.....0300-0700Z
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