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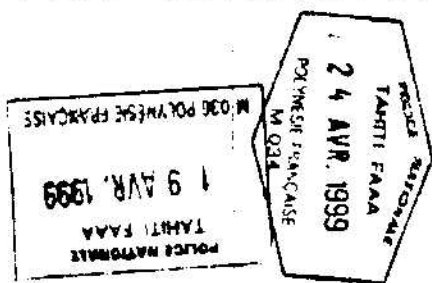
WW6E & WW6C Buck & Mary

Buck and Mary have returned from their trip to Tahiti.

I think most of the net was able to work them both on both 40meters and 75meters using the infamous FOUBUK & FOUBUC call signs:

Then to work port from Hawaii on both nets, what a treat for most of the net.

Buck & Mary stopped by on their way home to show us their pictures and talk about their trip. We tried to work the net but became too busy talking. They also brought me the cutest little doll for my collection. Buck & Mary will have a story about their trip and some pictures next issue.



New Masters Degree Holder

KE3DK, RON COX,

has join our elite group of Master Degree Holders with number # 5.

Congratulations Ron,
great work.



AA1ME, SK

With regret and deep sympathy to his loved ones and close friends, we note the passing of George Branchaud, AA1ME. He actively supported the 3905 Century Club and was only recently voted by the membership to serve as our President.

This alone speaks for the high regard we held for George. It is also remembered that he was host for the 1996 Eyeball event in Wallingford Vermont.

EDITORS CORNER

K6WPK Phyllis

As you can see, the Centurion has a revised format for this issue. It is my intention to provide changes that will contribute to better info dissemination and your reading enjoyment.

Five pages have been included on the 1998 Eyeball held in Bandon Oregon last year. Four pages of pictures and one page of N5SV adventures in Oregon. The photos and articles are valuable inputs to prepare a publication of this type. Thanks to the contributors. Also, I want credit to be directed to KD3O for the front page photo of KE3DK.

I hope you enjoy these changes and, if possible, give me some feedback. There is always room for some improvement and your comments are appreciated.

I am pleased to note that the flower fund is up and running again. Thank all of you for your donations to this fund. This can make a powerful expression of support by 3905 CC to members at critical times.

If you find more than the usual typos, strange terms, etc. it might be "Furbish" talk. Buck & Mary WW6E & WW6C sent me the cutest little black Furbie for Xmas. Thanks much! I have a lot of fun with him while I am on my down time.

WB6LRI deserves honorable mention for the adorable

spotted dog clock to match the spotted dog thermometer he sent me last year. I love it. Thanks again.

W1OK, Dennis wants to make 160 meter contacts on CW (not necessarily on net). He wants to make contacts with OR/ND and Montana when the band is back next Fall. Remind me Dennis. He needs these for ARRL award. Dennis is usually on 75meters before the net if you would like to set up contact.

Board of Directors activity.

We have a new Chairperson for the Board of Directors. W0MYZ, Alan Remington of the 10th call area. The Chairman has the very important role of conducting the monthly Board of Directors meeting.

A motion was made by N5SV that all mobile and portable check-ins be listed at the beginning of each call area from which they are operating before other check-ins are recorded. Seconded by WQ1H. Vote yes 4 negative 6 Motion defeated.

N5SV requested that we include mobile check-ins at the beginning of each call area for May meeting.

It was agreed that N5CD will continue as early net coordinator, and WL7YM the late net co-ordinator for 160 meters.

The chairman, W0MYZ, made the decision to

conduct the board meetings on 40 meters until further notice, the time being 0230Z. The frequency will be announced on 40 meters by N5SV and on 75 meters by N5UJB.

K7NZ has been appointed as the late net co-ordinator for 75 meters.

N7OKM made a suggestion that when a station goes up for grabs no one else is to say "he's up for grabs". It is not clear if a decision was made by the Board. This should be clarified.

K6WPK, The Centurion editor, requested that during half time on the nets, announce that anyone needing information on the centurion to send a Green stamp, no SASE required, and you will receive the information and a copy of the Centurion.

There has been discussion regarding size of the certificates for the Progression awards. Since a new supply of blank certificates has been received by the awards manager, no changes are expected for the time being.

The next meeting will consider how we designate a DX station for award purposes.

All call area directors are to designate an alternate for the board meetings, by the May meeting.

EYEBALL BANDON OREGON 1998

HOSTED BY N7OKM HUGH & HIS XYL

PICTURES COURTESY OF AC6LU RAY & N5SV STEVE

"40M Net Coordinator Goes To The 1998 Eyeball"

by Steve Sparks N5SV
40M Early Net Coordinator

(105 degrees in Texas... 2 coats required at Bandon. Wow!)

This writer has attended all Eyeballs since the Illinois affair at Starved Rock Park; about the last five years. "Bandon by the Sea" offered a beautiful location but it also presented unique problems, as we will see in this article.

Attendance was the usual 50+ and lots of fun was had by all. N7OKM, the host, did a wonderful job engaging an RV park as the Eyeball site. The owner of the park and his family welcomed the Eyeball participants with open arms. In fact, the owner being an ex-arboretist in Southern California was employed as the official "tree climber" for the antenna installation. Nothing could have worked without his expert help.

For my own story: I used some of my American Advantage miles and traveled by plane to Los Angeles, where I was met by Bill. KO6CS. Within a couple of hours we started our trip to Oregon in Bill's 1 ton Ford truck with the famous "Power Stroke Diesel". This machine had no problem hauling us, Bill's FT900, Henry 1 kW mobile amp, and his Bug Catcher.

The trip took about one-and-a-half days and we operated just across the Oregon line, mobile, for the 40M Early Net that evening. Great fun! Arriving at the Eyeball the next day, we found we were in need of "growing" an antenna for the 40M net. The mood was "Let's get started". On the plane to LA I designed a two element wire beam - just in case. Ha! The local Radio Shack and Hardware Store provided all the materials we needed in exchange for cash. With the help of the early bird attendees and the park owner, that antenna was up in about a half day. The design came from an ARRL publication, Low Band DXing by ON4UN. Turns out that even at 30-40 feet high, a two element beam has 6db gain in the favorable direction. I was real worried about running the 40M Early Net from Oregon, knowing the problems we usually have hearing from that direction. Well, Murphy left us alone and the reports came in that the beam was working great! Even the Oregonians were amazed. There just might be an Antenna God.

Everyone seemed to have great fun. Lots of activity: a presentation by the ARRL Director for that region; drawings for prizes, with tickets sold on site and let me tell you an awesome Salmon dinner prepared on site, on the grill by Hugh N7OKM and his wonderful wife. Many, many thanks, Hugh! It was even better than advertised!!

Well, folks- that's a few notes from this writer. Just a last note: the antenna/beam was shipped to Jeff WA1VQY for use next year. (Jeff, I'll call you.) And for the 5~ year this writer provided 40M station equipment. This time it was a briefcase TS 50 and a 30L1 amp. We'll see about next year.

See you at RI Eyeball. 73's de N5SV Steve.

