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THE 2002 ELECTION SEASON IS HERE

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The 2002 Election season is here and this year we elect Area Directors for the even numbered call areas along with both a President and Vice President.

As of the November Board of Directors meeting, all of the candidates have been nominated.

The candidates for the 2nd Call Area include the incumbent N2XTT—Peter in New Jersey, as Master's Degree holder and Chairman of the Awards Committee.

In the 4th Call Area the candidate is K4NJQ—Duane in South Carolina and a long time member of the Century Club..

AC6LU Ray in California is the candidate for the 6th Call Area. Ray has served the 6th call area as the Alternate Director.

In the 8th Call Area there are two candidates—WY8V Earl in Ohio who is the incumbent and the club Secretary and Treasurer — and WB8ABC—Harry—one of our well known mobile operators.

The 10th Area also has two candidates with the incumbent AA0ZP—Frank in Nebraska and KB0OKS Milt from Kansas, also one of our frequent mobile operators.

The nominees for Vice President include AA9ZF—Maynard who is the current 9th Area Director, N5ZA—Joe in Arkansas, W9JAY—Jay from Wisconsin and W9YN—Gil from Illinois.

The two candidates for President are K4SGF—Bill in Georgia and N8DXR—Thom in Michigan.

Elections for Area Directors are by written ballot and must be received by the election monitors by January 15th, 2002. Those ballots should be sent as follows either by snail mail or electronic mail:

2nd and 4th Call Areas to Ron N3EQK.

6th and 8th Call Areas to Jim N5UJB.

10th Call Area to Steve WK5S.

The election for both the

President and Vice President will be held during an on-the-air election on January 30th, 2002.

That election will be held instead of the nets on that date. The election will run on 40 meters at 7.2335 from 0000UTC until 0200UTC at which time the election will move to 3.904 on the 75 meter net frequency from 0200 until the conclusion of voting.

The results of the election will be announced at the close of voting.

Votes for Vice President and President may also be cast by snail mail or electronic mail by sending the ballots to Ricardo K8MZA. As with the area elections, the cutoff for receiving those ballots is January 15th, 2002.

No matter which candidate you support, be sure to make your voice heard and cast your ballot.

More details on the election can be found on the club web site —

<http://3905ccn.com>

PROFILES OF 2002 ELECTION CANDIDATES

Following are profiles on the current candidates for election during the 2002 season. Each candidate was asked to furnish a brief bio and most all responded.

AREA DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

This year we are electing five even numbered call Area Directors. Following are the candidates for each area.

2nd Call Area—

N2XTT Peter Summers

Peter is seeking his third term as the Area Director for the 2nd Call Area. Peter also serves the club as the Chairman of the Awards Committee.



Living in New Jersey, Peter is a high school teacher and is holder of Master's Degree Certificate # 6. He is active on all of the Century Club

nets and frequently serves as a Net Control station.

Peter is active on all of the club nets and was one of the first to get 100 point certificates on all of the new club digital nets.

Peter has also been a big supporter of the club with Award designs, special qsl cards for many members and can always be counted on to work on any project for the club.

4th Call Area—

K4NJQ—Duane Lewis

Hoyt D. Lewis is known by his many ham friends by his middle name "Duane". Duane holds a General

Class license and lives in South Carolina.



Duane first started to check into the 3905 Century Club in 1981. He was the 4th Area Awards

Manger for several years. Duane holds 100 points certificates on both 80 and 40 meters. He has his 1000 points and 2k on 75 meters, as well as worked all state capitals on 80 meters.

Since his retirement two years ago he mainly works only the 40 meter version of the Century Club. As he put it, "I like to help hams to obtain the awards that I have over the years".

ARRL awards include WAS-SSB, WAS-CW, WAS-QRP, 5BWAS, WAC-SSB, WAC-CW and DXCC.

6th Call Area—

AC6LU Ray Krank

Ray is an Extra Class license holder and lives in California. Ray has been the alternate area director and had filled in for the current Director for the past year.



Upon the passing of the Area Director (K6WPK), the Board elected Ray to complete her remaining term as Director.

Ray is active on many of the club nets and can always be counted on as a strong relay station for the Western part of the country.

Ray is pictured above at the 2001 Eyeball.

8th Call Area—

In the 8th Call Area we have two candidates—WY8V and WB8ABC.

WY8V—Earl Hubbard

Earl is an Extra Class license holder and lives in Ohio. Earl has served the club for many years as the 8th Area Director, Net Coordinator for the 75 meter Earl SSB Net and club Secretary — Treasurer.



Earl was recently re-elected Secretary and Treasurer of the club for a two year term expiring in 2003.

Earl is active on many of the club nets and oversees the "mother" of all of our nets — the original 3.905.

WB8ABC — Harry Eldridge

Harry (pictured with his son), is active on many of the club nets and is one of our popular mobile operators.



Harry has brought many states on board for members of the club along with many, many call signs in those loca-

tions.

Harry is also known as KX8W and AA8OM along with other calls over the years.

Harry is an Extra Class license holder and lives in Michigan.

Candidate Profiles Continues

10th Call Area—

There are two candidates for the Area Directorship in the 10th Call Area—AA0ZP and KB00KS.

AA0ZP—Frank Taylor

Frank is the current Area Director for the 10th Call Area and is a past President of the club.



Frank is active on all of the club nets and often can be counted on as a strong mid-west relay station. Frank is

an Extra Class license holder and lives in Nebraska.

KB00KS—Milt Whitaker

"Uncle Milt" (as he is fondly nicknamed) brings many states on the net as one of our regular mobile operators. Milt (pictured below) was also instrumental in the revitalization of the 40

meter SSB Late Net during 1999 and early 2000 while serving as the Net Coordinator for that net.



Milt has also served the club as the Alternate Area Director for the 10th call area. Milt holds a General Class license and lives in Kansas.

Note: Votes for Area Directors are by written ballot only. The election monitors are shown on the front page.

We have four excellent candidates for club **Vice President** this year—AA9ZF, N5ZA, W9JAY and W9YN.

Maynard Anderson—AA9ZF

Maynard is an Extra Class license holder and currently serves as the 9th Call Area Director.



Maynard lives in Illinois and is active on all of the club nets. Maynard serves frequently as the net control station for 75 meters (both early and late nets) and 160 meters.

Maynard served on the committee in 2001 that re-wrote the club by-laws and chairs a committee that is currently updating the Net Controller's Guide for the Century Club.

Joe Belew—N5ZA

Joe is an Extra Class license holder and has served the club as the 160M Early Net Coordinator and is a frequent Net Control station. Here is a write-up from Joe.

I've enjoyed Amateur Privileges since March 1994 and joined the Century Club in February of 1997. Although I enjoy all the bands, I spend the most time on 40 Meters. I do own a couple of local open repeaters, 146.895 and 444.825 in the Searcy area.

My wife Mallory and I live near Searcy Arkansas, in a community called Center Hill. I work as a Food Service Manager for Yarnell's Ice Cream Company, out of Searcy and have done so for about 20 years. I served my country in Vietnam and Germany and held the Rank of Sergeant.

I've always been into electronics and I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to become a ham and meet so many nice people. Lots of

super people on the Century club nets and I would like a chance to serve the club as their V-President. Thanks, Joe Belew- N5ZA

Jay Fadness—W9JAY

Jay holds an Advanced Class license and lives in Wisconsin—when he isn't on the road. Jay is one of our



very popular mobile stations, bringing many states, state lines and capitals to the nets

in several modes.

Jay has also served as a Net Control when Portable and Mobile and can always be counted on for a cheerful greeting when called.

Jay has also been active on the digital nets while mobile and portable.

Gil Robertson—W9YN

Gil is an Extra Class license holder and lives in Illinois.

A past Vice President of the club, Gil is a frequent net control station on 40 meters and can always be counted on as a strong relay station for several of the nets.



W9YN has also been heard as Net Control on nets for 75 and 160 meters.

Gil also served the club as the Early Net Coordinator for the 40M phone net in 2000 and early 2001.

Note: Profiles on candidates for President can be found on page 6.

FCC Enforcement with Riley Hollingsworth K4ZDH

By: J. P. Fox, III N3WGR
From: The October 2001 issue of
"The W3OK Corral" Delaware Lehigh Amateur Radio Club, Allentown PA

The Story

I went to see Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, on Friday night, September 14, 2001, at the Reading Radio Club meeting at the Berks County Agricultural Center, in Bern Township.

In 1998, Riley joined the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Compliance and Information Bureau as the legal advisor for enforcement.

In November 1999, he was appointed FCC Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement. More on that later.

Riley, K4ZDH, holds an Advanced Class license and has been an Amateur Radio operator for more than 41 years. His interest has always been to enforce responsible behavior and while in law school, he was part of "Nadar's Raiders".

I thought there might be a central idea to his lecture and it would yield an easy article to write. Once he started talking, it was apparent that he is what I would call, "one of us." His speaking style is relaxed, and he spoke for nearly an hour without notes. We all know the variety of directions you can take as a ham radio operator, and I think Riley touched on many of them. I could not keep up with my note taking. I got a lot of quotes and many impressions that the FCC is taking us seriously, and that we should take their advice seriously.

As he spoke, he said when he first got the position, he "thought enforcement would take maybe two days a week." Now, from the perspective of three years involvement, he knows differently and he identified four major problem areas:

First, he said, "The biggest problem is stupidity." As examples, he said they have listened to arguments and tracked the call signs of hams who were involved. And guess what! Most arguments involve Advanced and Extra call signs.

The "second big problem is unlicensed 10 meter operation." Riley said the really big problem is offshore operations. It is not truckers. Some of that will be cured by the change in the sunspot cycle.

Third: "Part 15 junk which is being marketed." He gave examples of junk which was manufactured which created spurs in the ham bands and the aviation bands. The crowd laughed when he told stories of speaking to industry "technicians" who never held a soldering iron.

Fourth: "We are coming off of 10 years of lax enforcement." He said you should think about, "What is your responsibility? Enforcement will not save your bands." You need to be part of the solution. One hundred FCC employees cannot police the bands without cooperation. They follow up reports. And we as hams have made it clear we are in favor of enforcement. He has several thousand letters and E-mails in favor of enforcement, and only six letters AGAINST.

He said that 40 meters is a problem around the world. We hear their stations, they hear us, and we are viewed as interference. Believe it or not, many foreign countries do not like the sound of American operators.

Many people listen to us, and Riley gave examples. The media listens to the Hurricane net. If we run a successful net for a week and there is one incident of malicious interference, that is what gets reported.

Riley said, "You've got to have a national voice."

"The only reason there is enforcement is because the League wrote one great letter." He said he knew this because he was there when a letter was hand deliv-

ered to a staff meeting. He learned that you should never leave a staff meeting, even if you drove three hours and drank five cups of coffee. Riley went to the bathroom during a staff meeting and came back to find he had been appointed to a commission position that had never previously existed.

On the subject of interference, he said they will work on reports for many different reasons. For instance, our electrical power grid infrastructure is aging. When power lines generate RFI it may be an omen of things to come. During severe weather the aging lines can break.

He said that not all malicious interference is malicious. Something that sounded like a rebroadcast of WWV was a problem with telemetry from a buoy in the middle of the ocean. A chirping sound on 80 meters was from a science laboratory whose scientist listened for a quiet frequency every day, and then set up telemetry all around the clock.

We are partially the victims of backlash from the public opinion on cellular towers. We hams need a national voice and a watchdog to make sure our rights are being preserved. Right now, that voice is the League. Like it or not, if there is a better group, support it. The FCC can only go so far with restrictive covenants and deed restrictions on antenna structures. If a zoning law is written and enacted in some little town, the next town grabs it, and it quickly can be passed around an entire state. So if you see a zoning proposal, the hams need to stop it and a group can stop it better.

Riley got a laugh with his thoughts on the marketing done by the cellular industry. He asks you to think about "free minutes." To paraphrase he said it would be as if a car manufacturer said: You can buy my car for thousands of dollars, but I will let you drive it for free on the weekends!

Also, on the subject of the Internet, "Every minute a person is on the Internet is a minute they are not on the air."

Riley (Continued from Page 4)

Nothing can be taken for granted. You must operate as if everyone is listening, because they are!

You cannot have Radio Rage. He paused for a very dramatic moment and said, "Nothing is often a good thing to do, and it's almost always a very good thing to say."

Our spectrum is valuable. At the first "frequency auction" it was estimated that the first bid would bring in nearly a million dollars, and then it brought in over seven million dollars!

The auctions have brought in billions of dollars. And don't think that just because you need big antennas for HF that you are "safe".

Did you know that about 1/2 of the world's population has never even made a telephone call? Because of this, there are countries that would like to use 75 M as their national telephone system.

Although ham radio is fun, it is serious business, and your behavior could be a problem. Don't argue about who was on the frequency first, just move. You have privileges to move your frequency. Ham radio is not channelized, as is every other service. Think about that! The arguments are worse than the interference. Enforcement can't cure that.

Ending on a very positive note, Riley said that after his three years in enforcement, he thinks Ham Radio has the best potential in 25 years. Featured advances include Satellites, computer integration into the ham shack, and new digital modes, such as PSK31. We continue to get positive national recognition. The Hurricane Center, FEMA, NASA and FEMA all recognize Ham radio. He has observed CW is on the upswing.

In closing, he made these requests. "Be careful how you sound. Be proud. Think about what a great gift it is and pass it on." When you went hunting for the first time, you didn't go by yourself, somebody showed you. Show somebody how to be a ham operator.

September Awards from NJ3V

75 Meters

100 point
2381 AE4XO 2382 N7LYR
2383 AB5GH 2384 N5UJB

Certificate Hunter

301 KB0OKS

Nite Owl

219 WW7AS 220 KB0OKS

Nomad

72 KB0OKS

w/300 point endorsement

71 AF4LD

VIP

630 AF4LD 632 KB0OKS

633 KD7EUU

WAS

808 WB4ZWT 809 KB7RUQ

W/VE endorsement

WB4ZWT KB7RUQ

Wise Mobile

4 KB0OKS

40 Meters

100 point
2120 AB5GH 2121 N7LYR
2122 KC0ECK 2123 VA2GLB
2124 KA6MAL 2125 K7ZH
2126 KD5DTE 2127 KA0RHM

500 point endorsement

N1CD WB4RYR KB0OKS

2,000 point

170 K4FSI 171 WA5AUR

172 N0ACH

6,000 point

30 N5OHL 31 W9YN

Alphabet

323 AF4LD

Bakers Dozen

1001-02 W7HPA 1003 KD4IN
1004 WM0F 1005 W7HPA
1006 WM0F 1007 W9JAY
1008 W5IL 1009 WA5AUR

Bakers Mobile

127 W8FSJ

Bakers Mobile endorsement

KD7KHC K0MRC
W9JAY (2) NA7SS
WB1DSJ

Call Area

KB0OKS—(8) 274 (1) 275
KB0OKS—(4) 276 (5) 277
KB0OKS—(9) 278 (0) 279
KB0OKS—(7) 280

Certificate Hunter

298 KA7HUO 299 WA2STH
300 K1DWI 302 KA7HUO
303 WM0F

Journeyman #32 WM0F

Nite Owl #195 N5OHL

Nomad #107 AF4LD

Numbers Racket

94 K1DWI 95 WM0F
96 KB0OKS

Poker Player #35 WK5S

VIP

627 K9TWV 628 WA2STH
629 AF4LD 631 KB0OKS
WAS #810 WA2STH
WAS endorsement KB0OKS
WAS Capitals 40 & 45 endorse
K4FSI

RTTY 40 Net

VIP #1 KK2M

Call Sign Changes

WA0RST now K0RST
WD4RCO now KB4ET

NCS Award

Clay Stratmore WA2JIM

PSK 20 Award 100 point

3 AF4LD 4 NJ2LH

160 Meters

100 point
284 AF4LD 285 N5UJB
286 KD5DTE

Southern Living

Everyone is always making fun of us Southern people. But we kind of enjoy it down here in Dixie—we know we are a little strange. What follows below was sent to me by (what else) a Yankee.

Benign.....What you be after you be eight.

Artery.....The study of paintings.

Bacteria.....Back door to cafeteria.

Caesarean Section.....A neighborhood in Rome.

Cat Scan.....Searching for kitty.

Cauterize.....Made eye contact with her.

Colic.....A sheep dog.

Coma.....A punctuation mark.

D & C.....Where Washington is.

Dilate.....To live long.

Enema.....Not a friend.

Fester.....Quicker than someone else.

Fibula.....A small lie.

G.I. Series.....World Series of military baseball.

Hangnail.....What you hang your coat on.

Impotent.....A VIP, well known.

Labor Pain...Getting hurt at work.

Medical Staff....A Doctor's cane.

Morbid.....A higher offer than I bid.

Nitrates...Cheaper than day rates.

Node.....Was aware of Outpatient.....A person who has fainted.

Pap Smear.....A fatherhood test.

Pelvis.....Second cousin to Elvis.

Post Operative.....A letter carrier.

Recovery Room.....Place to do upholstery.

Seizure.....Roman emperor.

Tablet.....A small table.

Vein.....Conceited.

Profiles—Candidates for President

Bill Martin — K 4 S G F

Licensed since the mid-70's, Bill holds an Advanced Class license. He has been active in the 3905 Century Club since 1979 with a few years out during career changes in the mid-80's and a move from Nebraska to Georgia.



Recently retired at age 59, he spends his time on the club nets, working with his model train layout and visiting

grand-children—one boy and two girls—the children of his only son (Bill pictured with granddaughter Sloane).

Bill is also a member of 10-10 International, the 7240 Club, OMISS and Navy-Marine Corps MARS.

Bill has served as Vice President of the Century Club, Net Coordinator and editor of the Centurion.

Thom Smith — N 8 D X R

I am an Extra Class license holder in Michigan who has been in radio since 1994 and wishes it were far earlier than that.

I'm active on the Century Club nets and serve as the manager of the QSL Bureau for 160 meters and the club CW nets, as well as on the Awards Committee, since April 1998.

I'm also a regular columnist in the Centurion (right, you remember *reading* that newsletter???)

I maintain a cross-reference list of club members (in complement with the club's numeric rosters) and track people's progress, however inexorable, towards the Master's Degree Award, which I myself am seeking like a vampire who serves as CEO of a chain of blood banks.

Note: An editorial with Thom's "platform" can be found on page 20.

W9YN A BIG SIGNAL

Ever wonder what Gil W9YN uses for an antenna? Below is a picture of Gil's beam setting atop the tower. The beam includes elements for 40 meters.



NJ3V—John O’Keeffe—Club Awards Secretary

John O’Keeffe – NJ3V – is our Club Awards Secretary and if you have received any kind of club certificate in the last few years, John’s signature is on it.

Born in Baltimore MD in 1933, John served in the US Navy from 1951-53. He attended Broome College with degrees in History and Music.

John married his wife Patricia in 1967 in Washington DC and they have two sons, both in the field of computer sciences.

Patricia is also a licensed amateur with the callsign NE3B.

Both John and Patricia hold Extra



Class licenses. He was employed by the Federal Government for 33 years culminating with a position as Director of Facilities Planning for the Office of the Secretary of Health Education and Welfare in Washington DC.

John retired in 1983 and relocated to

Brackney PA where they live on 10 acres of mountain wooded land

John attained his ham license upon retirement in 1983; joined 3905 Century Club that year; and became the Club Awards Secretary in 1986.

John is also a member of the Club Awards Committee and this summer the Board of Directors elected him the Club Awards Secretary for an indefinite term.

The Century Club is indeed fortunate to have a dedicated volunteer like John, issuing certificates for hundreds of awards each year for the membership.

K6WPK Phyllis Dew Silent Key

We regret to announce the passing of Phyllis Dew—K6WPK on October 31st 2001. Phyllis had been ill for an extended period of time.

Phyllis has been a long-time member of the 3905 Century Club, served as the Centurion Editor for a period of time and most recently as the Area Director of the 6th Call Area.

Phyllis has always enjoyed the nets of the Century Club and was an active participant for many years.

Phyllis held a General Class license, lived in Kernville, California and was 66 years young.

Phyllis will be missed.

Do You Like Contests? With A Prize?

How would you like to take a vacation in the south of France? In a village that is only 12 km from the beaches of the Mediterranean? And, best yet, how would you like to stay in a house with HF transceivers you can operate?


Well, you just might be able to do that in late 2002 or 2003 (your choice) if you win the Grand Prize.

In fact, the house is big enough that you could take your entire family (up to six people that is). Family members (aside from your spouse or one other) will travel at your expense.

We are working on a special contest for our 25th Anniversary Year and, this time, the winner will get something besides a certificate.

The Grand Prize includes two adult coach tickets to the south of France, accommodations for 12 days and an opportunity to have a special vacation.


Complete contest requirements and rules will be posted on the club web site in January and will also be in the March 1st issue of the Centurion.



Support The Flower Fund

The 3905 CCN Flower Fund is by contribution only -no club fees are used. So please join the many other members that contribute to The Flower Fund for the benefit of those members and their families that face serious illness or become a Silent Key.

Send Contributions to
WY8V



Put Up a Full Size 1/4 Wave Vertical For 80 Meters All by Yourself

Article by Bill Gerhold K2WH.

Want to know how to put up a full size 65 feet, of aluminum, 1/4 wave vertical for 80 meters? Want to know how it is possible to do this all by yourself?

Well one day in the back of my 1/2 acre of land, and, feeling quite proud of myself for putting up a 160-meter dipole on that size lot, I was looking skyward and it just came to me. I was standing in a small clearing (blue sky above), roughly circular and about 8 feet in diameter, between the trees on my property. I said to myself, I wonder how tall those trees are?

I figured about 60 feet. A quick check on the calculator in the house gave me about 62 feet for 3.8 MHz. However, it had to be longer with a tapered vertical element. I figured about 5% more for the taper, this came out to be about 65 feet.

I thought about it for a while and at first said no way, this could not be done -it would be huge. Yeah, but this is ham radio and ham radio demands some serious aluminum. Exploring the idea a little more I came to the following conclusion.

It could be done!

Calculating the weight of the entire vertical was easy, and it was about 27 lbs. Starting with 2.25" diameter at the bottom, tapering to the top to 3/4". Each section was 6 feet long with 6" inserted into each lower section, 12 sections would be just about right. The next thing I had to figure out was how do I persuade 65 feet of aluminum tubing to go straight up not bend over and not kill my neighbors or me.

Simple, pull from above and don't push from the bottom. Borrowing a slingshot, I shot a lead weight and fishing line over the tallest tree on the edge of the 8-foot clearing. Perfect shot. I then attached masons line to the fishing line and pulled the mason line over the tree.

Next, I attached 1/4" nylon rope to the mason line and pulled that over the tree. At this point, I hung a surveyors weight on the rope and let it settle down. When it stopped moving, I marked that point on the ground. I then attached a stainless steel marine pulley to the end of this rope, pulled a second rope through the pulley and hoisted the pulley and hoist rope up to the top of the 60-foot tree.

Now I had my hoist in the tree. I had control! Since the pulley was not at 65 feet, I had to compensate for this. I assembled a 25-foot section of the antenna on the lawn and drilled a hole 15 feet down the vertical and attached the lifting rope at this point. I found out later, that this decision was probably one of the smartest things I did all day.

If I had attached the lifting point at the very top of the antenna, it would not have allowed me control of the position of the very top of the antenna from the ground. Moving the bottom of the antenna from the ground gave me much better control over the directional movement of the top of the antenna. Something I really needed in order to avoid some branches. This was really going to work.

The next thing, was how do I anchor the vertical on the ground? The point on the ground that I had previously marked was where the hole was to go. Getting my posthole digger, I dug a 3-foot hole, and put in a 10-foot pressure treated 4x4.

Being very careful to make sure it was perfectly vertical, I poured the concrete into the hole.



The next day, I found it to be solid as a rock and going nowhere. I next attached 3 porcelain 5kv power insulators 90 degrees on the face of the 4x4 facing the direction of where the vertical would be

when fully assembled. The 3 insulators were attached by drilling through the 4x4 and using 1" bolts to hold the insulators to the 4x4. This antenna is going nowhere. To the top of the insulators I then attached conduit clamps of the appropriate size. All of this perfectly vertical and aligned to accept the vertical when ready.



The day finally came to put the vertical up. I first drilled the vertical sections that would be at the 20 and 40-foot levels for guy ropes. The attachment hardware was stainless steel eye bolts positioned 120 degrees from each other around the element. I first attached to the hoist the 25-foot section I had assembled previously. I pulled it up until the bottom was about even with my head. I am 6 feet tall.



I then attached the next 6-foot section and so on and so on. The beauty of this system is hard to describe. Since I was lifting from the top of the antenna, I did not need to worry about guy ropes being attached or the antenna falling. I actually had all 65 feet of antenna hanging in the air. I then pushed it about 1 foot to my left into the clamps on the insulators attached to the (not going anywhere) 4x4. I do have to admit, with 65 feet of aluminum overhead, I was getting a little scared if I lost control of the antenna.

I had to keep reminding myself that as long as the hoist rope is secured, nothing could happen. In addition, looking around, even if the hoist rope did fail, the vertical really couldn't go far before it banged into a tree and stopped going anywhere. More than once I said this is crazy.

80M Vertical (Continued)

However, it all worked out just fine. It just takes guts.

After the antenna was secured in the clamps, (and my pulse rate was going down), I was curious about the stability of the vertical. I loosened up on the hoist rope, (no guy ropes yet), and presto, the antenna stood up by itself, all 65 feet of it with only a little sway. I quickly tightened back up on the hoist rope. I then attached the guy ropes at my leisure.

Next, I then attached a 2" by 1/4" thick copper bus to another face of the 4x4. This bus is supported on additional 5kv insulators down to ground level. This was then attached through a very short #2 copper wire to an 8-foot ground rod. I will be using a spark gap from this bus to the vertical with another sharpened piece of copper pointing at the base of the vertical.



I then ran 30 on the ground radials in all directions from the base of this vertical. The radials slope downward from the ground ring at a 45 degree angle till they meet the ground then on the ground from that point on. The antenna does a fabulous job on 80 meters. I like the results.

There you have it, a self installed 65-foot aluminum vertical. The same technique can be used for 160 meter verticals provided you have a tree or some other tall support for lifting the antenna sections.



Yes, I could have put up a shorter loaded vertical or just a plain old inverted "L" but that's no fun. It's the construction and planning that is the fun part. Besides, this is what it's all about - experimentation and just having plain fun.

AA8RU—Nick on the Road

Recently Nick AA8RU and his XYL took a trip "down East" and while mobile, checked into the nets frequently. Here are some pictures from his trip. Thanks to Nick for bringing all of those states and contacts to the nets along with these pictures of where Marconni sent his first trans-Atlantic radio message.



This picture is looking north. The building is the museum that was closed. Just in back of the building on the far side was Marconni's building. In this picture you can see one of his towers under construction. There is one base for one of his towers between the car and the building. His towers (4) were 218 ft tall.



This is my car facing where his building was. It was just to the

left of the sign in front of the car. In the background is the foundation for one of the towers.

The third picture is somewhat non radio. This is what is called the



Narrows in Halifax harbor. On Dec 6, 1917 a munitions ship caught on fire and blew up taking half of Halifax with it.



**Celebrate the
3905 Century
Club 25th
Anniversary.....**

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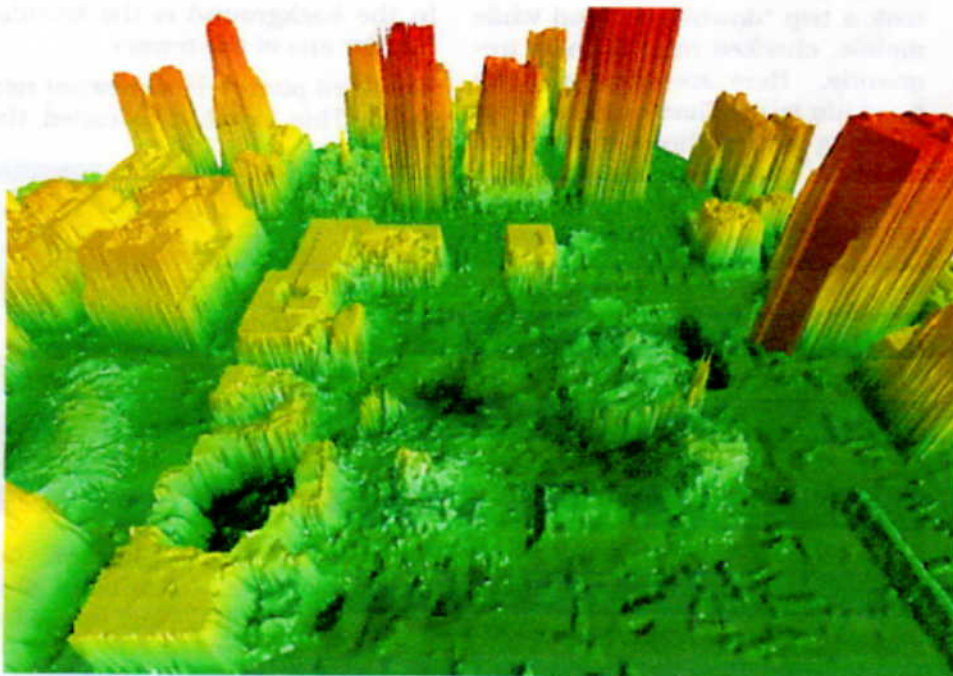
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Join The Celebration!

The World Trade Center



To the left is a digital map of the World Trade Center shortly following the terrorist attack on September 11th, 2001.

The image was taken by NOAA for assistance of the recovery workers.

The image is created by a technique called LIDAR—Light Detection and Ranging system.



K2SBV—1st Time Net Control Experiences

After Earl, WY8V, asked for volunteers for NCS (Net Control Station) for the 75 meter SSB, 3905 Century Club early net, I called him and volunteered. He put me on the schedule for Wednesday nights in October.

I had been the NCS for nets in the past, and although it had been some time since I'd done it, I didn't anticipate any problems.

I forgot about Murphy's Law.....

I live in northern Florida, with about seven acres of land around my house. From time to time the brush and grass need to be cut back, and for this I use a John Deere tractor with a rotary cutter (bush hog) attachment. On Tuesday I fired up the John Deere and cut the grass on several acres. It was a warm day and I was wearing shorts, and some biting insect (possibly a spider or a fire ant) crawled up my leg and nailed me on the butt. This developed into a large blister right at the "sit down place" on one side of my backside.

I also managed to bruise my cheek/jaw while I was dodging branches and limbs along the edges of the acreage. I didn't think much about it, but Wednesday I began to look like a squirrel with a nut in one cheek.

As the day progressed the swelling got larger and larger. I guess I smacked myself harder than I thought, because at supper Wednesday evening a three-tooth bridge came loose. If you've never had it happen, it's an unpleasant sensation..... I stuck it back in place with toothpaste (yeah, this does work) since it was too late in the evening to get to the dentist.

That night I foolishly opted to use a hand microphone instead of the desk mike, thinking that it would give me more space on the desk top to scribble notes as the net progressed. I forgot that the hand holding the mike would hit the side of my face while I talked.

Now, visualize me trying to run the net while sitting on one side of my rear-end, holding a loose bridge in place with my

tongue, talking around a badly swollen cheek and trying to keep from bumping the side of my face with the mike. There are easier things in this life..... The net ran without incident, and when it was over I gratefully shut everything down and headed for the medicine cabinet.

On Thursday the dentist cemented the undamaged bridge back in place, after first checking to make sure that the foundations were secure.

Then I got a prescription for penicillin to combat the cheek/jaw infection that had resulted from the bruising, and my appearance is back to normal and I can talk properly again.

This Wednesday night I had none of the problems of the previous week and being NCS was a lot easier and more fun. If you haven't tried it, get hold of your Net Coordinator and volunteer for it. Your first night couldn't be any worse than mine was.

73 Joe Burnett—K2SBV

HAVING FUN ON THE NETS

Working any of the Century Club nets can be fun and, at times, pretty strange. Mobiles and portables can be almost anywhere as members try to find new opportunities for something a little different.



SAME TRACTOR—NEW CALLSIGN
KØLU
TRACTOR MOBILE IN ND

Monday night the 15th of October was no exception as one of the most popular check-ins was **KØLU** from North Dakota.

Leon (former call **WAONZO**) who has not been heard on the nets for a while, checked in mobile from North Dakota.

What made this check-in popular is that Leon was "Tractor Mobile", operating while spraying his fields with anhydrous ammonia while

working the many contacts on the net.

By my estimate, as the Net Control for the night, Leon must have made at least 60 contacts while driving the tractor, making contacts and logging at the same time.

Leon reported that some of his passes in the field may not have been all that straight and he almost ran into the ditches twice.



Above is the tractor mobile that Leon operated from 1979 until 1992. In 1992 Leon moved to the red tractor shown in the previous column.

Leon's new call sign is **KØLU** and his current QSL card is as shown in the next column. Thanks Leon for bringing something unique to the net and come back often!



At the same time we also had two mobiles in state capitals and **K7NZ** a long way from home mobile in Virginia. In fact Fred mentioned on last night's net (October 24th) that he has filled out over 500 cards since his trip started. Fred is keeping up with his cards during his travels.

All in all, it was an interesting net with six rounds and over 400 contacts made.

Over the years we have had mobiles and portables in strange places—on the water, on top of mountains, in farmer's fields and on multiple state line corners. We have even had one operating mobile on a crossing ferry.

Where can we expect you to be operating? If you have an interesting trip to operate mobile, be sure to send in the story of your trip.

Meeting Our Members — AG5T — Marty Blaise

I was born December 1959 in Houston, Texas. My wife Susan and I have a son, Sammy and a daughter, Emily. Our daughter is severely disabled - she was born with Trisomy 18 and cannot talk, walk or feed herself. Emily is fed by a tube in her stomach - see her story at www.geocities.com/theblaise/page/emily_blaise.htm.

My other hobbies include genealogy, designing web site pages, Scouting (Eagle Scout in 1974) and church activities. I work for the City of Houston Department



of Health and Human Services as a senior communications specialist for the Office of Public Affairs.

I started out in short-wave listening and CB radio. Previous call-signs were **KB5IQO**,

N5OHN and **AB5NN**. Served as a qsl bureau manager for the 3905 Century Club, have coordinated several Field Day events. Currently the president of the

Houston **ECHO** Society amateur organization in Houston, Texas. I mostly operate **SSB** and **RTTY** and sometimes **PSK31** and **CW**. I recently assisted the **XU7** dxpedition web site with help on English grammar and spelling, and I would be happy to help any other dxpedition web sites with English corrections.

I enjoy **DXing** and have a few countries confirmed. Still looking for several. I am a 1982 graduate of Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Journalism.

73 Marty—AG5T

PICTURES FROM ALL OVER

Following is a collection of pictures of club members from all over. Some are from the club website, others were contributed by members. Enjoy!



Not all mobiles are 4 or 18 wheels. Above is the 5W mobile of WB9GIE.



Above is a larger mobile operated by Mike KOMRC, pictured alongside his rig.



To the left is Harold W4NNO, a Master Degree holder in Florida



On the right is KC1NA another Master Degree Holder with his mobile. Bob is often found in exotic places.



To the left is WY8V. Serving as the 3905 Club Secretary & Treasurer, Earl is also the 8th Area

Director and Net Coordinator for the 75 meter Early SSB Net.



Above is a regular "DX" contact on all nets, Jerry KP4WS in Puerto Rico.



Above is Dave (KD5BED) in Mississippi, another regular on many nets.



Above is Howie Gould W8HG, the first President of the 3905 Century Club and one of the founders.



Above is a picture of the "hay-rack ride" at the 2001 Eyeball.



Above is clay WA2JIM "sailing down the Hudson". Clay is the host for the upcoming 2002 Silver Anniversary Eyeball to be held in New Jersey.



On the left is Harry and son. His new call is WB8ABC—which replaces AA8OM.

K8HE, KX8W, KG8EU, N8UKS. Harry is probably the only member to have more call signs than the editor.

On the right is Frank KO2Q. Frank sent in many pictures from the 2001 Eyeball and many are included in this issue of the Centurion.

Thanks Frank!



2002—Our 25th Anniversary Celebration

In March of 1977 the 3.905 Century Club came into existence by the concerted efforts of our founders.

The original net of the club was on 75 meters—3.905 to be exact—hence our name. Since that time the club has extended to four modes (SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK-31) and a total of four bands—20 meters, 40 meters, 80 meters and 160 meters.

There are a total of 6 SSB nets, two CW nets, 3 RTTY nets and 3 PSK nets—for a grand total of 14 nets.

The 3.905 Century Club has become the premier WAS net on the air with well over 2,800 members from every state in the USA and many DX countries.

Many activities are planned for 2002 to cele-



**Get Ready To Celebrate
2002
25 Years of Contacts**

brate our anniversary including a special Award being developed by the Awards committee, a very special 2002 Eyeball in New Jersey hosted by WA2JIM and many other special events and mementoes to be announced as the anniversary year progresses. Stay tuned for more details.

Meeting Members

Meet WB7QID, Wayne Bollschweiler. Wayne lives in Evanston, Wyoming and is 81 years young.



Wayne can be heard frequently on both the 40 meter and 75 meter SSB nets and, in the editor's opinion, is one of the real gentlemen of the club.

25th Anniversary 1 X 1 Callsign Project

One of the many special events planned for celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the century Club is the project for 1 X 1 Special Event Calls.

Our goal is to have enough members participating in the event to have a 1 X 1 special event callsign somewhere in the club all during the celebration year 2002.



The project started on November 20th, 2001 with K4K sponsored by K4SGF. That special event call was followed by two—W2W sponsored by WA2JIM and K3K sponsored by KD3O.

Many other members have signed up for the program (18 at time of this article).

The awards committee is working on a series of 25th Anniversary awards for the membership and the stations that participate in this 1X1 program will also be eligible for a special award and certificate.

If you would like to participate in

the 1X1 program with your own special event call, just follow these steps.

1. Email K4SGF (Event Coordinator) for a list of dates available on our schedule.
2. After receiving the list, pick the dates you want to participate and then go to the ARRL website, select and reserve the 1 X 1 special callsign of your choice. The website for the 1X1 program is <http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/1x1.html>
3. Email K4SGF with your callsign once it is confirmed and you will be added to the schedule.
4. Make up your special event QSL cards in any format you wish and get ready for contacts.

This will be a fun project and there is plenty of room for anyone that wishes to participate. A list of the participants will be available on the club website.

If you have questions, just email me at k4sgf@k4sgf.net.

73 de Bill K4SGF

Awards As I See It—Jim N5OHL (5th Area Awards Manager)

I get lots of questions about the Century Club awards program. Most can be easily answered. In fact many of the questions would not be necessary if the persons would only read the rules and instructions on each award or go look at the FAQ file on the web page.

tact claimed." (VI B)

At the July 2001 3905 Century Club board meeting the Directors voted 9-3 to accept eQSLs. Yes, it is now Official, eQSLs are accepted. Now what does this mean when it comes to club awards? No, you cannot send in an application without cards. No, you may not send an entire award application electronically to the awards manager. You must print out all "eQSLs" on paper or card stock and send them in like any other QSL card. Many years ago the board turned down a proposal that would eliminate the need to send in cards with an award. That did not happen and I am fairly certain that the 3905 Century Club will always require that actual QSL cards or some type of paper/cardstock QSLs be sent in with all awards.

Some of you are probably thinking that it will now be easier to "cheat" on QSL cards. Not so, I say, because anyone could make up whatever card they need with a copy machine and some creative "cut and paste". Those that choose to cheat are only fooling themselves in my opinion.

The 3905 Century Club assumes that all members will conduct themselves in an honest manner when applying for awards. Electronic QSLs are an-

other method we should use wisely and honestly. Anyone thinking of making up a bogus card for a contact should think again. Your membership and participation in the nets can be taken away if you are caught cheating on awards. My advice is to take a look at eQSLs as another way to QSL.

Award Trivia Contest:

Which club award application does not require any QSL cards?

What club award has no application form?

Which award has the most number of 100-point certificates issued?

Which award has the least number of 100-point certificates issued?

What club award has been deleted and is no longer available?

Send your answers to Jim N5OHL at N5OHL@aol.com or by regular mail. The first ten people to get them all correct will win a prize!

Keep working on those award and most of all have fun on the nets.

73 de Jim N5OHL

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But the other day I got a question about whether the club accepts "electronic QSLs" or "e-QSLs". A very popular web site now days is the www.eQSL.cc. Here you may exchange QSLs in the form of electronic image files complete with some nice color pictures and custom graphics.

You print these out on your own printer and if you use cardstock they turn out very nice. Some people are also now generating their own cards with available software. These can be printed at home or sent electronically as an e-mail file attachment. It is hard to tell the difference. The club does not require any type of signature or handwriting on cards.

Here is what the club by-laws states about QSL cards:

"Each award application shall be supported by valid QSL cards, or photocopy thereof, for each con-

More 2001 Eyeball Pictures (Courtesy of Frank KO2Q)

Editors Note: Frank—KO2Q—sent the newsletter editor a large number of pictures from the 2001 Eyeball held in Washington state. While I had an overwhelming temptation to develop my own special captions for the pictures, I restrained myself by sticking to the callsigns—for the most part.



KK1A—Obviously in a Good Mood



W4CKT—Lee



KD7GJM—Monica (Harmonic of KD7BVO and W7DO—Eyeball Hosts)



KK7SR—Well, Hello!



WL7K—Nick



AA9ZF — Maynard
9th Area Director



N7OKM—Hugh



KD7EUU



W7HPA—Mary



W7GOF

N8DXR Column—The Cross Reference Project

Remember this as long as you live: Those images of the jets crashing into the World Trade Center are our generation's Zapruder film (and I have points for those who remember THAT little home movie...)

Passing seems to be the theme of this month's column. Recall in the last Centurion (the Eyeball issue) we listed 170 members deemed *Missing in Action*, meaning they no longer show up as active or listed in any of the major callsign databases.

While tracking down one of the 160 meter bureau members who had vanished – KNCWZ – and noticing he held a number on the 10-10 International Net, inquiries were made via that group's website to their new Silent Key manager, one Ruth Bartholomew. She did a check on the call and found out he became SK in December.

The real surprise was that she provided the web page route that was the source of her information – a genealogical page that has death records for Social Security holders, including a listing of their dates of birth. This turned out to be a major blessing for our long-standing project, given that in many cases we had the birth dates for a number of our MIA folks from a 1993 database, and that web page got put to use fast!

In a weekend's time, it was found the list needed these changes anyway:

- One call was found to be a Silent Key that had not been removed in full the first time (WA2IHWG)
- One call was found to be alive and well but with a new DX call – that was KB6FR/Leslie, who is now VK3WA (memo to

editors and all net controls: We just gotta let him know we're still around so he can at least check in to the late nets sometime)

- Another suspected SK call, using another 10-10 database that allowed cross checking by that net's number, was found to be with us and had been changed but not updated here (KD3JC/John is now KR4RO)
- Finally, one call that turned up missing in ALL call resources, as a cross check of the MIA list was made with the updated rosters and files, has been added. To that end, if anyone has ANY information on the holder of call sign KC5ZM, who holds 40 meter number 755 (and has NOT been found in any callsign resource after 1987), get in touch with us ASAP!

The result of that records search alone found 66 members listed on our rosters that have been Silent Keys – with some going back to the summer of 1979 (please do not ask us how they came up missing; they just did!)

Further, we have done a telephone database search – cross referencing our last known addresses for former members with a national white pages roster – looking not only for more Silent Keys but also potential Rusty Keys (defined as amateurs whose callsigns expired before they did).

This effort found the following former members who are still with us, but not active in amateur radio anymore:

- KA8DPK/Fred in Milton, WV – license expired 8/95 (40m # 263, 75m # 680)

- WV0U/Tom in Dickinson, ND – license expired 8/99 (arggh!!) (40m # 865)

During these phone calls, we received one very sad bit of news. A call placed to the home of Gerald Di Chara, ex-AA1Q (his license expired back on 11/1998, and his call has since been reissued) confirmed Gerry passed away on Sept. 8 of this year. His outcome is significant to the CC because Gerry served as the signatory to the club's charter for the 1st call area when we were formed in 1977. With this fact, only eight of our founders now remain.

Keep in mind, though: Just because we've all but halved our total of missing members does not mean the search for the others is over. At the end of this column those found as deceased are listed, both out of respect and to give you a chance to update that listing from last month's issue. The new list has also been trimmed by a full third page-wise, down to a mere eight pages, and even that will be reduced as we do more direct research on several calls in the next few weeks.

One surprising fact: We still have four Canadian and four (or six, depending on how you look at it – more in a moment) DX calls to search out; any and all help on these are welcomed. We thought we had a line on one of those missing DX – C6ADV/David – thanks to the person who appeared to be his former QSL manager (big kudo to Art/KK2M for still having the QSL and giving us the lead from it). A call to that person, however, revealed Dave had never sent her any logs after some time so no further cards could go out! We may have an-

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other route to find him, though: a Inter database shows a W1 call in Honolulu, Hawaii in 1996.

We also have, thanks to Ruth Bartholomew at 10-10, came across an address for the other missing Bahamas station, C6AFR. That call was issued to one Fred O'Brien - and if anyone out there knows anything on or about him, get in touch with us!! Now to get an address for FPOMG - does anyone out there have a source on St. Pierre/Miquelon or even a card from this person?? Any and all help is welcomed here!!

As an aside on the DX, our research found two calls were actually held by one person and efforts are being made to track him down. Those calls, incidentally, are KZ5TV (old Panama Canal Zone call that is now a deleted prefix) and YN4/WB1CII. Both were assigned to Thomas Reilly in Nashua, NH; a search on his situation is underway.

Now, on to our Power Rankings, the list of how close club members are to the Masters', based on the current application as compared to what points awards they have earned. And since the World Series should be in the books by the time you read this...

We start with the first level, known as the On Deck circle, which are those stations that have all the point awards and just need to knock these pitches over the fence to enter our Hall of Fame:

- N2LH needs only the Poker Player award on 40 meters and the Net Controller award to be the first club station to qualify for the honor. To end the debate on club Masters': In this author's book, if you have got the required awards and have earned them properly and honestly, you deserve

to take the big prize home no matter who or what you are! So there!!

- KD8QQ is now four DX away on 75, thanks to getting Keith in Ecuador (HC1JE, if you forgot his call) and Martinique
- K7MFG is still 14 DX away on 75
- N5OHL is still 11 DX away on 75, along with needing the Poker Player and the Nite Owl on that band

[[Update from Jim: According to an October email, the Nite Owl on 40 is done and 75 meter Poker Player is three cards away unless he chases the Net Controller award. As for the DX award, he says he figures "that will take probably two more years" to earn.]]

[Memo: Not if the club's "DX Ducks" have their way...]

- W5IL is still 14 DX away on 75 plus needing the Poker Player on 40 (he's got it on 75) and the Nomad award on the primary band.

On second level, waiting in the dugout, are those stations with all the Basic awards but needing these specific higher level certificates only to finish the point requirement and get a call as to what other awards they need for the grand finale:

- AA0ZP needs the 2k award on 75 meters
- KD3O needs the 1k and 2k awards on 40 meters
- WK5S needs the 1k and 2k awards on 75 meters

On third level, sitting in the bullpen, are those stations that need only one Basic award to have all the point honors and get a call as to their Masters' needs. These three stations need only their 80

meter CW net certificate.

- WQ1H (Dave, I'm taking you and Ginger to dinner next time yer in Lansing!!!!!!)
- KA4BHL (Clarence: Come ON already, get in touch with us!!!)
- N8DXR (remember to aim for me on this net, gang... GRIN)

And a fourth, K1DWI, needs just the 40 meter RTTY basic award.

Finally, fourth level stations playing the outfield just need these Basic certificates to have worked 100 point awards on all our required nets (the new RTTY and PSK nets are not yet counted toward the Masters' as we await a revision of the requirements):

160 SSB - K5YAA (Guess I'll have to say hi to Jerry in a contest)

N1EM (still waiting for any info on this station's future)

40 RTTY - N2BYM, W2WW, WV2X, K8PG, WK9O

40 CW - W9VB (Is Marty hiding out with Jimmy Hoffa?)

80 CW - W1BYH, KE3ZZ, AC5SU, K6FO, W7DO, WM9II, K0WJ

As an aside: To reach the very top level once they have all their needed Basic awards, WM9H would need the 2k award on 75 meters while N2BYM and W9VB will each need to get their 2k awards on 40 and 75.

Owing that last issue's column listed the club's information needs rather effectively, it is time now to end this one as promised.

Those member stations that have been confirmed as Silent Keys through a check of a database of Social Security death records are now provided here, with those

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calls that have been reissued listed in **bold** typeface. All of their records have been moved to the Cross Reference's Silent Key file, and their roster listings have been updated.

May these honored members all be inscribed in the Book of Life

N1AFP W1AHM **N1BA** KA1BQB
KA1GPR ((AA1Q)) WA2AC N2CAJ
WB2FSQ WA2FUM K2JIY K2JZT
WA2LWU **KR2U** **W2UT** W2WU
N3ARB WB3CEJ WB3DWP N3FN
KA3GCV W3HZP K3JOM
WB3JUC KB3SN WA3SSE
KB4CN KE4HL KB4MJ AB4Q
KA4RRR KF4RS WB4ZCO N5AUP
N5CEP W5EMZ KD5GZ WA5KEF
KB5UT WB5YZB K5ZQT KA6ACY
WB6AEA N6HCE WA6NME
WB6PQZ WB7BHO N7GRW
N8ANC WB8DAK KB8DZ KA8ELS
KB8IO KA8KT **WB8WSB** KA9ARG
KA9CRY WB9GTC KF9L W0ADN
N0ALY N0EGY W0KTZ WG0O
WA0SLT WB0SNY KOVUA

All of their records (and those of our Rusty Keys mentioned earlier) have been moved to the Cross Reference's Silent Key file, and their roster places have been noted.

Some footnotes:

- In honor of his status as holder of 75 meter certificate # 1 - the first Century Club award ever issued - WB8WSB, the call of Robert Perac (found to be a SK in 1994), is listed in *italics*.
- In tribute to his status as 1st District signatory for the club charter, AA1Q - the call of Gerald Di Chara - is in parentheses.
- Of these members, 13 held 1,000 point awards on either 40 meters or 75 meters. One (KB3SN) earned 1k on both, one (WG0O) a 40 meter 3k.

- Of the 96 remaining missing members, seven stations hold at least a 1k on one band with three holding higher awards on both 40 and 75. Of those three, W3LQY has 1k on 40 and 75 and KE0LP has a 2k on 75.

- The third, AA8DP, is the only missing member on our entire list to hold a number on our 160 meter net; he also holds a 3k award on 40 meters and a 5k award on 75 meters.

FYI: AA8DP is listed in the Winter 2001 RAC (Flying Horse) call sign CD with a July 2003 license expiration date but is NOT listed in either of the QRZ or Buckmaster online web pages, per a search of them.

- In gratitude to the 10-10 International Net for their efforts in assisting us with this process, a copy of our findings and a message expressing the heartfelt thanks of our club has been forwarded to Ruth Bartholomew.

Until next time,

N8DXR Tom In MI

Hide And Go Seek

Try to out-smart your opponent!!!



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OCTOBER AWARDS—by NJ3V

Awards Issued October 2001

75 Meters

100 Point Certificates

2385 ABOJH 2386 K2SBV
2387 KC2ELG 2388 KD5DTE
2389 K8TLC 2390 K9JHG
2391 N0PUI

500 Point Endorsement

K4FSI K2SBV AB2LA

Alphabet #325 K4SGF

Bakers Dozen #1016 KBOOKS

Bakers Mobile Endmnt NA7SS

Call Area (2) #281 KBOOKS

Certificate Hunter

304 K4SGF 306 KD7EUU
308 KC8IMK 310 N8ISY

Nite Owl Award

221 KC8IMK 222 KE6FQC

Nomad #73 W8FSJ

Numbers Racket #78 KC8IMK

VIP/Officers Award

#687 KC8IMK 640 ABOJH

WAS

811 K4FSI 812 K8TLC
813 WD4IRO 814 AB5GH

Wise Mobile #5 W9JAY

40 Meters

100 Point Certificates

2128 K5WEC 2129 N0KI
2130 VA2SEY 2131 AE4XO
2132 KD7EUU 2133 KG4DL
2134 WA3I

500 Point Endorsement

N9YDQ KB2EH

1,000 Point

408 AE9YL 409 W1SYZ
410 N9YDQ 411 WR7QID

2,000 Point

173 KK1A 174 WM0F

4,000 Point

#60 KC8IMK

5,000 Point

#45 K7MFG

8,000 Point

#20 AA9ZB

10,000 Point

#16 KB5GVR

13,000 Point

#4 N2XTT

Alphabet #326 K1HLC

Bakers Dozen

1010 K4SGF 1011 K4SGF
1012 WA8SYR 1013 K9TWV
1014 K4SGF 1015 K9TWV
1017 K9TWV 1018 K9TWV
1019 N9YDQ 1020 KE6FQC
1021 NJ2LH

Bakers Mobile #128 N8MFB

Bakers Mobile Endorsements

W9JAY KC5BFC(2)
W8FSJ KC1NA
WB8ABC KBOOKS
K8MZA NQAOP

Call Areas

(2) 282 WA2STH
(3) 283 WA2STH

Certificate Hunter

305 KO2Q 307 KC8IMK
309 N8ISY 311 N9YDQ

Journeyman NCS #33 WA2JIM

Nite Owl Award

#196 KC8IMK 197 KB1DFE

Nomad

108 W8FSJ 109 N9YDQ
110 WM0F w/100 Pt Endorsement
400 Point Endorsement K7MFG

Numbers Racket

#97 KC8IMK 98 K4SGF
99 KB1DFE

VIP/Officers Award

#684 K4SGF 636 KC8IMK
638 KA0RIIM 639 N9YDQ

WAS

#815 N9YDQ

WAS-YL

#102 W5HL

WAS Capitals

45 Endorsement W1SYZ

WAS Same Station #9 N2XTT

RTTY 20 Meters

100 Point #21 KB1DFE

RTTY 80 Meters

100 Point #17 KB1DFE

PSK31 20 Meters

100 Point #5 K4SGF #6 WM0F

160 Meters

100 Point Certificates
#287 KC8IMK 288 KBOOKS

500 Point Endorsement K2SBV

NCS Award

Kevin Burkhardt WM0F
Mel Hickman KK7SR

CW 40 Net

100 point #96 W7PXL

Call Sign Changes

KB0SC now K4SGF
WD4RCO now KB4ET

N8DXR's Platform Editorial

Ed Note: When asked to submit information for the candidate profiles, Thom N8DXR submitted same along with some views that he wanted to share with the readers.

In order to be fair (me being the Editor and his opponent), I thought I would place this information into an Editorial from Thom.

To wit, I can best describe my campaign platform as a feeding frenzy for termites. As I am fond of saying at times like this, if nominated I will run (for the hills) and if elected I will serve (and volley).

If all this does not make up your mind to whom to vote for, give me 10 minutes and I'll think up something *REALLY* outrageous....

Having said all that, I do have a serious side. I support:

- * Creation of a 160 meter CW net to give us a balance of three nets for each mode we have now (I supported creating such a net even BEFORE we went into the 20 and 80 meter RTTY and the three PSK nets - all of which are excellent ideas and will grow with time), followed by spinning off the CW part of my bureau into a new digital-only bureau managed by another member.

The reasoning behind this move (and I will NOT do it until the above takes place, so don't bother to ask) is that I support individual bureaus for the three SSB nets because of their sheer numbers, but the CW and digital bureau should be combined and be a mode-specific operation.

Again, these are my thoughts on this proposal and no more...

- * Revision of the Masters' award application, given that we are using a form that has not changed since 1996 and we have developed a number of new awards (along with not including several existing awards) that warrant changes to bring our highest honor not only current but also make it even more of a challenge!

- * Designating a member of the Awards Committee to accept proposals, and subsequently establish timelines, for award proposals from members as a way of speeding the process, instead of the current and somewhat cumbersome route of first going through the area Directors.

- * Developing a program whereby members of the club could "sponsor" club awards through contributions, either by cash or in-kind, to defray the costs of printing or purchasing trophies and endorsement labels or other notations for those where such would apply.

- * Establishing a Century Club County Hunter award, which I would be happy to sponsor, that would tie in and be valid for the CQ and MARAC programs.

Finally, given that January begins the 25th year of the Century Club, something needs to be done to ensure our continuity, at least on a spiritual level.

In October I had the sad task of confirming the passing of AA1Q, the signer of our charter for the 1st call area. With his death, we have now lost three of the original 11 signers.

Of the remainder, only two or three check in on a regular basis (KD3O, K5WSC and, at times, WA9KKM) while the others are very rare

checkins.

To this end I propose the establishment of a Silver Anniversary Century Club charter for the 2002 Eyeball, with signers to come from each of the 10 US call districts, one from VE and one from another DX country.

Each of these signers would be nominated by the area Directors and awards managers in concert, and efforts would be made to see that each member not only was not a current club officer so as to provide for more potential contacts for the VIP award but also represented, in one way or another, the club's:

- * Combos * Mobiles *CW Nets *RTTY Nets *PSK nets *Net controls *YIs * Youth members (such as Rebecca/WHIC, as an example) *State capitals
- * Club stations (having such holding this status would be acceptable and fitting)

One spot would be established for one of the original charter signers, in an act akin to passing the torch to the next generation, to sign this new charter. KD3O/Jim would be the perfect representative for that status, as I see this envisioned.

The names of the Silver signers would remain confidential until just before the 2002 Eyeball, when they could be announced on the nets.

Okay, there is where I stand, and I hope it's on dry rocks.

Have at me as you will

- 73 Thom N8DXR

Thought About Being A Net Control Station?

If you haven't, you are missing one of most rewarding roles in the 3905 Century Club. Clearly, the Net Control Stations are the backbone of the Century Club and no nets would be possible without them.

Aside from being tired and ready for a good night's sleep when you walk away from the radio after a night of being NCS, there is a real feeling of having accomplished something—both for yourself and the other members.

None of the club nets would be able to operate effectively without net control stations that are "on top of their game". Thing is, there is no way to get on top of the game until you get your feet wet. And to do that, everyone has had to do a "first night".

Elsewhere in this issue you can read about K2SBV Joe's first night as a Net Control station. Today, after only a few weeks, Joe has quickly joined the ranks of effective, confident NCS stations.

"The Net Control Stations are the backbone of the 3905 Century Club—nothing happens without them."

One thing to keep in mind when running a net—you are in charge and you are responsible for the conduct of the net. That is why a NCS station is strongly backed by the Board of Directors as well as the membership of the club.

When you are NCS, you are in full charge of the net and everyone will look to you for the tempo of the net. Above all else, have fun with it and don't worry about making a mistake—even experienced NCS stations make mistakes from time to time.

If you are interested in trying out for a Net Control slot, just contact one of the Club's Net Coordinators listed below—depending on the mode and net.

- 75 Meter SSB Early Net—WY8V
- 75 Meter SSB Late Net—K7NZ
- 40 Meter SSB Early Net—NT4Z
- 40 Meter SSB Late Net—KD7BVO
- 160 Meter SSB Early Net—N8RYD
- 160 Meter SSB Late Net—W5IL
- 80 Meter CW Net—WK9O
- 40 Meter CW Net—WOKRE
- 20 PSK-31 Net—AF4LD
- 20 RTTY Net—WM9H
- 80 RTTY Net—AF4LD
- 40 RTTY Net—KV4DT
- 40 PSK-31 Net—KA1KJZ

Creative QSL Cards

The advent of computers, scanners and digital photography has enriched the art of QSL cards. Here are just a few examples of how creative some people have become.



Above: WMOF—Kevin
Below: AA6HB—Herb



Above: W7QVO—Bill
Below: N9YDQ—Rhonda



More Eyeball PIX by KO2Q



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THE 3905 CENTURY CLUB ELECTION LATE NOMINATIONS

Just after the Centurion Newsletter went to print two additional announcements were made for candidates for the coming election. They were received too late to obtain a personal profile on the candidate(s), so some information is included here.

10th Call Area Director

For the 10th Call Area Director there are now three (3) candidates for that office. AA0ZP and KB0OKS, both of which are included in the profiles contained in the Centurion. Additionally, Randy Kimball WL7YM has announced his candidacy for the 10th Area Director.

President

For the election for President there are now three (3) candidates for that office. K4SGF and N8DXR, both of which are included in the profiles contained in the Centurion. Additionally, Randy Kimball WL7YM has been nominated for President

Randy WL7YM

Randy is a long time member of the 3905 Century Club and has served as the 160 Late Net Coordinator and a regular Net Control station on 75 meters. Randy lives in Kansas City Missouri and holds an Advanced Class license.