

The CENTURION

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1977 to 2002—25 YEARS OF CONTACTS The Beginning of the 3905 Century Club, Inc.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the 3905 Century Club.

There is no better way to start off this special edition of the Centurion than with an article by **W9HG—Harold Gould**—the Charter President of the 3905 Century Club, Inc.

Memory Lane By Harold Gould, W9HG

In the beginning it started with the Bicentennial Net where I spent many a night as net control from my then QTH Foxboro, Mass.

I was K1HHN then and using the call of AA1HHN. The object of the net was to give as many hams as possible during that one year using special call signs a chance at all 50 states.

This was not impossible as there were regular checkins from Alaska and Hawaii and we operated 7 nights a week.

W4GDY Bob Massie from Mobile,

AL and Gene Dinsmore WA4WCG from Tallahassee, FL were the respective President and Secretary of the net.

I don't know what happened to Bob but Gene is AA4US now and is a 3905 club member who participated as net control and was instrumental in getting the RTTY nets going.

Then in August 76 my company offered me a position in Atlanta and I moved down south with a brand new Dodge Station Wagon, a wife and 3 boys.

Soon as possible I sent a note to the FCC engineer in charge in Atlanta that I was operating portable 4. I was always one who respected my license and did not want any glitches to happen. In those days the FCC was boss and you did what the rules said.

It was also a fact that you had to change your call sign then to the call area you were in and since I was leaving New England for Georgia I needed a 4

call. It was also a fact that the FCC dropped that requirement in 1977 a couple of months later, but since I was operating in September 76 from my new QTH I came under the old rules.

I remember in October receiving my new call of W4NVF and I was really happy because I always wanted a call with a W in the prefix.

I always volunteered for net control on Friday and Saturday nights on the Bicentennial net, so the Friday evening it came for my turn

I read the preamble, said my call and all I remember hearing was Bob W4GDY with his usual big signal come on frequency and say, "WAIT A MINUTE!"

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Howie W9HG

March 1, 2002

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Memory Lane by W9HG (Continued)

I HEAR A FAMILIAR VOICE BUT THE CALL DOES NOT FIT, IS THAT YOU HOWIE?"

Yes, its me Bob. "WELL FOLKS THIS IS IT—THE SOUTH HAS BEEN INVADED BY YANKEES AND ITS NOT VERY FUNNY HOWIE".

Thus started the legend of the W4 NOT VERY FUNNY era, which stuck with me for many years to come.

December of 1976 the Bicentennial Net came to a close and in February 77 a bunch of regulars were hanging out on 3905 complaining about no activity and this inspired me to come up with a suggestion.

I said we could keep something going here if you are all interested?

Tell us more Howie they cried.

I said, first lets see how many we have on frequency so we took a roll call and we did it by call area.

The bands were pretty good in 77 so we had good coverage to all areas including 6 and 7 land. We counted up and agreed that we had 100 hams on frequency.

Then it hit me and I said OK guys we have a chance to get something going with this crowd, and I think a good name for our club would be 3905 Century Club which coincides with our 100 here any other suggestions? There did not appear to be any—so we continued on.

I said we need a Treasurer to agree to take donations and set up an account. "I WILL" said Dick WA1FWO in Norwich, CT, that is great, Dick. Now how about a Secretary to keep a member list?

"I WILL" said Charlie Cook WD8DIV in Parma, Ohio and so we started the club. Both Dick

and Charlie put in many hours during those early months as we built up a system of names and funds to support the certificates.

We also had to set a cut off date for Charter Membership which we were reluctant to do but found it necessary. Our original 100 Charter Members turned out to be 120 or so by the time we closed the doors and counted.

Everyone agreed that I should be the Charter President and I asked Mike Harshman K3HPG (now deceased) to be VP and he agreed.

Getting the club started was no problem but getting an activity program was the biggest challenge we faced. We had daily on the air discussions about how we should do this and the very first thing I wanted solved was establishing recognition to all of us becoming a genuine member and that Charter members would always have perpetual status.

The plan was to make it easy and not difficult to become a member and so I proposed the first certificate starting with the 100 points.

The very first 100-point certificate was going to be a problem as I knew for sure that if I got it or someone else in the network who was well known got it there would always be a question of favoritism involved.

Before we issued the number 1 certificate on 75 meters I asked everyone to be patient and to look for a good candidate. Word got back that we indeed had a candidate who was well liked by all but was suffering with an incurable disease.

I will hold this in confidence to the family and will not mention his name or call sign although many years have passed since his passing. He is posted on the web site if you want to see

who it was.

After the problem of the number 1 certificate was out of the way we soon had to face what to do for activity for those who now had nothing else to work for. I put that task to Charlie Cook and Dick Rainville and a few others after seeing the need for another certificate.

This evolved into the 500 point certificate and finally a 1000 point certificate which is where I left off in having anything to do with the awards program. I really wanted a simple reward program and stopped my input at the 1000 level and let others build on it as they wished.

Most of the time spent in 1977 by others and myself was spent on building the foundation of the club so it would be sound and lasting. Much of my time was spent, especially my week-ends, as net control with an Old Faithful Ray, K8IWC from Detroit. The only net we had running was on 75 meters and we were averaging up to 200 check-ins each on Friday and Saturday evenings.

All this activity brought out the worst in the 75 meter bad bunch who hung around 3902, who continually harassed us and did their best to disrupt our operations. We started a policy then and I hope it still is alive that no one from the club would get involved with them and we would just wait it out.

Meanwhile Tom Bowers WD4CQY (deceased) was given the task of being our first residence agent after establishing the club as being incorporated in Florida.

He also was part of the original team to set up the constitution and bylaws.

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Memory Lane by W9HG (Concluded)

We incorporated in Florida and at the close of 1977 we set up our Directors and candidates for President and VP. I found myself running alone as no one wanted to run for the office. Mike K3HPG (deceased) ran for VP with no opposition. I said at that time that I would only run one term as I had spent one year as being Charter President and two years would be enough.

In 1978 the net grew to a point where we needed to expand our operations to 40 meters, as too many checkins on 75 meters where we had even started a late net could not keep everyone happy.

So 40 meters started and the number one certificate holder became Ray WA4SGP. A few words about Ray, he without a doubt turned out to be one of the strongest supporters of the club in his probably being the longest term Secretary the club ever had. Another supporter long dedicated to the club was Bill WA2ZYM out of Troy NY—he handled lots of different duties and remained active for a very long time.

The club started with the concept of being a place on the 75 meter band where anyone could be recognized without begging for a chance to say hello.

The band was notoriously known for being closed to all but those who had a frequency established, and to find an open frequency was pretty much a miracle. Further, they were so nasty that you had to block your ears if you tuned up on them accidentally.

We offered many a ham an opportunity to be part of a group who wanted to swap QSL cards and to let them have a new state in their quest for a WAS certificate.

When I reflect back over the

past 25 years it is with the remembrance of the so many dedicated people who made it their priority to see the club make it.

Without the support of all these people—past and present—the club would not be around today to welcome other new hams to an experience of our hobby that there is a place you can check in and be a part of, and that your station is important to all on frequency who are listening to make a contact with your station which is important to them in their quest for more certificates, or more importantly how you the individual operator feels at home.

Along the same lines are those who take on responsibility of the club like KD3O Jim who keeps the club at a high tech level providing us with the channels to knowledge with the web site and daily reminders by email, Jim has been with the club since its beginning—serving as net control and many other functions; the editor of the Centurion presently Bill K4SGF another long time supporter who served in many capacities including VP, the as hard to find as hens teeth net controls, who provide continuous service in their combined efforts to keep the club operating each and every night.

Think about it, in 25 years the net has never shut down except for a rare occasion to respect a national disaster or information session in the months with 31 days.

The latter was a great move to prevent the first call area from receiving 2 consecutive nights in call area selection and gives the newcomer or regular a chance to ask questions about the club and its operations.

I can not close without saying that the principles of the 3905

Century Club remain today as they did 25 years ago.

We can be proud of our past and present operations even though sometimes it gets tangled with misunderstanding and premature speculations from certain individuals that join us, we all basically want to help each other and to remain part of a group that responds to the needs of others.

This simple but easy approach has lasted for 25 years and with dedicated participation from around the world the 3905 Century club will live forever in the hearts, minds and souls of those who respect the humanities and for what they exist for.

Thanks to Bill K4SGF for asking me to write this and to those who I have forgotten in my foggy memory banks of 25 years ago I say this— You are all a part of my memory of the many happy times and few sad times we had over the years and your contributions are part of history now long to be remembered by those who have come after you.

73
Howie W9HG



KD3FM Annual Service Award—Nominations Sought

In 2001 the Board of Directors established the KD3FM SERVICE AWARD in memory of Carole Hetzler KD3FM, former Manager of the 75 Meter QSL Bureau and a Silent Key.

The KD3FM Service Awards is an annual award for exceptional service to the 3905 Century Club by a member of the 3905 Century Club.

Although the nominations are made by members of the Board of Directors, all members are en-

couraged to make suggestions or recommendations for the award to their Area Director.

From those nominees, the President will select a final candidate and submit that candidate to the Board of Directors for approval.

The selection takes place annually 90 days prior to the next scheduled annual meeting (the 2002 Eyeball this year).

Candidates for the award should be those people that have given of

their time and efforts to advance and support the goals, operations and membership of the 3905 Century Club. Beyond that, there is no specific criteria for the award.

If you believe someone in the club deserves recognition through this award, please inform your Area Director of the individual along with the reasons you feel warrant the award.

Nominations are due by March 31.

Digital Nets Continue Growth & Expansion

The 3905 Century Club Digital Nets continue to grow in numbers of nets available and the number of check-ins.

A year ago the Digital Nets were running about 10 checkins per net but most nets today are finishing up with 20 or more checkins with lots of new calls.

The current Digital Net schedule is as follows by band (Mode, Frequency, UTC Time and Day):

80 Meters

RTTY 3.584 0400 Sunday
PSK-31 3.580.5 0400 Wednesday
PSK-31 3.580.5 2300 Saturday

40 Meters

RTTY 7.084 0200 Monday
PSK-31 7.071 0200 Wednesday
PSK-31 7.071 0100 Friday

20 Meters

RTTY 14.084 2100 Sunday
PSK-31 14.068 2200 Saturday

All RTTY nets are operated on LSB (if you use FSK mode the sideband is automatically LSB) and all PSK-31 nets should be operated on USB.

PSK-31 nets are generally on those frequencies with a tone of 1200 Hz, depending on QRM.

A tip for exchanging RST reports on RTTY. The old time baudot machines, as well as today's software that simulates baudot, has a feature called "character lock". It is easy when sending numbers to have the shift go to alpha and it will stay there until a "space" is sent.

So it is a good idea to put a space between the characters in a signal report — instead of 449, send 4 4 9. It will work much better and your report will stand a much better chance of being read at the other end.

Men & Boys—The Price of Our Toys!

Some people will go to great lengths to operate mobile or, in another way of saying it, taking their hobby with them.

Here is KK7AZ's idea of being mobile on the water. Note the antennas.

The HF rig in this "mobile carrying case" is a Yaesu FT-990.



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Awards As I See It—by Jim N5OHL

Award Trivia Contest From the December Issue

First of all, this was entirely my idea (and money). The 3905 Century Club board and officers had a b s o l u t e l y nothing to do with this contest. I had fun doing it and learned several new items. I hope that you had fun also. I had to make a few judgment calls on the answers. My decision on the correct answers is fair and final.



Here are the answers:

1. Which club award application does not require any QSL cards?

The correct answer is the Application for the Master's Degree Award.

Notice that I said award application. Even though it takes lots of QSL cards to reach the Master's Degree Level, the actual award application for the Master's Degree does not require you to send in QSL cards. Take a look at the application and you will see what I mean.

2. What club award has no application?

Again take note of the word application. The Net Controllers Award does not have an application. You obtain this award after reaching a certain level by acting as net control. Net coordinators send in monthly reports to the awards secretary who will issue the award. Several people said the president's annual certificates of appreciation. These are really not typical awards, so for this contest I did not accept that answer.

The other correct answer is the Baker's Dozen award certificate that goes to the mobile operator that provided the 13 different state contacts.

3. Which award has the most 100-point certificates issued. As of this writing the 75-meter SSB net has the most with 2396.

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

The 80-meter PSK net has zero 100-point certificates as of December 2001. Many guessed the 20-meter PSK-31 with six 100-point certificates. Zero is less than six.

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

There are several possible answers: Godfather Award—none ever issued. This award was listed for years and years on the old basic information sheet. In the July 2001 board meeting it was officially deleted.

Canadian Roundup Award—This award has been deleted and replaced by the Canadian Call Area Award. Only 3 roundup awards were issued. The 20th Anniversary award—is no longer listed as an award, so for this contest I did accept this as a correct answer. Original CW award—The original CW award has now been replaced by band specific awards. The original Net Controllers Award is not available. It has been replaced by a different set of standards and has multiple levels.

And who got it right first? The winner is Marc KB1DFE. The award was a \$20 gift certificate. Congratulations to Marc. Thanks for everyone that tried the contest.

That's Awards As I See It.

73—Jim N5OHL

N5OHL Mobile On Historic Route 66

Aside from this editor, how many of you recall the early TV series, Route 66? It was a TV show that was centered around two guys, their Corvette and adventures along old Route 66.

Recently Jim N5OHL decided to go "mobile" on Route 66 and here is a photo record of his trip.



What better shot to begin with than the Route 66 Museum with a beautiful Corvette parked in front,

unfortunately not Jim's.

Here is Jim with his truck on some of the original road of



Route 66. Much of the original road was very narrow (small cars back in those days) as seen to the right.

As can be seen, some of the road is in need of lots of repair, such as



this one located near Afton OK.



This old steel bridge dates back to 1929 and is still functional. The floor of the bridge is brick.

Lucille's Gas Station near Hydro, OK. Jim is at the pumps.



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3905 Century Club History Lesson

Looking back over the history of the 3905 Century Club, it is interesting to see the people that have made significant contributions to the Club. First, let me apologize in advance if I have missed anyone.

Over the past 25 years the Club has had twelve Presidents, with **W9HG**—Howie Gould—as our Charter President.

Following is a list of our Club Presidents and the period of their terms.

Two former Presidents (WD4ROD and AA1ME) are Silent Keys.

W9HG—1977—1978
WD4ROD (SK) 1979—1980
WA4SGP—1981—1982
WA2ZYM—1983—1984
KA5HFB—1985—1986
W4NNO—1987—1989
WD0GAH—1990—1992
WI4Y—1993—1995
KI5RN—1996—1996
AA0ZP—1997—1999
AA1ME (SK) 1999—1999
WK5S—1999—2001

During the 25 years of operations of the Century Club we have been fortunate to find many volunteers

to handle one of the most important jobs in the Club.

Without QSL Bureau Managers the membership would (1) have spent a lot of money on postage and (2), most importantly, not experienced one of the primary benefits of the 3905 Century Club.

Of the 16 people that have served (or still serve) as QSL Bureau Managers, three are Silent Keys—WA9CNV, N5GAP and KD3FM.

The list of Managers follows below and our thanks to all of them.

WB2LSK—1979—1979
W3LQY—1979—1980
KB6FR/3—1980—1980
KD3O—1982—1983
AL7HG—1982—1985
WA9CNV (SK) - 1984—1988
WT5BRW—1986—1988
N5GAP (SK) - 1990—1990
K4SSO—1990—1991
KD3XP—1991—1992
N5OHN—1992—1992
KC4IVI—1993—1993
KB5IPQ—1996—Present
KD3FM (SK) - 1998—2000
N8DXR—1998—Present
WM9H—2000—Present

Another thing that is interesting in looking at the members that

have given of their time and efforts to the Club, there are a couple people that head the list of those that have held multiple jobs over the years.

The first is **KA5HFB** who has held these six (6) positions in the Club.

Director 1982-1983
President 1985-86
Awards Manager 1982-91
Director 1986-88
Awards Committee 1987-88
President's Advisory Cmte 1988-91

The overall record holder has held eight (8) positions in the Club and it still very active. Jim **KD3O** has or does hold these positions.

Director 1977-78
Awards Secretary 1980
QSL Bureau Manager 1982-83
Club Historian 1985-Present
NCS Coordinator 1987
Club Web Master 1997-Present
Club Callsign Trustee 2002-Present
President's Advisory Cmte 2001-Present

Thanks To All Of You!

3905 CCN 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



RFI—The OTHER SIDE OF THE STORY

Here's my story about being on the RECEIVING end of RFI ... what an adventure.

I was very excited to return home to my station after being at M o m ' s f o r Christmas. After all, a TS440 and a Hamstik is a serious compromise compared to my TS2000 and choice of several antennas at the house.

I could hardly wait to rush downstairs and tune in to my favorite net, the 3905 Century Club Late Net.

My picnic was immediately rained upon when I turned on the radio and heard an S-9 60 cycle buzz. It lasted all night, then went away at sunrise.

Same thing the next night when I had to be net control. Finally I got frustrated and took the mobile station out to track

the source of this terrible racket. My nose led me to 3733 Henry Street, a neighbor's residence.

I called Public Service to see if there was anything on their end that could be causing it, in the street light or the lines. They came out and replaced a smoking connector block on a nearby line.

But the noise was back, S-9, as soon as the sun went down.

Having exhausted all other resources, I called the woman who lived at 3733 and introduced myself, and begged for her assistance. I asked about any devices that would turn on automatically at night and stay on until sunrise.

Eventually she mentioned a light on her garage that had a photo-detector. I asked her if she could cut power to it while I listened,

but she didn't know if there was a switch for it.

Figuring this was as good a time as any to meet my neighbor, I grabbed a few pieces of equipment and went over there.

I found a partially burnt out bulb arcing in the socket. Once the bulb was removed ... the noise was gone!

I didn't have one of these bulbs to replace it with and she told me not to worry about it ... but of course I went and bought one and snuck up there to replace it later.

So, life is back to normal at the KB9ZHG QTH, the neighbor has a bright light once again, and everybody seems happy.

Who would ever think a light bulb could cause so much trouble???

73 de Billy—KB9ZHG

K2WH—Bill Wraps Up 50 States on 75 Meters

Editors Note: In the last issue of the Centurion we had a feature article by Bill K2WH on the construction of a low band vertical. It appears that he put it to good use.

This past week, Bill send the following email to the Century Club email groups.

Congratulations Bill, on all 50.

Last night I contacted my 50th state, Idaho, N7ID, during the 75 meter net. This has been a 1 year attempt by me to perform this task.

I would like to thank the entire 3905 Century Club organization (especially the NCS stations) and

hams who check in and send QSL's for their excellent coordination and dedication to assist amateurs in this type of endeavor.

While it is a bitter sweet moment for me, it was well worth the effort and truly gives one a sense of satisfaction and a job well done.

It was the 3905 Century Club that encouraged me (indirectly), to build a bigger and better antenna to do the job.

A full size 1/4 wave vertical (65') was the answer. Verticals (or beams if you have the space), are the way to go for low band DX.

The bulk of my contacts were through the 3905 Century Club.

Obtaining the award would have taken much, much longer through random contacts without any direction.

I hope my success will encourage others to go the extra mile and do whatever is necessary to duplicate this feat.

So, in closing, the states are out there and they are listening.

Now onto 160 meters. Need only 3 more there! Where is North Dakota?

Bill - K2WH

Ex-WA2AEH

Anybody Remember KFC? From the 40 Meter Late Net?

Last year, for many months, the 40 Meter SSB Late Net was plagued with deliberate interference by a guy who called himself "KFC".

As reported before, he was finally caught through the efforts of several of our Club members, spearheaded by Lynnette KD7BVO—the 40 meter Late Net Coordinator.

Well, recently Mr. Merrell (a.k.a. KFC) received what every amateur dreads. A notice of "really, really bad news".

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

**In Matter of: File: EB-01-DL-512
David Edwin Merrell
NAL/Acct. No. 200132500002
Wichita Falls, Texas
FRN 0005-0709-74**

**FORFEITURE ORDER
Adopted: December 20, 2001
Released: December 26, 2001**

By the Chief, Enforcement Bureau:

1. In this *Forfeiture Order* ("Order"), we issue a monetary forfeiture in

the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) against David Edwin Merrell ("Merrell") for willful violation of Section 301 of the Communications Act of 1934 ("Act"), as amended. The noted violation involves Merrell's operation of a radio station on an amateur frequency without a license.

2. On September 10, 2001, the Commission's Dallas, Texas, Office issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture* in the amount of \$10,000 to Merrell. Merrell has not filed a response. Based on the information before us, we affirm the forfeiture.
3. **ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED THAT**, pursuant to Section 503(b) of the Act, and Sections 0.111, 0.311 and 1.80(f) (4) of the Commission's Rules, Merrell **IS LIABLE FOR A MONETARY FORFEITURE** in the amount of \$10,000 for violating Section 301 and of the Act.
4. Payment of the forfeiture shall be made in the manner provided for in Section 1.80 of the Commission's Rules within 30 days of the release of this *Order*. If the forfeiture is not paid within the period specified, the case may be referred to the Department of

Justice for collection pursuant to Section 504(a) of the Act. Payment may be made by mailing a check or similar instrument, payable to the order of the "Federal Communications Commission," to the Federal Communications Commission, P.O. Box 73482, Chicago, Illinois 60673-7482. The payment should note "NAL/Acct. No. 200132980001" and "FRN 0005-0709-74," referenced above. Requests for full payment under an installment plan should be sent to: Revenue and Receivables Operations Group, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

5. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this *Order* shall be sent by Certified Mail -- Return Receipt Requested -- to David Edwin Merrell at 704 Ross Avenue, Wichita Falls, Texas 76306.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

David H. Solomon
Chief, Enforcement Bureau

There is justice—and it is expensive. Congratulations to those that had the patience to work through this!

REMEMBER WHEN.....

When the worst thing you could do at school was smoke in the bathrooms, flunk a test or chew gum.

And the banquets were in the cafeteria and we danced to a juke box later, and all the girls wore fluffy pastel gowns and the boys wore suits for the first time and we were allowed to stay out till 12 p.m.

When a '57 Chevy was everyone's dream car. . . to cruise, peel out, lay rubber and watch drag races, and people went steady and girls wore a class ring with an inch of wrapped dental floss or yarn coated with pastel frost nail polish so it would fit her finger.

And no one ever asked where the car keys were 'cause they were al-

ways in the car, in the ignition, and the doors were never locked.

And you got in big trouble if you accidentally locked the doors at home, since no one ever had a key.

Remember lying on your back on the grass with your friends and saying things like "That cloud looks like a..."

And playing baseball with no adults to help kids with the rules of the game. Back then, baseball was not a psychological group learning experience—it was a game.

Remember when stuff from the store came without safety caps and hermetic seals 'cause no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger.

And...with all our progress... don't you just wish... just once... you could slip back in time and savor the slower pace... and share it with the children of the 80's and 90's..

So send this on to someone who can still remember Nancy Drew, The Hardy Boys, Laurel & Hardy, Howdy Doody and The Peanut Gallery, The Lone Ranger, The Shadow Knows, Nellie Belle, Roy and Dale, Trigger and Buttermilk as well as the sound of a real mower on Saturday morning, and summers filled with bike rides, playing in cowboy land, baseball games, bowling and visits to the pool... and eating Kool-Aid powder with sugar.

NOVEMBER AWARDS by NJ3V

Following are the awards that were issued in November 2001.

75 Meters

100 point 2392 K5WEC

2393 WA2PQE 2394 KG4JBM

2395 N1HP 2396 VA2SEY

500 Point Endorsement

WA3I N1HP

3,000 point #57 K7MFG

6,000 point #22 K4RWS

7,000 point #16 W3QZ

Bakers Dozen #1026 N1HP

Bakers Mobile Endorsement

W9JAY

Millennium #9 W9JAY

WAS #817 N1HP

WAS Same Station #1 W0MYZ

CW 40 Net

100 point #97 W7RRC

PSK 40 Net

100 point #10 K4SGF

160 Meters

100 point

#219 K9TWV 220 N9JZ

40 Meters SSB

100 point #2135 N3WD

2136 WW7AS 2137 K1QK

2138 N9JZ 2139 K4RWS

500 Point Endorsement

WA3I K4RWS

1,000 point

#412 K4RWS 413 KB0OKS

2,000 point #175 N3EQK 176 W1SYZ

5,000 point #46 KC8IMK

12,000 point #9 K5FNS

Alphabet

#327 N3EQK 328 KD4IN

Bakers Dozen #1022 N2XTT

1023 KD5BED 1024 K9TWV

1025 AC6LU 1027 W7HPA

Bakers Mobile w/Endorsement

#129 AG4LB 130 W4CKT

Bakers Mobile Endorsement

W9JAY K8MZA

Certificate Hunter #312 AB5GH

DX #54 N1UU

Journeyman #34 W1SYZ

Nite Owl

#198 KD5BED 199 KB2EH

Nomad

#111 W7DO 112 KD7BVO

Numbers Racket #100 KD7BVO

Poker Player #36 NJ2LH

VIP

#641 AB5GH 642 KD7BVO

WAS

#816 AB5GH 818 W7RRC

819 K4RWS 820 KB9ZHG

WAS Capitals

#449 KD7BVO 450 W7DO

A Parting Message from WK5S

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Members and Participants of the 3905 CC:

After three years of being the 3905 Century Club President, it has come time to step aside and let others provide your leadership. I want to thank everyone for your support during these past three years. It has been a very rewarding experience for me. The 3905 Century Club has provided an opportunity to make some very good friends over the years. What a great club!

As I review the past three years, I think of my friend AA1ME, George, and his passing. George treated me like family when I attended his Eyeball some years ago. I still miss him. I also recall others who have passed during this period of time with likewise fond memories. They are all missed and remembered. Larry, Carole, Phyllis and others...

During my tenure I have always tried to get voter turn-out to increase during the election period. I was very pleased this year with the

increase in the number of votes cast. We are making progress! Let me also say there is more progress to be made. Please continue to encourage others to vote.

During the last three years we have had three great Eyeballs due to hardworking hosts. RI, IA, and WA. I have attended all the Eyeballs since IL, Starved Rock Park. This is the Eyeball where we used the 500W amp in my truck (while the truck was running) to conduct the 40M Nets from the site. Ever since then, I have brought my Collins 30L1 for use at the Eyeball. These are fun occasions. I may miss the Eyeball this year, but my friend Bill, KO6CS, says I will change my mind when it starts to get close. We will see.

I believe the accomplishments of the Club leadership in these three years have been many. The major items would include: updating the Club Bylaws per all the board meeting voted changes; major revamp and rewrite of the NCS

Guide and new rules for multiple lines on the check-in log; we have a solid set of Net Coordinators and QSL Bureau managers in place and doing a great job; the number of CC nets have increased to include the latest digital modes in keeping with the times. This is just to mention a few.

In closing, I would like to thank all the Board of Directors and Club Officers for their support and hard work. I applaud all of you for your ability to work together as a team, without the friction that sometimes develops in this type of group. You all have been gentlemen and I thank you for that.

I will still be here supporting Bill and the Club as we move forward. I will mainly be participating in the 80M nets, working for my 1K AND 2K.

Best 73's
WK5S

Steve in Texas ...signing out over...

75 Meters—The Mother of All CCN Nets Revisited

In the first issue of the Centurion in 2001 we featured an article about “The Mother of All Nets – 75 Meters”. In this issue we are revisiting 75 meters with some interesting facts.

The 75 Meter SSB was the original net of the 3905 Century Club and it experienced a phenomenal growth rate in check-ins in the early years.

It wasn't very long at all before a late net was started to handle the volume – which continued to grow. So much so in fact, that the 40 Meter SSB net was started in 1978 to take some of the load off of the 75 meter net.

Since the beginning of the original 75 meter net a total of 2,400 100 point certificates have been awarded as of the end of 2001.

To get a feel for the “staying power” of our membership, you have only to look at the first 1,000 certificates that were issued.

Of the original charter members there are six members that routinely check into the nets. They include our Charter President, W9HG (#15), along with N0SD (#16), W9FRF (#56), KB3PU (#92), KK4TB (#98) and K5WSC (#115).

Of these members, both K5WSC and N0SD are original charter signers. And W9FRF is probably the closest member we have to holding a perfect attendance record on the nets.

Many other members with low numbers are routine checkins on the nets as well. They include W0ALW (#141) who checks in routinely from Minnesota

(summer) and Texas (winter) and K8PG (#157), occasionally as part of a combo.

Other frequent checkins still here from the early days include Jim KD3O (#188 and an original Charter Signer) and J.D. – KD4IN (#197) in Georgia.

From certificates 200 through 1000 we also have the following that are often on the nets and, in many cases, still serving as Net Control stations for many years. They include, with certificate numbers, the following:

WB4ZWT (229)	KO2Q (270)
WG4P (274)	W1BML(490)
KB2EH (508)	W6BUM (519)
KC0FA (627)	KB3GN (654)
KB6HM (713)	KK0Q (714)
K2LJJ (761)	K4RWS (787)
K4SGF (792)	KK2M (826)
WD0BVH (860)	WA1ROI (886)
AE1Q (934)	W4NNO (981)
K0LU (989)	

Many other members with low numbers check in from time to time.

At the same time, looking briefly at the certificate numbers issued after # 1000, many of our members remain as regulars on the check-in lists. Some go away for a while, but they keep coming back.

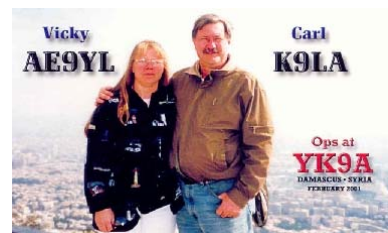
I apologize if I missed anyone on the list but as you can see, we have a lot of staying power among the early members of the club.

If you have not checked into the 75 meter net lately, come on back down to the Mother of All Nets of the 3905 Century Club.

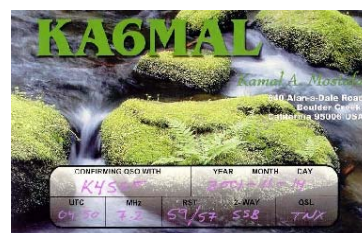
More Cool QSL Cards

Continuing from the last issue of the Centurion, here are more cool QSL cards from club members.

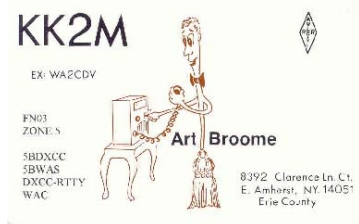
Vicky and Karl DX Portable.



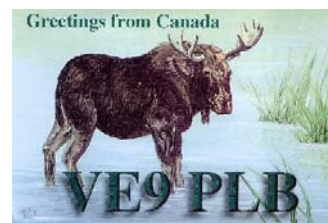
Kamal is a 40 Meter Late Net NCS



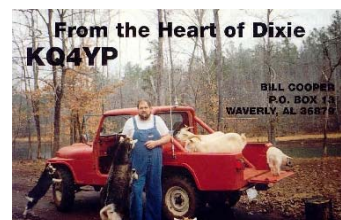
Art Broome “Masters” from NY.



Peter from New Brunswick



Bill (& goats) in Alabama



January Awards by NJ3V

75 Meters

100 point

2404 NA7SS 2305 KD6SWL
2406 NN3E 2407 KC0JQC
2408 AD5ED 2409 KD7OGR
2410 N1RR 2411 K1QK

500 point endorsement

N2SHP KC0JNT N1CKM
1,000 point #406 N1CKM
3,000 point #58 KD8QQ
4,000 point #38 KC8IMK
12,000 point #1 WB2RWT

Bakers Dozen

1043 KD7OGR 1045 WA0SMQ

Bakers Mobile End K7NZ (2)

Certificate Hunter 315 KB2EH

Nite Owl 225 N5LXI

VIP/Officers Award

643 NA7SS 644 WA0SMQ

WAS #828 NA7SS

830 WW7AS 832 K9TWW

WAS Capitals #453 NJ2LH

40-50 state endorse KD8QQ

WVE endorsement NA7SS

Wise Mobile #6 WW7AS

40 Meters

100 point

2144 AD6ZJ 2145 AL1F

2146 KT3D 2147 KD7OGR
2148 W2WGK 2149 KA4JQC
2150 AD5FX 2151 N1RR

500 point endorsement

N8ISY KE6FQC

1,000 point

417 N7VQ #416 N8ISY

4,000 point 418 KE6FQC

5,000 point 61 WZ0W

13,000 point 47 KD8QQ

5 AC6LU 6 KO6CS

14,000 point #3 N2XTT

Bakers Dozen #1035-39 W0ALW

1040-42 KD7EUU 1044 N5LXI

1046 N5LXI 1048 AC6LU

Bakers Mobile 133 K0WJ

Bakers Mobile endorse K7NZ

W8FSJ N8MFB W4YJM

WW7AS KG4NBL W9JAY

Certificate Hunter

313 NJ2LH 314 N5LXI

Nite Owl #202 NA7SS

203 KA0RHM 204 NN6E

Nomad #114 w/400 pt end NA7SS

115 N7OKM 116 WW7AS

117 W5IL

Poker Player 37 WM0F

WAS #827 NA7SS

829 KD6SWL

WVE endorse

Wise Mobile

16 NA7SS

831 N5GTD

NA7SS

15 W0SHS

CW 40 Net

100 point 98 ABOCT 99 WM0F

WAS 13 ABOCT

160 Meters

100 point #292 WB5MMM

Bakers Dozen #1047 WA0SMQ

Bakers Mobile endorse K7NZ

VIP #7 WA0SMQ

PSK 20 Meters

100 point #7 N5OHL

PSK 40 Meters

100 point #11 WM0F 12 K9TWW

RTTY 20 Meters

100 point #22 KV4DT

23 N5OHL 24 WM0F

RTTY 40 Meters

100 point #60 KV4DT

61 N7OKM 62 N1CKM

K4SGF Mobile Delaware, Etc.

On Thanksgiving evening I left the family gathering in Savannah Georgia and headed North. The first night I was mobile on the North Carolina and Virginia state line.

In addition to being mobile with my primary call, I was also carrying K4K—my special event call. The first night out I made over 60 contacts on the 40 and 75 meter nets.

After spending the night close to the Maryland line of Virginia, I drove the rest of the way into



Delaware where I spent a couple days with Ron N3EQK and his wife Geri. On Friday night I operated Portable from Ron's station as

shown above (Ron on the right).

On Saturday we did pretty much as you would expect with one ham visiting another. First was a trip to the local toy store—otherwise known as HRO.

Following that trip I got put to work helping Ron erect antennas.

The goal (which was accomplished) was to put up a 160 meter dipole which ran from Ron's backyard, over the house, across the street and into a tree in the yard across the street.



Not often you find neighbors willing to let you run a line over the street into their trees.

Later that night after a filling dinner at a local Italian Restaurant, we returned to the house for another round of nets, this time operating mobile out of my car while sitting in the driveway—we were both too full and tired to drive far.



Between the two nights of operating portable and mobile on 4 nets, I had made over 200 contacts.

The next morning, being Sunday I headed back to Georgia by way of Maryland, West Virginia and Virginia. I ended the trip working mobile from Tennessee.

This trip brings to 18 the total of mobile states for K4SGF.

25th Anniversary Silver Certificate Award

The Silver Certificate Award is open to all members of the 3.905 Century Club who hold a 100 point certificate on any club net. To receive this certificate, all requirements below must be completed using contacts made between November 15th, 2001 and June 30th, 2002 to be eligible for a Grand Prize drawing. As well as receiving a numbered Silver Certificate Award, each person that attains this award by that date will be entered into the drawing for the Grand Prize (details forthcoming).

Applications filed after June 30th will receive a numbered certificate, however will not be eligible for the Grand Prize drawing. The ending date for all Silver certificate contacts is December 31st, 2002. The application below must be completed entirely and forwarded to your Area Awards Manager along with the confirming QSL cards, sufficient postage for the return of your cards and the standard award fee.

Silver Certificate Award Requirements

1. A minimum of three contacts with Master Degree Super Wild Cards on any band.
2. A minimum of three contacts with Charter Members of the 3.905 Century Club on any band.
3. A minimum of 12 contacts with different 1 X 1 Special Event Callsigns on any band or mode.
4. A minimum of 12 contacts with mobile stations in different states on one band. Band Specific.
 5. A minimum of 12 contacts with different VIPs/Officers on any one band. Band Specific & Requires 12 QSL Cards.
6. A minimum of 20 different state contacts on any one band. Band Specific.
7. **NOTE:** There are three options for requirement # 7. Select only one option and do not mix or match.
 - (A) A minimum of 10 different 2 X 2, 2 X 1, 1 X 2 or 1 X 1 contacts on any CW or Digital Net, regardless of bands. Not more than 5 contacts may be in the same mode (CW, RTTY or PSK).

**** OR ****

(B) A minimum of 15 different 2X2, 2X1, 1X2 or 1X1 contacts on the following SSB nets (5 each band required). 40 Meters SSB/80 Meters SSB/160 Meters SSB

**** OR ****

(C) A minimum of 15 different 2X2, 2X1, 1X2 or 1X1 contacts on the following nets (5 each required). 40 Meters SSB—80 Meters SSB and—Any CW or Digital Net

**(Award Requires either 72 or 77 different contacts,
depending on option selected for # 7)**

**NO CARD CAN BE USED MORE THAN ONCE IN ANY
CATEGORY**

K 4 C C N

As another part of our celebration of our 25th Anniversary, the Board of Directors approved the acquisition of a Club Call Sign at the December 2001 meeting.

The Board also designated Jim KD3O (our Club Historian) the trustee for the club call sign. The guidelines for use of the call sign were also approved.

	3.905 CENTURY CLUB, INC K4CCN Incorporated in the state of Florida	CALL: _____ NAME: _____ PORT: _____ MOB: _____
Celebrating 25 years continuous operation of the 3905 Century Club, Inc. Worked All States Nets 1977-2002	The 3.905 Century Club, Inc. operates nets on 160, 80, 40 & 20 meters. Modes SSB, PSK-31, CW & RTTY. The nets are WAS oriented. SSB freqs 3.904, 7.233.5, & 1.892.5. All licensed Amateurs are welcome to join us. For more information check our web site. http://www.3905ccn.com	
CONFIRMING QSO WITH _____	DATE DAY MONTH YEAR _____	UTC _____
	MHZ _____	RST _____
		MODE _____
Trustee: KD3O Jim in Maryland	QSL _____ PSE _____ TNX _____	73

Jim has already finalized the process for requesting use of the call sign by members. As well, a standard QSL card has been designed. Any stations using the call sign must use the standard QSL card which will be provided by the club.

In order to use the club call sign, an individual must be a member of the 3905 Century Club with a valid 100 point number.

The member who wishes to use it must submit a request to KD3O for the use of the callsign for a specific time period and purpose.

The final decision on allowing the use of the club callsign will rest with the Trustee.

The maximum period of time that a member can use the Club Callsign is three (3) calendar days.

The Club Call Sign is authorized for use only on nets of the 3905 Century Club.

During the 2002 Eyeball the club callsign will be assigned to the Eyeball Host for the duration of the Eyeball.

The complete rules and application for use can be downloaded from the club web site.

2002 Presidential Advisory Committee

In past years there has been an informal committee of Past Presidents and Master Degree Holders that has periodically advised the President. The original committee was established by W4NNO during his term as President.

Recently the Board of directors revised the Bylaws and created a permanent Presidential Advisory Committee that provides advice and consultation to the President of the Club.

As well, the committee may work on other specific projects.

The updated Presidential Advisory Committee consists of a maximum of seven members and five of the appointments, made annually, come from the ranks of Past Presidents and Masters Degree Holders.

The remaining two members of the Advisory Committee automatically include both the Club's Registered agent and the Club's Historian.

Incoming President K4SGF has announced the following appointments to the Committee for

the 2002 – 2003 term.

WK5S – Steve Sparks - Chairman (Past President)

KK2M – Art Broome (Masters Degree Holder)

W4NNO – Harold Chambless (Masters and Past President)

W3QZ – Ron Cox (Masters Degree Holder)

KC1NA – Bob Demchak (Master Degree Holder)

K8MZA – Ricardo Meana (Registered Agent)

KD3O – Jim Fisher (Club Historian)

5 X 9 REPORT? OF COURSE IT IS.

I get many a chuckle out of signal reports given and received during Century Club net sessions.

In the early days of our hobby we built our stations, transmitting and receiving, using what ever parts we could scrounge up. The only measure of the success or failure of our efforts was reports of our signal strength and quality.

Even today, where your station depends on the size of your bank roll, one may still like an honest series of reports, before and after the expenditure, to judge if the kilo bucks spent was worth it. Sadly, too few honest reports are given out today for you to really know how you are doing.

Required reading to become a Century Clubber should be the explanation of signal reports you can find in the hand book and operating aids. You will find that 5X9 means an extremely strong perfectly readable signal. There can be only one "Maximum", the strongest signal on the band.

How many times have you heard "5X9 maximum" given out by a station who then needs three or more repeats to get his report back?

A while back I gave a 5 watt station a report of 3 X 3 and received back "also 3 X 3". Now, if he was running 5 watts out and I was running (actual) 1350 watts out, I should have been 24 db, 4 "S units" if the receiver is correctly calibrated, stronger. Now the QRP was probably an S7 but with an ambient noise level of S8 his readability was low. We both lied.

You have all heard a Mobile given a report of 5X9 and received back a 4X4 report. The honest one here is most likely the Mobile. After all, a station running 100 out with a whip antenna can not be as strong as a KW with a full size antenna?

Some of you may remember the time I was trying to hear a 2X2 California station. I could not get the correct report and passed.

To prove my point, on the next round I dropped my amplifier and reported "2X2" even though I could not hear the other station. The relay station reported a "roger contact". I do not consider that to be an honest contact and noted it that way in my log.

You hear this any number of times in a session. Are these really "Roger Contacts"?

What is the solution? Darned if I know. Perhaps we should rethink what makes a valid contact or perhaps abandon the concept of any exchange.

Think how fast we could get down the list if all that is needed is to tell Net Control who you want to log. Relay to the other station to log a 5X9 contact with so and so and move on to the next line on the list.

Much of the time that would be as valid as many of the present day contacts and a lot faster.

Contributor—"Anonymous"

Three HF Mobiles in the Oklahoma Capital

Last fall Jim N5OHL was quietly minding his own business in the capital of Oklahoma when he received a call from Jay W9JAY.

It seems that both Jay and Kevin K7KDH had arrived in Oklahoma City at the same time.



rig in the center and Kevin's red rig on the right.

camera while Kevin K7KDH and Jim N5OHL pose in front of the big red rig.

Both Kevin and Jay bring a lot of contacts and states on to the nets while operating long-haul all over the country.

You can always count on solid copy and a cheerful voice at the other end when working either of these two



On the left is Jay W9JAY and Jim N5OHL while Kevin does the honors with the camera.

On the right, Jay takes the



So they invited Jim to join them for lunch.

As a result of their lunch we have these four pictures. The top center picture is titled "3 HF Mobiles".

On the far left is Jay's blue and white rig, with N5OHL's baby



members.

The pictures were furnished by Jim N5OHL, the 5th Area Awards Manager and a regular contributing columnist to the Centurion.

Thanks for being there guys.

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DECEMBER AWARDS by NJ3V

75 Meters

100 point

#2397 N9JZ 2398 KD7KHC
2399 KB2BON 2400 K4KXO
2401 N1UU 2402 KB7RAC
2403 AG4DO

500 Point Endorsement

W8UY

1,000 point

#405 N1HP

Bakers Dozen

#1028 K9TWV 1029-30 AC7KP
1031-32 K7OLY

Bakers Mobile

#131 WW7AS

Bakers Mobile Endorsement

K7NZ (2) KG4NBL WW7AS

Call Area

(2) #286 KA2WQR
(8) 287 WA2STH

DX

#55 NJ2LH

Nite Owl

#223 AA3FC 224 KB2EH

Nomad

#74 WW7AS 75 NJ2LH

Numbers Racket #79 WA2STH

WAS

#821 KE6ZWY 822 KE6ZWZ
823 AC7KP 825 KV7S

CW 40 Net WAS #12 K1DWI

40 Meters

100 point

#2140 KL7QW 2141 KB9TQI
2142 KB5WCZ 2143 NØWJO

500 point Endorsement

W7RRC VA2GLB

1,000 point

#414 W7RRC 415 W8UY

10,000 point #17 WB2RWT

Alphabet

#329 NJ2LH

Bakers Dozen

1033-34 K9TWV

Bakers Mobile #132 KG4NBL

Bakers Mobile Endorsement

K7NZ VE6TG

Call Area

(4) #284 WA2STH

(9) 285 WA2STH

Nite Owl

#200 K7ZH 201 WA2STH

Nomad

#113 NJ2LH

Numbers Racket #101 NJ2LH

WAS

#824 KB2EH 826 KA0RHM

WAS Endorsement

VA2SEY VA2GLB

WAS Capitals

#451 AE9YL 452 AG4DO

40 & 45 state end K9TWV

50 state end K7MFG

WAS Same Station #10 N2XTT

W/VE Endorsement VA2GLB

160 Meters

100 point #291 KG4NBL

NCS Award

John Thornton K9TWV
Harold Lathrop KD7EUV

Journeyman NCS

Maynard Anderson AA9ZF

25th Anniversary Souvenirs

Both shirts and coffee mugs are now available at **EagleOne Promotions** in celebration of our 25th Anniversary.

Golf Shirts

Fabric: 100% cotton fabric of compacted yarn with Contoured rib collar; three button placket with wood tone buttons. Rib knit sleeve carefully color matched to body.

Includes 25th Anniversary Logo patch on the left-breast side.

Available in six colors: royal, white, black, red, hunter and navy.

Sizes: Adult S-XXXL Prices:

\$ 21.97 S—XL

\$ 23.97 XXL—
Up



Coffee Mugs

Ceramic white coffee mugs with the 25th Anniversary

logo imprinted on one side.

Cup prices are \$ 9.97 each. Mugs ordered in quantities of 3 or more receive a 10% discount.



Shipping for each item is \$2.50. Two or more items, the shipping charge is \$1.50 per

item.

Orders for shirts and cups may be mailed to EagleOne Promotions at 670 Creekwood Trail NE, Marietta, GA 30068.

2002 Election Results

The elections are over and the results were announced by AAØZP, the Net Control for the on-air election.

The following members make up the Board of Directors as the elected officers for the 2002 – 2003 term.

President – K4SGF Bill Martin
 Vice President – AA9ZF Maynard Anderson
 2nd Area Director – N2XTT Peter Summers
 4th Area Director – K4NJQ Duane Lewis
 6th Area Director – AC6LU Ray Krank

8th Area Director – WY8V Earl Hubbard
 10th Area Director – AAØZP Frank Taylor

In addition the Board of Directors for 2002-2003 will include the following incumbents who have one more year remaining on their terms.

1st Area Director—KE1KT Bernie Cass
 3rd Area Director – N3EQK Ron Rudinoff
 5th Area Director – N5UJB Jim Arterberry
 7th Area Director – K7MFG Gordon Love

DX Director - VE3DZR Dwayne Randle

As a result of the election of AA9ZF as Vice President, there will be a vacancy for the 9th Area Director on March 1st. At the March Board of Directors meeting a date will be set for election of a new 9th Area Director to serve out the remaining term of AA9ZF.

Members of the 9th Call Area that wish to be a candidate for the election only need to announce their candidacy on any 3905 Century Club Net.

Celebrating With 1 X 1 Special Event Call Signs

Between November 15, 2001 and September 3rd, 2002 we will have over 55 Special Event stations operating on the 3905 Century Club Nets as part of our 25th Anniversary Celebration.

The list of those confirmed follows below. It's not too late if you would like to participate - pick your dates and select a 1X1 callsign at the ARRL website. Then drop an email to K4SGF and we will add you to the list.

Be sure to check out the Q&A at the end of the list.

Dates— 1X1 Call— Sponsor Call

11/15-11/29/01 W5W AC5SU
 11/20-12/02/01 K4K K4SGF
 11/20-12/02/01 W8K W8UY
 11/23-12/05/01 K5O N5KAD
 12/01-12/15/01 N8F W8FSJ
 12/01-12/15/01 N9J N9JZ
 12/05-12/15/01 W4W W4CKT
 12/03-12/15/01 K3Q KD3O
 12/04-12/18/01 W2W WA2JIM
 12/17-12/24/01 K9H WM9H
 12/21-01/02/02 N1Z N1ZT
 12/19-01/01/02 W7M KK7SR
 01/01-01/08/02 N1H KB1DFE
 01/01-01/15/02 K6K KO6CS
 01/01-01/15/02 W5W AC5SU
 01/01-01/15/02 KØG KL7QW
 01/01-01/15/02 K9P K9TWV

01/01-01/15/02 N4C K4RWS
 01/01-01/16/02 W6M WS6AM
 01/02-01/15/02 K9R N9YDQ
 01/02-01/16/02 K8K N8ISY
 01/04-01/19/02 W7U K7MFG
 01/11-01/25/02 WØW WA2PQE
 01/16-01/31/02 WØF WMØF
 01/16-01/31/02 KØQ KCØJIR
 01/17-01/31/02 K7K KG7YQ
 01/17-01/31/02 K1R N1RR
 01/27-02/09/02 K5K W5UOT
 02/01-02/15/02 K9K AA9ZF
 02/01-02/15/02 W5W AC5SU
 02/01-02/16/02 W4M K4SGF
 02/02-02/16/02 W1R N1RR
 02/08-02/24/02 K7K NS7K
 02/08-02/24/02 K7R KB7RUQ
 02/09-02/23/02 N7N KK1A
 02/15-02/28/02 K3K N3EQK
 02/15-03/01/02 KØW KØWJ
 03/01-03/15/02 N8N N2OCW
 03/01-03/15/02 K4K WD5BJQ
 03/01-03/16/02 N7W KD7EUN
 03/15-03/29/02 N5N N5OHL
 03/16-03/30/02 W7A WW7AS
 03/16-03/31/02 K8Q KD8QQ
 04/01-04/15/02 K7H K7ZH
 04/15-04/25/02 K3N KE3NR
 04/15-04/30/02 WØC WAØSMQ
 04/16-04/30/02 N8V N8DXR
 05/01-05/15/02 N2J N2XTT
 05/13-05/27/02 K9D KA9DZM
 05/15-05/31/02 W2V WV2X
 05/26-06/09/02 W8W N8SI

06/23-06/27/02 W9H WM9H
 06/29-07/13/02 K7O K7OLY
 06/29-07/13/02 W8K W8UY
 07/01-07/15/02 K6R WB6LRI
 08/20-09/03/02 W6W AC6LU

Questions and Answers

Q. Can I use these calls for awards?

A. Yes. However, when using these 1X1 calls on any applications, be sure to include your primary call sign following the 1X1 callsign.

Q. Is the 1X1 Callsign eligible for any awards of the club, such as a 100 point number or Baker's Dozen?

A. No. Awards may be issued only for your primary station license call sign.

Q. Can a friend or other member use the 1X1 callsign I am assigned?

A. Yes, assuming he/she is licensed, as long as you are not using it at the same time.

Q. Is there any special format for the QSL cards for these calls?

A. Nope – use your imagination.

Q. Where do I apply for a 1X1 call?

A. ARRL web site using this URL

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec/1x1.html>

40 Meter Net Certificate History Lesson

Like it's big sister net (75 meters), our 40 meter net has a long tradition of regulars. Looking at just the first 800 or so of certificate numbers on 40 meters we find some interesting facts.

Of the first 23 members that jump out as regulars on 40 meters, there are two Master Degree holders (W4NNO and KK2M) that hold certificate numbers 742 and 413 respectively.

There are also two past Presidents including our Charter President W9HG (certificate # 25). The other is W4NNO.

Of the remaining group, at least six are charter members and a couple charter signers (N0SD and KD3O).

And these folks are all still active, such as KD3O (Club Historian and Web Master and certificate # 367 on 40) and N0SD (charter signer and certificate # 6 on 40).

There also members that have been active on all of our nets, attend eyeballs routinely and otherwise probably qualify for close to perfect attendance records.

Some of these are KD4IN (# 27) – JD in Georgia, KO2Q (#67) – Frank in New York, W6BUM (#98) – John in California and, of course, W9FRF (#103) – Charlie in the Wisconsin capital who probably comes the closest to a perfect attendance record on both 75 and 40 meters.

Others that are heard often include Miss Gladys WB2RWT (# 814); KB6HM (#44); WG4P (#93); W1UVJ (# 109 and now living in Florida); AE1T (# 114); KB2EH (#185); KM4Q (#227); our friendly Michigan Duck – KD8QQ Steve (# 746) and one of our personal favorite calls – K0SDA (South Dakota Angler - # 293).

One of our regulars probably has earned the title of a real gentleman on our nets – WB7QID – Wayne in Wyoming (# 344).

Then there is George in West Virginia – KB3GN (# 401) who has brought many states and modes to the nets; K0RST - Ralph (# 416) bringing the North Dakota capital to the nets; WA0CED – Dennis in Iowa (# 511) and another charter member – KK4TB (Jay in Alabama # 730).

The 100 point certificates now number over 2100 on 40 meters and the net enjoys many of the same members that can be found on 75 meters.

The continued success of the 40 meter nets is due in no small measure to the many Net Control station and the Net Coordinators including Hugh NT4Z on the early net and Lynnette KD7BVO on the late net.

QSL BUREAUS—New and Old

Recently the WM9H QSL Bureau underwent remodeling and a reorganization to better handle the volume of people (and cards) serviced by the bureau.

WM9H — Gene — services the 75 Meter SSB Nets (Early and Late) along with all of the Digital Nets—six of them at present including both RTTY and PSK-31.



The hanging files are organized by call sign of those that use the bureau which makes for easier and more accurate sorting.

As the winter months come upon us, the volume in the bureau grows on both the 75 meter nets and the digital nets.

Although there are six digital nets, two of them have a late and early version so you can see the volume will grow to equal 8 nets.

The picture on the right shows the files in a close-up view.



Gene also has an operating desk in the bureau room so he can participate in the nets while sorting cards. A picture is shown at the top of the next column.



In another article in this newsletter you can find a list of all of our past and present QSL managers. There have been several including WA9CNU — now a Silent Key.

A picture contributed by George KB3GN of WA9CNU and her QSL Bureau is shown to the right.



A New Kind of Mobile... By "Curly" Joe AL1F

Editor's Note: This issue we welcome Joe AL1F to the growing list of contributors to the Centurion with a unique story.

Living in a small Eskimo village in southwest Alaska offers both its challenges and some unusual possibilities. Sure, I don't have access to things people often consider necessary in life such as roads, piped water, sewer systems, and McDonalds to name a few. Sometimes living here is even downright inconvenient.

For instance, there was a night when a moose decided to camp out on my front porch. I had to convince the moose there were no vacancies at this particular Inn. While negotiating with the moose I missed my turn for a call on the late net. Now that's inconvenience! But revenge is sweet, and so was the moose stew.... Where else except Alaska could a guy like me combine his two passions in life? Ham radio and dog mushing.

I support my amateur radio and mushing addictions by working for the State's Public Radio and TV system as a broadcast engineer. I maintain KYUK radio in Bethel, KCUK in Chevak and contract with a few other stations as well. The State owns a network of 268 low power TV transmitters in "bush" Alaska; I support the ones on the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. The LPTV transmitters are often located in some very isolated areas and I must travel by boat, dog team, snow machine or a 4-wheeler, depending on the season, to reach them.

When I purchased a new battery powered QRP rig last year I had a brilliant idea. Why not attach the rig to the handlebow of my sled, mount an an-

tenna on the stanchions and operate while mushing across the tundra? Cool, huh? Visions of pile-ups where every ham in the lower 48 desperately tried to work the "mobile musher" danced through my brain. I might even be able to earn my DXCC in a single trip!

I own 12 wonderful huskies and one cantankerous Siberian lead dog named Radar.



Radar and I have shared over 5,000 miles of trail together in the past seven years and you'd think that would help a fellow and "man's best friend" bond even more, right? But Radar has a mind of his own and seems to take great pleasure in tormenting his master.

The day for the big test drive arrived. I took my brand new rig down to the dog yard and proceeded to mount it to the sled. Radar and his gang all set on top their houses intently watching the process. I'd swear that Radar had an evil gleam in his eye as he watched me carefully tuck the shiny new radio into its custom made insulated pouch. Once the radio was installed I hooked up six dogs to the gang line. The last step was harness old Radar and then take off for the wilderness

and on into the journals of amateur radio history! Well, at least that was the plan...

For those of you who have never been on a dog team before I'll explain the take-off process. While harnessing the dogs the sled is anchored in place by an aluminum snow hook. The hook is attached to the sled via a sturdy rope. When it's time to take off the musher "pops" the rope to break the hook free and then reels the line in and attaches it to the sled for later use. A dog team getting underway will go from a dead stop to 25 mph almost instantly, so the trick is to get the hook under control before it snags something and ruins your entire day.

On this particular day old Radar was really jazzed about getting out on the trail. It warmed my heart to see the old fella barking and lunging to go as I hooked him to the gang line. Enthusiasm is a quality we mushers look for in a lead dog because it helps get the rest of the team excited.

Radar was really getting the team pumped up! As I turned back and started the 50-foot walk towards the sled Radar must have sensed my mind was more on the possibilities of working hams in distant and exotic locations than keeping an eye on my team. I was still 20 feet from the sled when, with one final lunge, Radar and his gang popped the snow hook free and was underway. Without me.

The sled flew by so quickly that it still had not registered on my brain it was no longer anchored. As I've mentioned, a dog team will go from a dead stop to 25 MPH instantly.

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Mushing (Continued)

I've seen other mushers attempt to grab a sled as it flew by; I've even administered the first aid to those foolish enough to try.

Now mushers and hams have much in common. A ham hates to be separated from his radio as much as a musher hates to be separated from his team. Being as how I had just accomplished both in one failed swoop; I think my anxiety was understandable.

I stood in my dog yard and watched my team, with the new rig strapped to the sled and the antenna whipping around in the breeze, as they quickly disappeared over the tundra. My neighbor Alexi, a respected Yup'ik Eskimo elder, had witnessed this sad episode. Most Eskimo communities are very close and wary of outsiders. But I have lived here for 12 years now and have become accepted. Alexi once explained it wasn't so much that they accepted me, but rather that my "brilliant ideas" often provide the village with a good source of amusement. It's nice to be popular, eh?

Alexi always seems to come to my rescue whenever some catastrophe befalls me. He's helped me retrieve a 4-wheeler out of a frozen river, extinguish the cabin fire when I experimented with a custom made wood stove and raise a 50 foot antenna tower during a 40 mile an hour wind storm. Alexi even helped me rebuild my cabin roof when an experiment with a wind-mill-powered generator didn't work out the way I had planned. But those are other stories.

On this occasion Alexi quickly fired up his trusty snow machine and pulled up to let me climb on board. In no time at all we were in hot pursuit of Radar

and his gang of radio thieves! We went flying over the hills, across frozen ponds and whipping through spruce tree thickets. After 10 minutes we spotted something sticking out of a snow bank, it was part of my handcrafted, laminated-ash sled. A few minutes later we found my now nearly shredded sled bag. I was beginning to get a sick feeling in the pit of my stomach.

The wind had picked up and the temperature had dropped well below -10 degrees, but Alexi and I continued to search for another two hours. Finally Alexi indicated we were almost out of gas and must return home. The 30-minute ride back to the cabin seemed an eternity. I envisioned my poor dogs in a tangled mess out in the isolated wilderness. I was nearly in tears.

As we approached my cabin I began to make out some kind of movement in the dog yard. Sure enough the team had returned home in time for dinner! The six team dogs had all bedded down in the yard and old Radar, still attached to the gang line, had climbed up into house for a well-deserved nap! I was ecstatic! They were home, weary, worn out, but safe. But there was no sign of my new rig or the antenna.

I borrowed Alexi's iron-dog and continued the search for the QRP rig, but to no avail. Another brilliant idea that didn't quite work they way I had hoped. But isn't that what amateur radio is all about? Experimenting with an idea until you get it right. I'm not discouraged because I have an even better idea. I'm designing a generator that will fit in my sled. If this works I might even be able to take the IC 775 on the trail! Keep an ear tuned on the nets for the "mobile musher" in Alaska.

N5OHL & Route 66

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Continuing on down Route 66, Jim encountered a... Marine Mobile??

Actually this is the namesake for the Blue Whale Swimming Hole at Catoosa OK.



In Oklahoma? Go figure.

In the picture below, Jim has stopped on probably one of the widest spots on Route 66.



Route 66 wanders across a good part of America, from California to Illinois as seen in the map

of the route below.



Lastly, a shot of Jim checking the antenna—yep, still working.

With his 40 meter antenna Jim used an ICOM 706.

Thanks for sharing the pictures Jim.



Thom's Column—N8DXR

Nothing like listening to Celtic music as I do this column . . .

I never thought I would say these words, but: *Thank you, QRZ.COM!!*

While surfing the subject of vanity calls to check the availability of some 2x1 signs for a potential club organizing in my area, I went to QRZ and got led by the nose to the www.carroll-usa.com website, which deals with that subject in very clear and explicit detail. One of the rather handy side frames the Carroll page offers is a spot for checking call signs to get details on their history, thanks to data from several older call references as well as the latest FCC files.

Checking the file of our missing in action members sounded like a good idea – and that move came up roses!! We not only found more data on several expired calls (mostly their actual expiration dates) but also confirmed THREE old time members who were listed as missing and (under our noses, darn 'em) have renewed their licenses within the last year!

So welcome back these folks who've re-enlisted for a new 10-year term:

KC3LD Thomas/Middletown, PA 40/378

KA7DVR Geoffrey/Las Vegas, NV 40/414

KA9FUG Richard/Burnsville, MN 75/443

Also, a quick check of the summer 2001 Flying Horse CD call book shows KN1DPS, Dennis/Franklin, CT (75m # 301) renewed his license.

On the other side, let us now

honor these members confirmed as Silent Keys via another check of the Social Security Death Index website, the same one that got a workout last issue:

W2DSE W2FFB K4EVB
WA9KMB

Also, we need to make a correction of a typing error in the last issue. One call in the list of deceased members we confirmed through this website did not print out in full in the final copy; please make a note of WA2ACP as being a Silent Key. In addition, we failed to mention that a copy of our findings from that search has been sent to the OMIS net, which has helped us confirm several Silent Keys in the past. Thanks, folks!

With these updates, we now have 94 missing calls out of almost 3,250 members, both active and expired/deceased. Unfortunately, that number will grow because it is time to do a new detailed roster check, since the last such scan was done about this time two years ago.

Under the program as it stands now, all calls in the CR files have been cross checked against the latest Flying Horse CD to see which ones have expired (or are about to) and those that have gone into stasis will find their way onto this file. Expect, on average, another 30 to 40 calls will be added; the full list will make its way into an upcoming Centurion, or you can ask for it (and the Cross Reference) via email.

I'll publish the results of that check, which will be finished by the end of January, in our next issue. We'll focus on call changes we've missed, calls expiring this year according to the CD and

those that the CD says will expire in 2002 but have renewed, per the QRZ.COM webpage.

Now, time to move 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. We expect to hand out five more of these before the Detroit Lions win again, so . . .

Right off the bat, almost all of our finalists filled some kind of needs between the last issue and now. The biggest news was in *how* (and in one case, *how much*) they pulled this off. To wit:

- NJ2LH has GOT the 40 meter Poker Player award in hand (Peter, what's the date on that award for the web page records?) and now can become the first club station to qualify for the Masters with either the 75 meter Poker Player or the Net Controller award. Any argument *against* club Masters' falls on deaf ears here . . .
- KD8QQ is now ONE or TWO DX away on 75, part of that thanks to Vicky/AE9YL who went into the Caymans for all of us! *Ye duckster* notes he has 24 countries worked and 21 confirmed, with two of the remaining outstanding contacts being from, as he puts it with such eloquence, "stations I do not expect to have a problem with."
- W5IL got a surprise that fits the season nicely, as he described the situation in an email: "I found a shoebox of cards from 1998 that I never catalogued, and it had *several* 75m DX cards" such as one from the Dominican Republic,

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Richard said. Add to that he's finished with the Poker Player AND the Nomad Award on 40 (his primary band) and HE needs two more 75m DX to finish!

- K7MFG now has 21 worked and 20 confirmed on 75, but Gordon points out he will be on the air when his health permits to finish the job.
- N5OHL is still 11 DX away on 75, along with needing the Poker Player and the Nite Owl on that band, but he's now doing late net control duty on 160 to get that award out of the way (GO JIM!!!!)

On floor Two, no changes among those stations with all the Basic awards but needing these specific higher level certificates only to finish the point requirements and get interviewed as to what else they need:

- 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 floor Three, also unchanged, are those stations that need only one Basic award to have all the point honors and get the same request:

These three stations need only their 80 meter CW net certificate:

- WQ1H (Our new Awards Manager for the 1st call area)
- KA4BHL (Clarence: Search party on way!)
- N8DXR (just let me get a key AND this bureau caught up)

And a fourth, K1DWI, still needs the 40 meter RTTY basic award. Finally, floor Four has these folks lacking 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 (I'm gonna look for Jerry myself)
N1EM (And we have an *update!!!* More in a moment!!)
40 RTTY - N2BYM, W2WW, WV2X, K8PG, WK9O
40 CW - W9VB (And look for Marty, too)
80 CW - W1BYH, KE3ZZ, AC5SU, K6FO, W7DO, WM9H, K0WJ

As for stations in this section regarding their point needs for the very top level, no change: WM9H still needs the 2k award on 75 meters while N2BYM and W9VB each need their 2k awards on 40 and 75. We have, however, found a station that would go directly to the second level once their last Basic award is earned: W7DO, who will need his 1k and 2k on 75 meters once Gary gets his 80 CW ticket.

Regarding N1EM, a big cheer goes up: The Winter 2002 Flying Horse CD now states cards for that club station are to go to its new manager, KV1J/Eric – who also just happens to be a CCN member!!! I'll get in touch with Eric in the near future and ask him if he plans to bring the club (and *himself*) back on the nets anytime soon!

On a side matter: Yes, folks, she done did it!!!!!!

With the December 2001 awards listing, abbreviated that it was (in terms of new point holders and honors), word arrived that our own Gladys/WB2RWT finally received her 10K award on 75

meters (# 17, in case you are keeping track like I am). And with that certificate, our information officer becomes the first Century Club member in our quarter century of existence to hold 10k awards on TWO nets! Let Ricardo/K8MZA and all eight of the Masters' holders chew on *that* one awhile. . .and, as an aside, of the December awards hers was the only one for any point level above 1K on any net! A great holiday present!

Yet another side matter: I had the *wonderful* fortune (along with a couple of fellow amateurs from my area and my son Jordan, who slept in my arms the entire time – his loss, I say) to sit in on the forum with Riley Hollingsworth (right, *that* Riley Hollingsworth) at the Fort Wayne hamfest in November. As I write these words, I am of the belief that our hobby and way of life are in good hands and that someone such as Riley has been and is long overdue within our ranks (Allow me a rant:

If Dayton does not name him Ham of the Year within the next five years, that award needs to be outright *trashed*). Nevertheless, it still is up to all of us to see amateur radio is protected, nurtured and used honorably. To quote the basis of his lectures (I have also read a description of a chat he gave in Pennsylvania in September, and I regret I did not bring a tape recorder along to this one for I would have transcribed it for all of you in a heartbeat), the whole world *is* watching *and* listening and the FCC (to say nothing of other nations) will gladly remove what we have if we do not handle it with care!

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N8DXR Column (Concluded)

In short: Park your radio rage at curb and go from there, got it folks??

The best line he gave came when he listed the various problems he faced in enforcement. "Number Two is California," he said in a near (and well-rehearsed) deadpan as the audience broke out in quick laughter followed by a respectful silence. "In fact, if California were to disappear from the face of the earth, about 75 percent of my workload would go away as well."

After his chat, I introduced myself and thanked him for the help in ridding us of one KFC5 (Memo to KD7BVO: Hey Lynette, still remember *that* clod?), and I will never forget the smile that came over his face at that moment. "I trust you haven't heard from him lately," he said. I could only smile back and shake my head negatively.

In fact, I am so impressed and grateful for his presence that I will gladly serve as his QSL manager for any and all bands of our club if he so desires.

Finally, let me ask a simple question: Do you believe in fate?

Here's an example from my neck of the woods that may influence you but good; as always with statements such as this, your mileage may vary, all disclaimers apply, was not tested on live animals, et cetera, et cetera and blah blah blah. . .

The mail for December 7 (familiar date, anyone?) included the usual envelopes for my bureau as well as my copy of the YLISSB's *Voice*, their annual newsletter which has been a help in the past with finding more Silent Keys among our own members. This year was no exception, sadly; W5AWT was confirmed and

moved when the volume was checked.

The ironic part of this year's newsletter, which is devoted to YLISSB founder V. Mayree Tallman/K4ICA (SK on 19 June at age of 99, and we also pass along condolences), is found on the table of contents page: The label on the batch of paper used for printing that 130-plus page book (oh, Mr. Editor, you want to consider an annual Centurion now?) stated the paper was made at its mill during a morning production run.

Between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 A.M. EST.

Tuesday, September 11, 2001.

On that note, 'nuff said!

N8DXR
Tom
In MI