

THE CENTURION

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Special — Eyeball 2001!!

Dates for Eyeball 2001 have been set for July 27, 28 & 29, 2001 in Washington State, hosted by W7DO.

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THANKS DAVE!

After 5 great issues in 2000, Dave WQ1H has passed the Centurion Newsletter on to KV4SG. We appreciate the work that Dave did with the newsletter and the high standard of quality he brought to it in each issue.

Thanks again Dave and best wishes.

Always open to ideas and suggestions, feel free to contact me at kv4sg@arrl.net

- Bill KV4SG

THE MOTHER OF ALL NETS 3.904—75 METERS

With the large number of nets operated by the 3905 Century Club (13 at the current time), sometimes new checkins ask where the name came from.

Well, it came from the Mother of all The Nets—which began in 1976 on 3.905 with the first net operations on 75 meters.

The “home net” is still alive and well while the club has extended operations into three other bands and three other modes.

Today there are 3905 Century Club operations on 20, 40, 80 and 160 meters on modes including SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK-31.

Each band and mode has its regulars and devotees but one thing in common is that many of the people you hear or print on the other bands are often heard on the original 75 meter phone net.

There are probably some people that never venture off of

one band or mode (there are actually some people that ONLY work CW) - bless their hearts.

There are others who make a point of being on every band and every mode, all working towards every award they can think of.

The 75 meter phone net still has some of the original members checking in like Jim—KD30—who is one of the original charter signers.



There are also regulars that have been on the 75 meter net for what seems forever.

Calls like WY8V, W1BML, WOMYZ and KA1IFC have been heard there for many years.

Often you will hear W9HG, Howard Gould, who was the first President of the 3905 Century Club.

Other long time members (including charter signers) are frequently heard such as WA9KKM (charter signer), W9FRF, KB3PU, K5WSC, WOALW and KD4IN.

All of these members have certificate numbers on 75 meters under #200.

So if you haven't visited the home net lately, stop by and say hello to the Mother net.

And by the way, the net can be found on 3.904. Go figure!

The 75 Meter Early SSB Net meets every night, 365 days a year at 0200 UTC.

The Late Net operates on the same frequency beginning at 0600 UTC immediately following the Early Net.

The Net Coordinator for the 75 meter Early Net is Earl, WY8Z.

The Late Net 75 meter Net Coordinator is Fred, KN7Z.

K1BVT TAKES OVER FOR KD3FM AT THE 75 METER QSL BUREAU

After several years of outstanding service to hams on the 75 meter net, KD3FM—Carole Hetzler—has stepped down from the role of QSL Bureau Manager.

Carole is currently fighting a brave battle with health prob-

lems and is focusing all of her energy on winning the battle. K1BVT—Arnold Utten was recently appointed the new QSL Bureau Manager for the 75 meter SSB Net. Arnie is a long time member of the club and is a welcome addition to

the QSK Bureau team. Address information for K1BVT can be found elsewhere in the newsletter.

In the meantime, all members of the club wish Carole the best of success in her swift recovery.

MEMORIES OF EYEBALL 2000

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

By WK5S Steve in Texas

Having picked up Bill KO6CS on Wednesday and working the MO/IA line mobile that evening, we arrived in Cedar Rapids Thursday just after lunchtime.

Hawkeye Downs was huge. Except for the street construction it was very convenient to get to. The motels were close and in typical Iowa fashion they were clean with friendly proprietors.

Among the first arrivals on Thursday were the Host Larry K0LJ, AC6LU Ray, and Jim N5OHL.

After much discussion, sites for the radio stations were picked and trees identified to support the antennas. Folks, let me tell you, if you ever need to have a rope slung over a high tree to hang an antenna you must think of Jim N5OHL. He is by far the heavy weight champion for throwing a wrench with a rope tied to it over a TALL tree. WOW!! Thanks Jim.

The 80M station was provided by K0LJ, his personal station brought to the Eyeball site and the 40M station was provided by yours truly - an FT1000MP and a 500W Amp.

Holy Smoke! Everyone was floored on Friday night about 23:00 Zulu when the auto races started up next door about 200 ft away. You talk about QRM, WOW!! I don't know how we did it but we seemed to manage through those evening's nets. It was not pleasant.

Saturday we had our customary Eyeball BOD meeting and believe it or not we had a quorum of Board Members.

Thanks to Gary W7DO and Lynette KD7BVO the Board was able to confirm the Eyeball host for 2001 and the location. Host is Gary W7DO and the site is the capital in the state of Washington, Olympia. This should be great fun next year. Everyone plan ahead.

In the afternoon after several speeches, one on PSK-31 and another by Peter N2XTT on Century Club Awards, the President made his annual speech and handed out forty 3905 Century Club President's Awards.

A lot of people did a lot of good things this past year. I am proud to recognize them for their contributions. Then came the good stuff, the traditional Saturday dinner.

Boy, Larry K0LJ did it up big! In the IOWA tradition the group was presented with a whole stuffed pig including the apple in the mouth, Iowa sweet corn on the cob and lots of other trimmings. A meal to remember. Then came the raffle drawings.

The raffle drawing was quite an event. Harry KX8W made so many trips to the front to collect his prizes I had to bring him water to keep him going. The grand prize, a Yaesu FT840, donated by Bill KV4SG was won by Conrad K1EC.

Congratulations to all the winners. It was fun for all.

By the way, Larry K0LJ provided a cake with the Saturday dinner and it was decorated with all the call signs of those attending the Eyeball.

Saturday evening saw everyone doing a lot of "eyeball" contacts and a lot of "war stories" being told. The nets ran much smoother with no race cars. A special thanks to those who stayed late and ran the late nets. Good Job.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next year. -
73 Steve WK5S

EYEBALL PIX GALLERY



The "Eyeball Cake" presented by Larry K0LJ and XYL Juanita, with attendees' call signs in the frosting.

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Here we see the "RTTY Desk" with Harry KX8W operating and (left to right) Lon K0WH, Frank AA0ZP and John AA9ZB looking on.



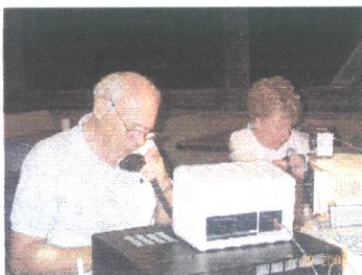
Meanwhile, after a busy series of contacts, here is Ray AC6LU filling out QSL Cards. A special "Eyeball" QSL card was available for contacts made from the Eyeball site.



Here is a shot of one of the phone desks with Steve WK5S, Hugh NT4Z and Mary W7HPA seated, with

Lon K0WH (L) and Bill N5FLD standing..

One of the Net Controls at the Eyeball site was Hugh NT4Z, here running the 40 meter net with Mary W7HPA



patiently waiting her turn at the Mic.



Occasionally everyone needs a break from the QRM. Here is Bill KO6CS getting away from it all.



One of the benefits of the Eyeball was that stations were heard on RTTY that usually are not there during "normal" nets.

At the operating position is Harry KX8W with Jay W9JAY sitting next to him, also patiently waiting.

It was a busy three days and sometimes you just felt like sitting down and resting, like KE9OI here.



Conrad K1EC, the smiling winner of the grand prize at the drawing – a Yaesu FT-840.

The Eyeball 2000 hosts, Juanita and K0LJ Larry Johnson, now a Silent Key.



Miss Gladys, WB2RWT with the personalized special QSL Card presented by Peter N2XTT to all the attendees.

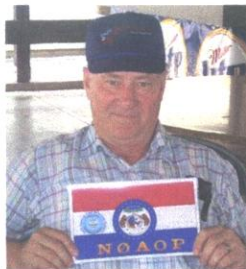
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Scott NA7SS, one of the club's many mobile operators that brings so many states on board the nets. Thanks for being there, all of you!

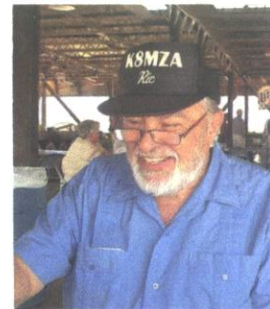


Callsign on shirt does not agree with hat. KK..., no K4..., no KV.... Whatever. Bill from Georgia.

Dave N0AOP, holding his personalized QSL "flag", is another popular contact on the nets with a new state every night.



Ricardo K8MZA is smiling while he picks up another 1000 point certificate. Pretty soon we will need an award for "Working All K8MZA Certificates".



Buck WW6E and Mary WW6C, bring several states and modes on to the nets as well. They are most commonly heard mobile or portable OK or MO.



Gary Martek W7DO, the 2001 Eyeball Coordinator, with his personalized call sign flag. Gary is being assisted by KD7BVO (Lynnette) on the Eyeball to be held in Washington.

No, this is not an NCS volunteer after a hard night of QRM. It was the main course at the Eyeball dinner on Saturday afternoon.



On 'Racing Night' it was kind of lonely around this operating desk during an eyeball net session.



Richard W5IL, one of the busiest relay stations on all of the nets with a great signal out of the Southwest.

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TOM'S COLUMN

by N8DXR

Last issue, I stated one of the topics to be covered in this column would be why a new edition of the Cross Reference has not made the web page – mainly, due to unresolved technical problems. Events have forced me to focus on another topic and leave that one for the next issue.

This month let me expound on why there is a need for us to learn what has become of our club members who are no longer active in radio.

One benefit of the CR files is that we now can keep up with call sign changes, be they new issues (Vanity call or not) or simply status. So far, 169 club members are listed by the FCC as being inactive, meaning their two-year renewal grace period has lapsed. More than likely these stations are now Silent Keys, but for one reason or another word of their passing has not reached the FCC so their calls can be vacated.

Case in point was the search to determine what became of Wilfred/K0AFY. While the various call databases listed him even though his license expired in 1997, no word had been heard from him for at least two years. That changed during last summer's Field Day, when I had the chance to work Herb/W0AFY, also in Missouri.

I mentioned to Herb that his call was very similar to Wilfred's, and he floored me by letting me know that he KNEW Wil and would be willing to find out what had become of him! I took Herb at his word and got in touch with him; over the course of the next few months, I received several emails letting me know he was still searching out information.

Finally, Herb got in touch with Wilfred's daughter, who told him that her father was in a nursing home in the final stages of Alzheimer's disease and that his days on the radio were over. So, finally, at least we knew and Wilfred's numbers were subsequently moved to the Rusty Key roster while we waited for the inevitable. That came when the January edition of QST listed Wilfred as a Silent Key, and we closed the file on a member who had reached his 13k award on 40 meters and his 8k on 75. More on that feat - and someone who is looking at an unexpected club first - in a bit.

Wilfred's passing also leaves the club facing a quandary that may have to be discussed by the Awards Committee in the near future. A check of his Cross-Reference entry reveals he held three # 2 point awards on 75 meters and NINE # 2 point awards on 40 meters. That means those numbers are no longer valid as wild cards on the Poker Player award – second only to the DX award as the hardest one in our extensive collection to achieve – and holders of that coveted number are getting few and far afield, as at least one other (K3TYW) is also a SK and a third (KE0LP) has been listed as expired since 1997.

Also, thanks to a member who checked the club's web page we have word of another SK: KA7GYW, who had passed away back in February 1987 of stomach cancer. We had listed him as active on our rosters until 1998 when the CR was created and the lists were updated. Now, with the help of someone reading our files, we have that settled.

Now, another update, this one on those stations chasing the Masters' Degree. Last month, I highlighted four stations that have met the point award needs and listed what others they needed, and their comments.

We can now add a fifth to that list: KD3FM, who got her final point awards – 1k and 2k on 40 meters and 40 meter CW – in December, right around Christmas and just after the Centurion went to press (what timing, I must say). Now all Carole needs, according to an email message, is confirmation of two 40 meter DX contacts and the plaque – along with the honor of being the first YL to earn the honor - will be in hand!

Also having a great run, as of late is W0MYZ, who needed eight DX contacts on 75 meters as of last issue. Word has reached us that Al has now got at least six of those eight in the bag – and is approaching eight, if he has not already done so - and is just awaiting his cards.

As we went to press, word also reached us that KK2M no longer needs to worry about getting the Net Controller award:

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Art has become only the fourth station – joining KI5RN, N2XTT and W0MYZ – with the Poker Player award on both 40 and 75 meters! Art's certificate is the 29th for that award, first granted in 1980!

Finally, an update from lower in the list. A check of the rosters revealed that K7MFG actually has the points awards met; left out during the CR overhaul this past summer (in fact, I'll bet I even missed it when I developed it the first time) was his 80 CW certificate # 30, and he has since added his 4k award on 40 meters and gotten his 20 meter RTTY basic award. So what is left for Gordon?

"I am in need of just three awards in all," he said in an email. "On 40, I have 23 countries worked but only 20 confirmed, plus I need only one more contact to complete the Poker Player. On 75, I still need 15 DX countries and for those of us out west it's pretty tough on the early net to hear the DX stations. Anyway, it's a big challenge to look forward to." On that Poker Player contact, Gordon says he only needs one more Straight (the consecutive letter suffix) to finish off the application.

Yet even though Gordon is done with all his point awards, KA4BHL still has company among stations needing just the 80 meter CW certificate to finish. WQ1H needs the same award.

Lastly, recall Wilfred/K0AFY and his point awards on 40 and 75 meters. Without much notice, one member is working toward an achievement that may be as meaningful as a Masters' Degree. In December, WB2RWT earned her 11k on 75 meters to go with her 8k on 40 meters, making her the first station to reach those levels on two bands since Wilfred; she got her 9k on 40 meters the following month. So far,

This means Gladys is on pace to....TWO bands; so far, the only competition she has (although he's not quite in outright hot pursuit) is KD1BM. Which begs the question: Just how far ahead of the competition are these two?

Take a quick look at a check of the Cross Reference for the highest point levels other stations with at least one 10k award have on two bands, ranked by how close they are to this achievement, as of the January 2001 posting of new award holders and certificate numbers and make up your own mind:

	40m	75m	In comparison:		
N2XTT	10k	7k		40m	75m
AB6TX	10k	6k	KD1BM	10k	7k
K8MZA	23k	5k			
KG8WL	14k	4k	WB2RWT	9k	11k
WY8V	1k	11k			
KA1IFC	100 pt	11k			
KO6CS	11k	100 pt			
AC6LU	11k	100 pt			
K6FO	12k	100 pt			
K5FNS	10k	NONE			

A very sad aside: During this column's preparation, we received word that Jerry/W4BKP - who held 10k on 40 meters and 7k on 75 (same as KD1BM) - passed away after a long illness.

Space limitations dictate that I hold off for now on the CR feature I mentioned earlier; that will be in the next issue! Until then, catch you on the bands as best I can, and please pay attention to those listings that are being printed! Any info you can supply us, feel free to contact any CCN

officer or me and we'll take care of things as soon as possible.

Anyone wanting diskette copies of the Cross Reference AND the newly laid out numeric rosters – including files with the Masters' Degree and Poker Player holders AND the dates each CC net started (for awards purposes) get in touch with me! For now, good DX!!

N8DXR

Tom in MI

PROFILES OF YOUR CLUB OFFICERS DIRECTORS & VIPs

RON RUDINOFF N3EQK 3rd AREA DIRECTOR

Editors Note: Beginning in this issue we will profile members of the Board of Directors and officers of the 3905 Century Club. These are the volunteers you selected to provide the leadership of the club.

The first one in this issue is the new Third Area Director, N3EQK, **Ron Rudinoff**.



N3EQK Ron Rudinoff lives in the Price's Corner area just outside of Wilmington Delaware. Following is what Ron submitted for his profile.

For over 37 years I was an employee of the DuPont Chambers Work in Deepwater, New Jersey.

I managed the Preventive Maintenance Program, Pressure Vessel and Relief Valve Inspections Procedures, managed the Contract Coordinating of all the Contractors working in the Jackson Lab Facility, and was responsible for the safety applications for all maintenance personnel.

My first introduction to ham radio was due to the guy next door. He built his own equipment and had a bunch of stuff, which I now recognize as excess Army equipment. He is still active on 2 and 6 meters and holds the Old Tech License.

I spent my youth doing such ornery things as camping, cooking, hiking, earning merit badges with the Boy Scouts. One year at Scout Camp, I made the hit parade.

The Radio Merit Badge required us to learn the Morse code, and build a crystal radio. I was able to do this plus I won the free style swim meet. That was a norm for me at the time since I WAS lean and lanky.

In 1977, I went to classes here in Delaware and got my Novice License. Because of life circumstances, like raising kids, getting divorced, moving to Delaware, I became inactive. (Never really cared too much for CW. Fun at slow speeds, but not for me as an evening of entertainment.) Some time in 1990- 91 I upgraded to general class.

Then I got introduced to the 3905 CC and was befriended by a gentleman named Ricardo K8MZA. Following his example I worked all states including Alaska and Hawaii on 7233.500. My other hobbies are lawn and garden, guitar, recording tapes, cutting my own CD's, personal computing, grandkids, and Geri, my wife of almost 21 years.

My email address is n3eqk@wserve.com. Please feel free to communicate.

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RON STATZER K4RWS 4th AREA DIRECTOR

The 4th Area Director is Ronald W. Statzer, K4RWS. Ron has been an active member of the 3905 Century Club since 1980, holding certificate # 787 on 75 meters.

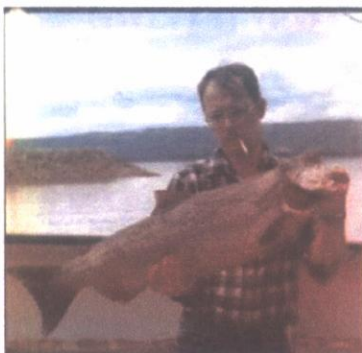
Ron is retired after 20 years in the U.S. Coast Guard as a Chief Electronic Technician.

He now works for the Coast Guard as a Civilian employee as an Avionics Technician, rebuilding H60 Jayhawk Helicopters.

Ron has been a ham radio operator since 1967 (original call WB4HWO) and holds an Extra Class license.

Ron also serves the 3905 Century Club as the Awards Manager for the 4th Call Area and is entering his second year as 4th Area Director.

The Statzer family lives in Elizabeth City, NC – just a few miles from the Coast, in the Northeastern



corner of the state. The family, aside from Ron, includes his lovely and tolerant bride of 25 years, Edna Earle. Ron and Edna have two sons, Matthew (18 years old)

and Ryan (10 years old).

Ron's most recent project was in assisting his son Ryan on a science project, proving that water doesn't conduct electricity. (yep – it's true – Ron convinced me).

Other interests include fishing. Most American males have a "fish" story to tell but Ron furnished the proof of catching a 25 pound salmon on a 3.5 ounce fly rod in Alaska, as shown in the picture above.

Ron can be contacted via email at k4rws@surfnetnc.com.

MAYNARD ANDERSON AA9ZF 9th AREA DIRECTOR

The 9th Area Director is Maynard Anderson, AA9ZF, who lives in Athens, Illinois with his wife. His age is 58. He writes...

I was first licensed in 1977 as a novice. KA9BQA. I upgraded to General in 1979. I earned my 100 point on 75 meters on Dec. 12 1986 - #1408.

In the fall of 1996 I once again discovered the Century Club. I checked in on 3.904 and have been there since. I upgraded to advanced in 1999 and upgraded to Extra in 2000 when I changed my call to AA9ZF. I have my 1K (392) on 75 Meters. My 2K application on 75 is ready to submit. I have my 100 point on 160 (257). I am just getting started on PSK 31. I plan to spend some time on 40 Meters, and also to polish up my rusty CW.

Lately I have volunteered to do duty as NCS on 75 late net Saturday, and 160 late net on Wednesday nights. I enjoy being NCS, and I hope that I have done a satisfactory job. If not, I'm open to suggestions.

My main station is a Kenwood TS 430-S. With a Dentron Clipperton L Amp. I also use a Kenwood TS 520-S with an Ameritron Amp for 160. The antenna farm is a Mosley TA-33 at 50 ft. and a gap Titian DX mounted on the roof of my garage. I use a Double Zepp on the low bands fed with 450-Ohm Ladder line. The Antenna on 160 is an inverted L

In my personal working career I have been in management for over 25 years. All of those with the same company. When I find something that works I stick with it.

I like to play around with computers, and have built several of my own. In my younger days, I did a lot of work on cars. (1960's Era Muscle Cars) But these days it's a little tougher to get out from under them.

I am looking forward to working with the members of the ninth district, and the new Board of Directors. I encourage any member who has a problem or suggestion to contact me. I can't promise to solve everything, but I will do the best job for you that I know how to do. 73, Maynard Anderson AA9ZF

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Steve Sparks, WK5S, I'm in Texas

3905 Century Club President

I was first licensed in 1958 as a novice KN0JGP. I was mentored by a partially blind person, Fern Koskivich, W0FBY, in South Sioux City, NE.

Being 16, with not a lot of money for equipment, I made a lot of CW contacts. My other friend had a Collins Receiver and a Viking Ranger and a beam. Lots of 15M CW.



I was next Licensed in 1966. Can't remember the call. I took the General class test at the FCC Office in Los Angeles and

passed. Had a set of Drake Twins and did a lot of Phone patches for the Military guys in the South Pacific on 15M. Had a lot of fun. Learned code from a 78rpm record.

The next time I was licensed was in 1993. By this time my oldest son Steven, KB5RSY, had earned his Tech License.

I attended a Hamfest with him and he talked me into going in and taking some tests to get my License. By noon I had my General Class. Funny how you do not forget code. A month later I had my Extra Class. This was October or so. I bought two Yaesu FT-890s consecutive serial numbers.

I told my son that if he passed his general by Christmas he could have one. He passed on the 23rd of Dec. He was happy. The second FT890 is in my Suburban for my mobile operations, along with my ALS-500.

Funny as it may seem, it was my son who got involved with the Century Club first. He would borrow my Suburban and check in mobile TX cap. It took me a couple of months to get hooked.

He and I both attended the 1994 and 1995 Eyeballs together. Had a lot of fun.

My current station uses two Yaesu FT-1000 MP Mark Vs. One for transmitting/listening on the beams and the other for listening on one of five receive antennas. Two Beverage, 540 ft loop up 90 ft, a 160 magnetic loop, a 40M magnetic loop. I am always trying to "hear" better.

73 WK5S Steve in Texas

THE CENTURION EDITORIAL DIRECTION

As Editor of the Centurion, my goal is to provide information not normally found from other sources such as the Club Website.

There will always be some overlap and I look to KD3O Jim for lots of historical information as the need arises.

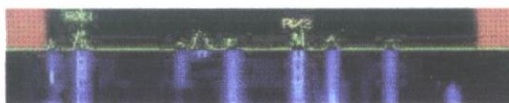
In addition, the goal includes printing information that gives more depth to some of the things we do in the Club, invite Net Coordinators and other VIPs to share their views and information, and generally provide the means to get to know the people behind the microphone.

Article submissions are welcome and invited. If you feel that you are a frustrated, non-published columnist, well, you may find a home here in the Centurion.

You can contact me via email anytime at either of the following email addresses and I generally check them several times a day unless I am traveling.

73 de Bill KV4SG
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THE 20 METER PSK-31 NET



Since the inception of PSK-31 a few years ago, its popularity has surpassed other digital modes with the newer hams. Even the die-hard RTTY and PACTOR users have experimented with PSK. With basic, low budget equipment, you can get on PSK with little hassle.

All you need is a little patience, an old computer, an interface and a radio. With its low power requirements and small bandwidth, it makes for perfect QRP or portable operations. As Dave (N1YVV) has proven, you can even use an old Drift-O-Matic and get good reports as long as you don't mind the frequency shift.

Since the net's debut in January, we have had a total of 27 different checkins from all parts of the country and even a few DX.

Because I am rather new to the 3905 Century Club, I am going to take this time to give a little background on myself.

I was born in Anchorage, AK in 1977. My father's military career has taken me to different parts of the country and the Caribbean. While living in California I became interested in radio.

I started listening to short-wave stations and found the CB band. Soon after that I was on CB and talking to friends. That grew old as I wanted to start talking to DX stations.

While on vacation in Florida my grandfather showed me his TS830 and had a QSO with a station in Japan. After that I was hooked. I started studying and when I got to Puerto Rico, I got my Tech no-code. About 6 months later I got my 5 words and started on 10 meters.

About 7 years later after the restructure of the FCC requirements, I decided to get my General ticket and a few months later got my extra. When Bill KV4SG made the announcement about PSK on 20 meters, I sent him an email and asked him if I could help. Since then, I have been involved with it far more than I expected.

With all the digital nets active in the Century Club, we (all the digital net coordinators) have

decided to come up with some things to help promote the digital nets. Keep an eye/ear out for details in the weeks to come.

If anyone has questions about getting set up on the nets, contact your local net coordinator or net controller and they should be able to help you get it all set up. It is rather simple and in the next issue of the Centurion, I will give you a breakdown of what is needed, the settings, and whatever else I can think of.

For now, 73's and good DX

John Van
K1LYV
20 Meter PSK-31 Net Coordinator

2001 ELECTION RESULTS

The 2001 Election on the Air was conducted by Frank AA0ZP on both 40 and 75 meters January 30th.

The election results for the odd numbered area Directors were announced along with the final results of the President and Vice President election.

WK5S Steve Sparks in Texas was re-elected President for another term and KV4SG Bill Martin in Georgia was elected Vice President.

The election results were also announced for Area Directors and the results are listed below.

1st Area – Bernie Cass KE1KT in New Hampshire

3rd Area – Ron Rudinoff N3EQK in Delaware.

5th Area – Jim Arterberry N5UJB in Oklahoma was re-elected to another term.

7th Area – K7MFG Gordon Love of Utah was elected.

9th Area – AA9ZF Maynard Anderson from Indiana.

The new DX Director is VE3DZR Dwayne Randle in Ontario.

LIVING ON A MOUNTAIN IN THE WINTER

Some of you may have seen the tag line from my emails, "Living on a Mountaintop, etc.". Well, it is great living up here but it has its moments – like this winter.

Living out in the country, literally at the end of a dirt road, things can get exciting or at least interesting during bad weather. This winter was no exception.

In late December we got 8 inches of snow and the temperature was in the low teens – not good for this old Southern boy. One morning I was up early, dressed in a pair of gym shorts and a T-shirt, and decided it was time for the dog to go outside.

While on the back porch, trying to let the dog outside, the goat was trying to get inside (she doesn't like cold weather either). I was trying to get back in the house while keeping the animals under control. That's when I discovered that I had locked the door behind me.

Not to worry. I have a key hidden outside, but it was for the door on the other side of the house. So, grabbing the key, I left the dog and goat to sort things out for themselves and took off (again in gym shorts, etc.) around the house.

The cats by this time had come out to see what the village idiot was up to (that being me). They actually seemed to be smiling as I went sliding across the decks, working my way through the snow to the other door.

I managed to get inside just in time to grab the phone. It was one of the other valley residents, wondering if I would help him track a deer he shot. I suggested he call one of the other neighbors but apparently he had already done that and that neighbor was already out tracking his own doe.

Then the power went out. Wonderful. At about the same time the first big limb came down and took out two antennas – both the 40 meter and 80 meter dipoles.

Then another tree went down (not very sturdy trees here in the South) and this one caught the guy wire to the 3 element beam on the house, or rather the one that WAS on the house. Actually it looked rather pretty in the snow, gleaming at different angles than what Cushcraft originally intended.

At this point I was thoroughly cold, wet and depressed. The dog and goat were still fighting over the back porch. The power was out. And it was snowing.

At this point I realized I had not even had my morning coffee yet. So, once more back outside to start up the generator, run an extension cord to the house, and plug in the coffee pot. Meanwhile I built a fire in the fireplace.

While drinking my coffee, finally, in front of the fireplace, the phone rang. It was my son calling from Atlanta where there was no snow. I told him about my antenna problem. He suggested I make some snowmen that perhaps could help me, then he hung up laughing. I didn't much like him the rest of the day.

Then, once again the phone rang. One of my neighbors calling to say the road is closed out of the valley and, perchance, would I have any extra cigarettes. Being neighborly, I decided it would be to Roger's benefit for him to quit smoking at that point so I told him no, sorry – I'm out too.

I suspect he knew I was lying when we hung up. Then, wonder of all wonders, the power came back on. Things immediately looked up. Then the sun peaked out, so, feeling guilty, I called Roger back and told him I found some cigarettes. I think he still suspected me of hoarding them earlier but, being grateful as he was, he kept his mouth shut, came down for the cigarettes and was kind enough to help me put the dipoles back up, with the aid of my trusty sling shot.

Things were back to normal on the mountain, the electricity was on, the radios were working, and the dog and goat were back to living in harmony. Still didn't much like my kid though.

Today the 3 element beam is still toast – or a pretzel anyway, but things are much better and the dipoles now run where there are no overhanging limbs.

73 de Bill KV4SG

*Living on a mountain top,
At the end of a dirt road,
Talking on the radio.
Life is good.*

AD6AB'S HAM ADVENTURES IN ZL/VK

On my recent trip to New Zealand (ZL) I came across a great national UHF linked system. The system consists of a number of linked repeaters on or about 439 MHz with great coverage around most of the major metropolitan areas in the country. The effect is almost like having HF on your HT.

I was able to make contact with Hams from the Bay of Islands in the far reaches of the North Island to Dunedin in the far south. I found the Kiwis to be, without exception, friendly, helpful and nice to talk to over the air. I got several suggestions about places to visit and things to see.

While in Christchurch (a great place for a nice Jewish boy to spend Christmas, HI), I even checked in to a regional net on one of the local repeaters as a guest and was welcomed with the same courtesy and helpfulness that I have come to expect from our own Century Club nets.

For those of you who have a planned visit to ZL, please be sure to be in touch with Russ Garlick, ZL3AAA (and his XYL, Zelda, ZL3AAB). Russ fields all the inquiries for foreign hams seeking to operate in ZL. Russ is a true gentleman and he and his wife put me up in their home for a night in Motueka, after I finished my Sea Kayaking adventure in Abel Tasman National Park. Contact Russ at: -- russzel@xtra.co.nz -- before you go.

There is no special paperwork required to operate in ZL on the VHF/UHF portion of the band so feel free to bring your HT when you travel. You'll need to sign Home Call/ZL. Don't forget the special New Zealand electrical plug adapters if you want to recharge your batteries (It turns out I did not have them. Russ was kind enough to help me get my batteries charged.)

Operating HF requires a little more work. I would suggest getting copies of the paperwork from Russ and applying in advance of your trip. I tried to find an open Office of the Radio Telecommunications authorities and was not able to find one when I was in the major cities of Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch while I was there.

I should also say that I strongly recommend those "beamers" among us to fire up those amps and point the Tribander down to the South Pacific,

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especially during the late nets. I could not transmit on HF but I did dial up and listen on 40 Meters and I heard several of the usual suspects checking in to the HHH net that night with booming 59 signals. Take a listen and see if you can coax some ZL hams out of the woodwork!

Have fun! ZL is great. The prices are really favorable in US\$ and the people could not be friendlier!

VK for Hams is another matter altogether. I found their \$75 operating fee to be a bit ridiculous, especially for my short one day stopover, so I never had the chance to operate there. Still, Oz (as they call it over there) is a beautiful country, at least what I saw in Sydney, and I'd love to go back one day. - de Steve, AD6AB

NET CONTROL STATIONS NEEDED

The continued success of the 3905 Century Club nets depends on Net Control Stations – those people willing and able to run nets. No matter your favorite mode, there are nets for each that need NCS stations.

Consider volunteering and you can easily do so by contacting the Net Coordinator for the Net you are willing to act as NCS.

The Net Coordinators for each net are shown below. You can contact them on the net or via email. Snail mail and email addresses can be found on either the Club Web Site or on QRZ.

75 Meter Phone (Early Net)----- WY8V (Earl)
75 Meter Phone (Late Net)----- K7NZ (Fred)
40 Meter Phone (Early Net)----- W9YN (Gil)
40 Meter Phone (Late Net)---KD7BVO (Lynnette)
160 Meter Phone (Early Net)----- N1YVV (Dave)
160 Meter Phone (Late Net)----- WL7YM (Randy)
80 Meter CW ----- WK9O (Herb)
40 Meter CW ----- W0KRE (Hal)
20 Meter RTTY ----- WM9H (Gene)
20 Meter PSK-31 ----- K1LYV (John)
40 Meter RTTY ----- KV4DT (William)
40 Meter PSK-31 ----- KA1KJZ (Ron)
80 Meter RTTY ----- N1YVV (Dave)

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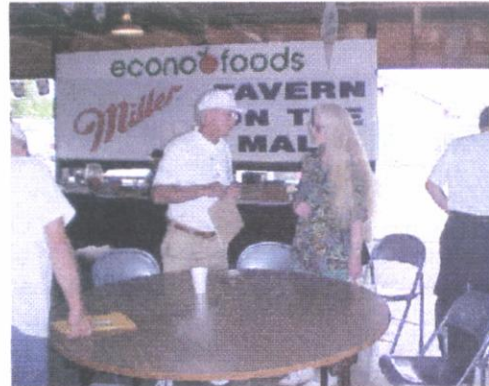
MORE EYEBALL 2000 PICTURES



Al - W0MYZ and Friend



Steve KD8QQ and XYL



Steve WK5S and Lynnette KD7BVO



Frank K02Q



No Clue What's Going On Here..



Mary - W7HPA w/Eyeball T-shirt

FIRST CONTACT

by Dave Ocame/N1YVV

I've had the opportunity, several times now, to introduce someone new, to the 3905 Century Club Nets. Each time it was a somewhat time consuming experience. But, each time, I felt happy and proud to show someone something they hadn't known about up until that time. Especially proud that it was this club that I could show them.

Recently, I had the pleasure of having a ham - Bill, KF4FET - who was new to, not only HF, but to the digital modes as well, check into the 20 meter RTTY Net. As NCS, I know the value of keeping the net flowing as smoothly as possible, but we also had not had that many checkins and the ones who did check in had worked most everybody else. In comes Bill, and of course, that changed everything. Everyone, who was still left, wanted to work him.

So, I explained, briefly, the purpose of the net and the mission of the 3905 Century Club. But, then I had a brainstorm. Rather than letting him off the hook to sit back and copy the mail, or worse, to wander away, I threw it open to the rest of the list to help coach him through his first QSOs.

In this way, they could make their contact and Bill would get hands on experience with participating in the net. This worked amazingly well, and was glad I thought of it.

I was also reminded of my first encounter with this group, my First Contact. Newly upgraded to General, trolling the 40 meter band. I come upon what sounds like a pileup of stations trying to get a rare one. Well, I hadn't heard the rare station but I threw my call in anyway (I knew how this worked, you see).

To my complete embarrassment, I heard someone say "hey, there's a new station, hold up!" and everyone stopped! I'm thinking to myself, "uh oh, what'd I do now?" when I hear Peter/N2XTT calling me! Peter took the time to explain about the club and the net (I think Bill, KV4SG was NCS that night), just as I had with Bill today. And that's how it all began...as an accident! I've been checking in every night, ever since.

I say it was an accident, but in retrospect, I have to consider that nothing is an accident, and even more so on the ham bands. We, The 3905 Century Club are out there, for all to see, hear, and print. There's no accidents here. Sooner or later, everyone who listens to the bands will come upon us.

By the very nature of our club, new blood is our lifeblood, and it serves our interest to help along those that come upon us. But, it also serves the interest of the Amateur Service for us to extend a welcoming hand to new hams and new HF operators. I don't think I know a single one among us who wouldn't help out in this regard, and I'm delighted to say that those checked in this afternoon were no exception. Bill, KF4FET went away saying how very much welcomed he had been made to feel, and that he would certainly be back again (He's probably, at time of this writing, searching the club website and getting overwhelmed by all the nets we offer!).

For that reason alone, I am proud to say that I am a member of The 3905 Century Club. It's not just about the cards nor the awards. It's about participation in a proud tradition that transcends loyalty to a particular transmission mode and petty differences between parties.

I think we all deserve a pat on the back, because, in some way, we all made a contribution to Bill's introduction to The 3905 Century Club.

Here's to First Contacts!

Ed. Note: Dave, N1YVV serves as Net Control for just about every digital net at one time or the other and he is also the Net Coordinator for both the 80 Meter RTTY Net and the 160 Meter Early SSB Net.

*Have You Hugged Your Net
Control Station Today?*

JANUARY AWARDS**75 METERS**100 Point Certificates

2339 KE6FQC	2345 KG4ESP
2340 WA1DXA	2346 W9MIK
2341 N3LJS	2347 W7RRC
2342 KD7EUU	2348 N9GI
2343 K4TFC	2349 N5HOT
2344 N0KZJ	

7,000 Point	#15	N2XTT
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Alphabet #306 W1SYZM

DX #46 KB1VU

Nite Owl #210 K8BR

Poker Player #29 KK2M

WAS #767 KD8QQ

40 METERS100 Point Certificates

2069 N4OTX	2073 K0KPB
2070 WA0MMK	2074 KB5NST
2071 KC7TNS	2075 WA3HGT
2072 KR2V	

500 Point Endorsements

N7VQ	KB5XG
N1YVV	N9EBL

3000 Point	#82	WZ0W
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4000 Point	#56	W6VY
	#57	KD8QQ

9000 Point	#18	WB2RWT
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Alphabet	#307	KK1A
	#308	N1UU
	#309	K4FSI

Bakers Dozen	#950	WA0NXZ
	#951	K4FSI
	#952	K4FSI

Bakers Mobile Endorsements

N0YPA VE6TG KX8W

(January Awards Continued)Call Areas

(4) 258	W1SYZ
(1) 259	W1SYZ
(8) 260	W1SYZ
(9) 261	W1SYZ
(2) 262	W1SYZ
(3) 263	W1SYZ
(5) 264	W1SYZ
(0) 265	W1SYZ

Certificate Hunter

277 KK1A	278 K4FSI
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DX

45 KD8QQ	47 W5IL
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Millennium #7

W8UY

Nite Owl # 173

KA1KJZ

Numbers Racket

83 N1UU	84 KK1A
85 K4FSI	

VIP

604 K0WH	605 K0KPB
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Worked All States

758 N7VQ	764 N9EB
760 N5HOT	765 AG4DO
761 W1SYZ	766 KD8QQ
763 KB9JIF	

WAS Capitals	#435	N1UU
40 State Endorsement		KK1A

W/VE Endorsements

N1UU	AC5SU
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RTTY 20 Meters

100 Point #18	W8UY
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RTTY 40 Meters

100 Point #57	KB5XG
WAS #4	KD8QQ

PSK 31 40 Meter Net100 Point Certificates

4 WB5QLR	6 KP4WS
5 KA1KJZ	

(January Awards Continued)**Journeyman NCS Award**

W5IL N2XTT
W1BML AA9ZB

Expert NCS Award

Gordon Love K7MFG

160 Meters100 Point Certificates

265 W6ACE 267 W8YF
266 K4BZD 268 WA6RZW
264 AD0BC

500 Point Endorsement K4BZD

1000 Point #6 K4BZD

Alphabet

#5 WD8MKC #6 N9EB

Nite Owl #9 WD8MKC

Worked All States

759 KD4IN 768 KD8QQ

CW 40 Net

100 Point #87 AA9KH

Worked All States #7 WK9O

50 State Endorsement W0KRE

**THE 3905 CENTURY CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 2001**

PRESENT: WQ1H, N5UJB, K4RWS, WK5S
(President), N2XTT, N7OKM, N3EQK (Alt - 3rd
Area), W9YN (Vice President & Chairman),
WY8V

ABSENT: AA3FC, K6WPK, VE4ROY
(Resigned), WM9H (Resigned)

1. THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER
MEETING WERE APPROVED.

2. AS PER WK5S THE WRITE IN VOTES
FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ARE
TO BE SENT TO WY8V BY JANUARY 20,
2001. WY8V WILL FORWARD THEM TO
AA0ZP.

THE WRITE IN VOTES FOR THE UNEVEN
CALL AREAS ARE TO BE SENT TO WK5S
AND HE WILL TALLY THE VOTES AND
ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS ON THE AIR
JANUARY 30, 2001.

AA0ZP WILL CONDUCT THE ON THE AIR
ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE
PRESIDENT FOR BOTH 40 AND 80 METERS.
THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON
THE AIR, AFTER THE VOTING HAS ENDED.

3. WK5S REQUESTED THAT WY8V
SUBMIT A CHECK IN AMOUNT OF \$500 TO
W7DO TO COVER EXPENSES FOR THE 2001
EYEBALL.

4. N2XTT SUGGESTED THAT WE
CONSIDER CHANGING THE POINT SYSTEM
FOR EARLY AND LATE NET CONTROLS.
N2XTT INFORMED THE WRITER THAT HE
WITHDREW HIS SUGGESTION.

5. VE4ROY HAS RESIGNED FROM THE
CENTURY CLUB EXCEPT FOR 160 METERS.
HE HAS DESTROYED ALL HIS 40 METER
QSL CARDS AND RETURNED HIS 10K, 11K
AND 12K CERTIFICATES TO WK5S WHO
WILL FORWARD THEM TO NJ3V AND TO
VACATE THE AWARDS.

6. N5UJB MADE A MOTION AND
SECONDED BY K4RWS TO ACCEPT THE
RESIGNATION AND CERTIFICATES
RETURNED BY VE4ROY.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE RESULTS
ARE AS FOLLOWS: 9 YES 0 NAYS. MOTION
CARRIED.

7. A MOTION WAS MADE BY N2XTT AND
SECONDED BY N3EQK TO CLOSE THE
MEETING.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY WY8V
EARL J. HUBBARD
SEC./TREAS

How NOT to Fix Your Radio Tower

Ed. Note: This story has been around for a while, but is always worth reprinting.

This man was in an accident and was therefore required to fill out an insurance claim form. The insurance company contacted him and asked for additional information.

This was his response: "I am writing in response to your request for additional info for Block 3 of the accident reporting form. I put 'poor planning' as the cause of my accident. You said in your letter that I should explain more fully and I trust the following details are sufficient.

"I'm 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 many trips up the tower, brought up some 300 pounds of tools and spare hardware.

Rather than carry the now un-needed tools and materials down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which was fortunately 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.

Then I went back down and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the barrel.

You will note in Block number 11 of the accident reporting form that I weigh only 150 pounds. Due to my surprise of 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 rapid 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 collarbone. 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 my 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 tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds.

I refer you again to my weight in Block number 11. As you might imagine, I began 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 the two fractured ankles, and the lacerations on my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me down 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, I again lost my presence of mind. I let go of the rope and..."

.....Anonymous

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Visit It Often At -

www.qsl.net/3905ccn

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3905 CENTURY CLUB, INC.
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03/01/2001**

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**3905 CENTURY CLUB, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING
FEBRUARY 2001**

Attendees

1. WK5S	6. AA3FC
2. W9YN	7. AC6LU
3. K4RWS	8. N7OKM
4. WQ1H	9. N5UJB
5. N2XTT	10. AA0ZP

1. January minutes approved except for item 3. Replace "WK5S requested" with "BOD's approved".

2. Motion made by WK5S and Seconded by AA0ZP that the election results be approved as follows:

President-WK5S; Vice President-KV4SG; 1st Area Director-KE1KT; 3rd Area Director-N3EQK; 5th Area Director-N5UJB; 7th Area Director-K7MFG; 9th Area Director-AA9ZF; DX Director-VE3DZR

3. Earl to send flowers to Carole, KD3FM, from the 3905 CC.

4. Motion Made by Peter N2XTT and 2nd by N7OKM not to allow VE3ROY to participate in any Century Club Nets/Awards Program. Motion Failed 4-Yes 6-Nays

5. Motion to Adjourn WQ1H, 2nd N2XTT. Meeting End.

March 10th - Meeting of New BOD, elect a new Chairman.

Respectfully Submitted

Steve WK5S

Late Additions



AA9ZF Maynard Anderson, new Area Director for the 9th call area. His profile is on page 8.



The Sun Sets On A Texas Bug-Catcher