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THE 2002 ELECTION SEASON IS HERE

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 KBOOKS 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>

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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 locations.

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 KBOOKS.

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.

KBOOKS—Milt Whitaker

"Uncle Milty" (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 Le-
high Amateur Radio Club, Allen-
town 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 ballroom 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."

