

The Centurion

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**KAIHFC
75 Meter
10000 Point #1**

Eyeball Update!!!!

**1996 Eyeball
Aug. 2nd 3rd & 4th
Wallingford, VT**

By Jim Byrd KD5FW

I now have some information on the eyeball and the eyeball site. I hope this information is not to late for you to make your plans.

First the eyeball site itself. Wallingford Lodge is located 12 south of Rutland, VT and west of Wallingford on rt. 140 west off route 7. The lodge itself is one large room with 2 baths, restroom facilities and a big kitchen. There is plenty of shade and lots of room to park. For those of you with RV's you can camp there, but there are no hookups(water in the area(I will have my generator with me for those that might need to use it to charge batteries or whatever.)) You can start arriving Friday morning at 0800 and can stay until Monday morning, but you must leave early. The Century Club Inc., has exclusive use of the site for the entire weekend, so we can make full use of the site.

If you do not want to stay at the eyeball site, there are many motels and campgrounds in the area. Do suggest you make your reservations early, or it may be hard to find a place close to stay, as this is the tourist season. As far as I could find out none of the private facilities were giving any discounts to our organization.

At the time I talked with George, door prizes were up in the air, so cannot give an update on them. Was told that he was working on them. Anyone that has items they wish to donate for door prizes, needs to either get them to George or bring them with them.

The Saturday afternoon meal(from the list you will see) will be an immense affair. The menu is as follows: Roast pig with stuffing, roast turkey, baked potato, corn on the cob, goulash, baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, tossed salad, cake and ice cream, coffee, tea, soda, iced tea, snacks of VT cheese & crackers and chips. From all of this, if you walk away hungry, you have a problem.

At last count there were only around 30 members registered. If you are going George needs to know, this is mainly for planning purposes. The main thing is to know how much food to order. The cost for this years eyeball will be \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for the children 6-12, with under 6 free.

The talk-in freq is 146.880

THE NIGHT BEFORE HAMFEST

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE HAMFEST,
AND ALL OVER THE STATE THE OLD
HAMS WERE SNOOZING, NONE STAYED
UP TOO LATE

THEY'D RISE IN THE MORNING, AND
PACK UP THEIR TOYS TO HEAD FOR THE
HAMFEST, LIKE GOOD LITTLE BOYS

THEY'D FORGET WHERE THEY'RE
GOING, BUT SOON WOULD ARRIVE TO
BRAG TO EACH OTHER, ~WELL, I'M STILL
ALIVE

THEN AFTER DRIVING, SINCE JUST
BEFORE DAWN

THEY'D TAKE ONE QUICK LOOK, AND
IN MINUTES BE GONE

BUT NEVER BEGRUDGE THEM, TRIPS
DEAR TO THEIR HEARTS

THEY ARE MOSTLY RETIRED, THOSE
SENILE OLD FARTS

KDIHH '96

The Centurion will be there!!!

As in the past, when I attend an eyeball, I'll bring Past issues of the Centurion and Eyeball booklets for all to see. There will be some past issues for sale to those that would like to have them, all on a limited scale.

I'll also be there with camera in hand, taking a lot of pictures. If there is intentions of having an eyeball booklet this year, I need to know as much in advance as possible. If y'all are thinking along that line, it will take orders of at least fifty(50) in order for me to do it. This is the minimum my printer will accept for the price he is currently charging me to print them.

Hope to see y'all there

Jim KD5FW

Profiles

Editors Note: The following profiles were submitted by Bob AA3HN. He sent four in all and I intend to use two in this issue and the others in later issues. Anyone else that has profiles they wish to submit, I'll be more than happy to run them. As human beings we like to know about other people, especially those we talk to or hear a lot.

Dave N3TUA

Dave Berish N3TUA just turned 41 last month and has been a Ham since 16 Nov. 1994 and in a span of about four months last summer, upgraded from, Tech to Extra Class. Dave runs his Yaesu FT-990 barefoot but says an amp is #1 on his shopping list. Dave didn't mention his antenna or if he is married. A suggestion Dave if you're married: A few well timed hints and CQ & QST laying around and opened to the page with the desired amp may result in a surprise from the XYL!!! Dave is also an avid county hunter.

Dave started joining the Century Club nets a few months ago, even though his work scheduled allows him to participate only a couple nights a week. Nonetheless, he has managed to make several hundred contacts in the few months since he first checked into the Century Club.

Walt AA3FC

Now meet Walt Kunz AA3FC. Walt's been around for a while(Walt recently celebrated his 72nd birthday earlier this month) but he's also a relatively new ham. Even though he's only been licensed since 12 Jan. 93, Walt has had a long standing desire to be a ham radio operator.

In 1942 when he was only 17, Walt decided it would be great to have a hams license. So, with his 25 cent per week allowance, he saved up and bought an ARRL handbook(Price: \$1.00). Walt memorized the code according to the instructions in the handbook and built a code practice oscillator in a wooden camera case which he found in the attic.

Shortly after graduating from high school Walt joined the Navy and became a RADAR operator aboard an attack transport(USS Custer, APA 40). Whenever he had the chance, Walt would go to the radio room and practice copying code. By the time the war was over he was copying 35WPM and working on 40. Over the follow years Walt studied for the ham test but never had the chance to go to Philadelphia, 125 miles away to take the test.

In November 1992 there was an article in the Sunday paper about a local ham conducting classes in the basement of a local church about 1/2 block from Walt's home. He attended the next meeting and the following week took His Novice test and the 5 WPM code test. The following month Walt went to the VE session prepared to take the Tech test and the 13 WPM code test. Encouraged by some fellows just out of the military to take the 20 WPM test, Walt got 9 our of 10 questions correct!!! With the 20 WPM test out of the way, he went back each month until he got his Extra Class ticket. Since than, Walt has become a Volunteer Examiner.

Walt's advice to those who are struggling to advance is pretty simple: **Never give up!!** Walt's 51 year effort to become a ham is a shining example of that advice.

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Our Hawaiian Trip

Ernie KA4SQL

My wife and I were treated to a trip to Hawaii by our daughter, Kathy. We left Charlotte on a cold windy morning for Chicago, still colder and more windy. To prepare for the trip I bolted TS 430s to the inside of an old suitcase. Then I included a 40 M dipole, cut from # 18 copper clad wire, a 75 M dipole, and parts to set up a mobile whip. I have about 42 states confirmed as mobile and decided that if I could work back from Hawaii, then the remaining states would be a matter of time.

Our house was located on Kauai, the oldest island geologically. The Pacific was to the north of us. By 3 pm local time I had shot a wire over some coconut trees which broadsided the 'mainland', as they refer to the continent. The antenna didn't tune so I got out the frequency analyzer that I brought in place of an SWR meter. It was 22" too long. Where did I err? Without soldering anything I cut some length off each end and wrapped the wire for starters. Voila, Ralph's N8IFS, melodious voice was unmistakable.

Hawaiian time is 5 hours later than Eastern time, so even by 4pm local time, propagation was not sufficiently good for the West coast to hear me. It was not until half-time that the first station began to relay me in. It is frustrating to sit there and hear familiar voices check in, many of whom drop out after the first round, and not receive a Hawaiian call. The study in propagation was revealing. I had given my schedules of intended operation to the Hams in SC, only to find the bands were dead at the time of day I suggested. One heard me check in to CC but his equipment in town did not allow him to make the contact: WN2V, active in the late '70s.

The mobile operation was more of a challenge. The Chrysler convertible that my daughter rented had no visible battery, no metal bumper, and if it had a metal frame it was too far under the car for attachment. A neighbor across the street had been interested in the goings-on, helping me with

the dipoles, and suggested that I might use his Cherokee. It was all metal. Problem was that the mast bar that I had brought along would not position the coil above the top. He had a 40" piece of copper tubing used for plumbing so with the aid of some clamps assembled a whip which came in at 1.1 to 1.

The wait for recognition was even longer. Eventually some stations on the West coast heard me and relayed me in. I could not help but recall the article by Vic Farmer on his Hawaiian trip several years ago about the fact that propagation was one way. Several stations came in '40 over' but only after repeated calls did they hear me. Seven contacts were made while the band was up". Most exciting was the call from Sharron KB0MHH of Duluth with no assistance either way.

The second evening when I tried mobile no strong stations on the coast were heard and it was obvious after the start of the late net I had had my day.

75 meters simply did not work. Not only was the apparent Propagation down but the antenna could not be placed high enough above the ground, and with the metal roofs near by the SWR would not come down. Surrounding our house were 120' Cooke Island pines. The branches had been stripped off by the hurricane but were still alive. If only one of those sight-seeing helicopters would drop a noose around a couple of tops. 160 was on my mind.

Before leaving for the trip I took the names of the Hams of Kauai from Sams'. Two people answered the phone, one inactive 'since the hurricane' in 9/92, and the other active only on 2 N. The repeater was down for our side of the Island plus the fact I missed their monthly meeting. At the Honolulu air port I had time to wait and with my repeater directory located a couple fellows that let me break in. After talking a bit I asked why we did not hear more hams from Hawaii, that the various all-states nets

needed the State. The answer was "that the general belief was that there was not sufficient propagation to try. They were amazed that I not only worked the states portable but a few contacts mobile as well. But I explained that part of the success was that I knew the times that people would be listening for me.

I also wanted to stir-up some interest in 160 M and for more YL's to try, that both were needed for awards. As a result I intend to write an article for one of their club magazines. Since returning I learned that there were stations that you could rent for a fee. In all my conversations on Kauai none of such stations were mentioned.

We had an excellent trip. Next is Alaska.

P.S. There was a two week delay in receiving any/KH-6 cards. In that time I received many cards with nice and also humorous comments.

NET SCHEDULES

M.W.F. 80 Mtrs 3603khz 0300-0500z (CW net)

Daily 75 Mtrs 3903.5khz 0200-0500z
(Summer) 0200-0600 (Winter) (SSB)

Daily 40 Mtrs 7233.5 0000-0400z (SSB)

Daily there are Late Nets on 75 and 40 Meters that start after the regular closing time for the Early Nets and they operate for approximately 3 hours.

M.W.F 40 Mtrs 7053khz 0200-0400z (CW Net)

M.W.F. 80 Mtrs 3.603 +/- 0300z, (CW Net)

Tu. F. Sat 160 Mtrs 1892khz 0200-0500z (SSB)

Sun 40 Mtrs 7083khz 0100-0300z (RTTY Net - 60 WPM/170 Shift)

Listen to net frequencies for more info as to whether these nets are operational and for any time or frequency changes.

These times and dates are to the best of my knowledge correct. I have tried many sources trying to make sure it is correct. If in error please let me know so I can make the necessary corrections

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The Editor's Real Parting Shot

(Reprinted from The Springfield Spark (Vol. II, May 25, 1993, No 5, Springfield, Ohio 45501) with permission from the editor.)

Well, I've been told I created a monster — I mean a ham. Two weeks ago Johnene and I took the train to Omaha, Nebraska, to see our niece graduate from college. And, I got to see the results of the previous trip to visit Johnene's sister's family.

A year ago, Frank (my brother-in-law) was a couch potato. I started telling him how much fun I was having as a ham, found a local club for him, took him to one meeting, and that was all it took to get him started. He is now a general (NOUCG), WAS (phone and CW), 60 DX countries (and counting), and working on 5-band WAS. Before *you* think I'm the world's greatest salesman, I must admit he wasn't a hard sell — he'd been a ham as a kid and also an Air Force communications officer.

But, getting him on the air did make a difference. I only saw the TV on a couple of times like when Johnene and her sister rented a video (Frank and I were too busy in his shack most nights to care). He's so excited, I got excited and worked a dozen states on 40 meters while I was there — If I ever move to Omaha, I've got a start on WAS. But, is he happier? He sure seems so, radio is interactive as opposed to passive TV, and he's a lot more active

outside the shack, too. Those college kids slowed down before he did when we went for my niece's pre-graduation party.

So what's the point? Get active and get some more hams active, too.

It's a lot more fun than waking up to test patterns....

73, Steve, KA8QCS, (Editor)

MORE.. Well, since my brother-in-law wrote that, I've now got 161 DX countries confirmed, am serving as President of the Bellevue ARC, am a member of the Omaha ARC, OMISS, 10-10 International Net, ARRL, and 3905 Century Club. I've also participated in community service activities such as parades, bicycle rides, and the annual Open House at Offutt Air Force Base. Oh, by the way, I upgraded to Extra Class in September 1995. Amateur radio is still as much fun and exciting as it was when I was a rock-bound novice in high school.

Frank Taylor, NOUCG

Later Eyeball Update!!!

The following late information was received by Ricrado K8MZA from Rita KD1BM and relayed to me to include for your information.

I phoned George, AA1ME, and discovered he didn't have many donations for door prizes or a raffle. So, I spent an entire afternoon phoning all the major radio manufacturers. I also phoned two in Connecticut, plus ARRL (donating a Handbook) and CQ Bookstore (told John Dorr to send lots of goodies). I have quite a few commitments for prizes. However, the major radio companies couldn't promise radio equipment, so I may just get caps, shirts and mugs. W4MPY and WX9X are donating certificates for QSL cards.

I even phoned KFC and burger King and followed them up with letters. Hopefully, I'll have 14 responses, all with gifts.

88, Rita KD1BM

Editors note: I will also have two one year subscriptions for the Centurion as door prizes.

Subscriber Notices

Notices are available free to all current subscribers. Deadlines: Jan 15 for Winter, Mar. 1 for Spring, June 11 for Summer and Sept 1 for Fall.

Photographs Wanted!

If you have a photograph of yourself, alone, in the shack or with the family, please send me a copy. I have been collecting Century Club photos for several years and have an extensive collection. If you have a photo of a member you wish to part with please include it so I can add it to my Rogue's Gallery. My address is Rita A. Weed KD1BM 1176 Iranistan Ave. Bridgeport, CT 06605-1121

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☆☆☆☆ Awards Update ☆☆☆☆

NCS AWARD

JIM MOORE **KT4JK**
RON STATZER **WB4HWO**

75 METERS

100 POINT 2105 WA4IZB, 2106 N3TUA, 2107 NIQDX, 2108 N0TDK, 2109 WN7D, 2110 KB7YTV, 2111 K5YAA, 2112 NH6FP, 2113 N8TOB, 2114 N7MFB, 2115 KI7ZH

500 POINT WN7D, N8TOB, VA3DJL, KC7CID, N7MFB, KA1HUI, N2BYM

1000 POINT 349 WD8OTO, 350 W8EDP, 351 KF4FP, 352 N8TOB, 353 N2BYM

2000 POINT 112 WB4HWO

4000 POINT 25 NC8U, 26 KA8MCH, 27 WB9FRF

5000 POINT 19 K2LJJ

6000 POINT 11 KD3XP, 12 KB1VU

7000 POINT 8 WY8V

8000 POINT 4 KF9GP, 5 KA1IFC

10000 POINT 1 KA1IFC

ALPHABET 209 AB7DX, 211 N8TOB, 213 KE7VY, 215 KC0JG

BAKERS DOZ 486 W8EDP, 490 WA1VQY, 491 N8TOB, 492 N2XTT, 494 VE3OII

MOB ENDOR KCINA, KCINA, NICBJ, KCINA

CALL AREA (3) 160 AB7DX

NITE OWL 166 VE3OII, 167 AA1LU, 168 N3TUA, 169 N0TDK, 170 N7MFB

NOMAD 42 WA1VQY

POKER PLAYER 15 WY8V

VIP 462 WA1VQY, 463 N3TUA, 464 W8EDP, 466 N8TOB, 467 KR4DR, 468 KC0JG, 469 VA3DJL

WAS 531 KJ5VV, 535 VE4ROY, 536 AA3FC, 538 KJ5RC, 539 WM0M, 541 WA1VQY, 544 N8TOB, 546 N2XTT, 547 K5YAA, 548 N7MFB

WAS-CAPS 374 WD4OMP, 375 AA3FC, 377 AB7DX, 378 N8TOB, 379 KF4FP, 381 KC0JG

WAS-YL 57 W4NNO

W/VE ENDOR AA1LU, N8TOB, K5YAA

40 METERS

100 POINT 1780 KR4DR, 1781 K2LFG, 1782 XE2UVB, 1783 WB8YZL, 1784 LU2NI, 1785 VE4ACY, 1786 N0ZIZ, 1787 WB6LRI, 1788 WA7VZI, 1789 WA5DTK

500 POINT KF9UJ, KB7YTV, NH6FP, KO6CS

1000 POINT 314 WM0M

2000 POINT 114 KD4EPK

6000 POINT 16 WB9FRF

10000 POINT 9 KD1BM

11000 POINT 5 K6FO

ALPHABET 208 W4NNO, 210 KC4WKR, 212 KF4FP, 214 KE7VY

BAKERS DOZ 482 THRU 485 W4NNO, 487 AB7DX, 488 KI6D, 489 N2BYM, 496 KE7VY

MOBILE 87 WW6E/N6NOG

MOB ENDOR (2) WW6E, N0VWD, N6NOG, KC5BFK, KCINA, KCINA

CALL AREA 1,7 152 AB7DX, 156 AB7DX, 4,8 153 AB7DX, 157 AB7DX, 5,9 154 AB7DX, 158 AB7DX, 6,0 155 AB7DX, 159 AB7DX

CERT HUNTER 177 W4NNO

JOURNEYMAN 17 N7UDT

NUMB RACKET 33 W4NNO, 34 KF9ID, 35 WM0M, 36 W0ALW

VIP 461 W4NNO, 465 WB6RDK, 465 WB6RDK

WAS ALL 2 LTR 545 VE4ROY

2 LTR ENDOR 542 AA3FC

WAS 534 KJ5RC, 537 WB6RDK, 540 KF9UJ, 543 NH6FP,

WAS-YL 56 W4NNO, 58 AA3FC

WAS-CAPS 376 WM0M, 380 KF4FP

CW 40 METERS

100 POINT 67 WN7D, 68 N2BYM, 69 K8PG

500 POINT WN7D

CW 80 METERS

100 POINT 70 K8PG

160 METERS

100 POINT 170 AE1Q, 171 N5OHL, 172 WD4OMP, 173 AA3FC, 174 KI6D, 175 N2BYM, 176 VE4ROY, 177 N0TDK

ALPHABET 3 KE7VY

NITE OWL 6 KA1WHK, 7 KF9ID

CALL SIGN CHANGES

N8IFS NOW KG8WL

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