

Yep—The 2003 Elections Are Upon Us

During the meeting on August 10th, the Board of Directors approved the election procedures for 2003.

Nominations for President, Vice President and Directors of the odd numbered call areas are open now.

The President and Vice President serve a one year term while the Directors are elected for a two year term.

Nomination Period:
The 3905 Century Club opened nominations for Directors of

the odd numbered and DX call areas, President and Vice President starting September 01, 2002.

Nominations will close at the November meeting of the Board of Directors on November 09, 2002.

The board will approve the candidates at that time assuming we have sufficient numbers of candidates. There must be at least one nominee for each Area Directorship and there must be at least two nomi-

nees each for the offices of President and Vice President.

Requirements: As stated in the Bylaws and Constitution, a candidate for Area Director must hold a 100 Point Membership Certificate on any one of the 3905 Century Club Nets.

To become a candidate for Area Director, a member must announce on a Century Club Net that he or she is a candidate for the position.

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More coverage from Eyeball 2002 in this issue.



This montage of license plate pictures by Gene WN9AWX, pretty well illustrates the diverse states of our members attending.

More pictures by Gene and Frank KO2Q inside.

Start planning for Eyeball 2003.

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The Net Control Station is responsible for making sure that the President is informed of the announcement if he is not on the Net at that time.

As stated in the Bylaws and Constitution, a candidate for President and Vice President must hold a 100 Point Membership Certificate on any one of the 3905 Century Club Nets.

To qualify to stand for President (and Vice-President) a member must be nominated by his/her Director, at a meeting of the Board of Directors. Such nominations shall be made by individual Directors, guided by their individual consciences, and by the recommendations of their constituents. It will be deemed improper for a member to lobby a Director other than his/her own Director.

Balloting Period: Balloting for all offices will commence upon approval of the candidates at the Board of Directors meeting on November 9th, 2002. No ballots for any office or candidate will be accepted prior to that date. Voting by email or snail-mail will conclude on January 15th, 2003 for all offices.

Voting for Area Directors: Ballot-

ing for Area Directors will be exclusively by either snail-mail (USPS) or e-mail votes. Each ballot must include a minimum of the following to be counted.

- (1) The call-sign of the member voting.
- (2) The 100 point certificate number of the person voting.
- (3) The callsign of the person being voted for in that election.

Note: Your license address must be located within the call area of the candidate for which you are voting. In other words, the election is only for odd numbered call areas or the DX area Directors. Votes from members outside of these areas will be rejected.

Mail and email ballots for the odd numbered (and DX) Directors are to be sent to Bill Martin - WM4SG, Club President. The President will count the ballots upon close of voting and will designate a second member to verify the ballots. The election results for Area Directors will be announced on the nets during the On-Air Election for President and Vice President on January 30th.

Voting for President and Vice President: Ballots for President and Vice President may be cast

either by email or US mail as well and must be sent to the Election Monitor, Earl - W1BML by January 15th, 2003. W1BML will compile the results of the mail and email voting and forward the results, listed by individual vote, to the On-The-Air Election Monitor, Frank - AAØZP following the close of voting on January 15th.

Annual On-The-Air-Election: The Annual On-The-Air election for President and Vice President will be conducted by Frank AAØZP, the night of January 30th, 2003. Hugh NT4Z has been designated the alternate Election Monitor and will also keep a running count of the votes as they are cast.

The first half of the election will be conducted on the 40 meter SSB Net frequency from 0001 until 0159, at which time the voting will continue on the 75 meter SSB net frequency until, in the final judgment of AAØZP, voting has ceased to be active.

Immediately following the close of elections, AAØZP will count the final votes and announce the election winners. The final results of the election will be approved at the February meeting of the Board of Directors.

WM9H Trip To The Eyeball

Hi All

I wanted to put something out on my experience with the 2002 eyeball.

I rode along with John K9TWV and Bill AE9ZH. It was a long trip and I spent most of the time horizontal just going along for the ride. When I needed to know where we were, I turned the laptop/GPS on and could find us right away. These guys were great to travel with. When we got there I think we were all ready to hit the sack.

One of the first thing I did before I went to bed was call my wife to tell

her we arrived safe and sound. Only to find out that our daughter got into a fairly bad auto accident. She is ok now, but at the moment a trip to a NJ airport was almost in order. During the event I met lots of old friends and many new wonderful people. It was great. I would to have like to spend more time sitting and talking but as most probably noticed, I have a hard time sitting any length of time. I wish I knew how far I walked. Hi hi.

Clay, our host, did a super job. This was only the 3rd eyeball I've been to (1991, 1997) and everytime they

seem to be getting better.

One of the questions I got more then any was "why did I change my call". If I would have know this, I would have printed out cards and just passed them out when asked.. hi. Well, as of a couple weeks ago, I got the WM9H call back. For some reason, I feel like I got an old lost friend found.

I took over 100 + pictures of different eyeballers. I tried to catch the persons call sign in as many as I could. Later Sat night I set up my laptop with a slide show for all to see.

July Awards by NJ3V

75 Meters SSB

100 point

2444 AA2YG 2445 KM9X
2446 KF4HZH 2447 WA5YNE

1,000 point #411 WL7K

4,000 point #40 KD8QQ

Canadian Call Area #4 KD8QQ

Certificate Hunter

#332 VA2SEY

200 pt. end. KA5QOF

Millennium #10 KD8QQ

Nite Owl

#240 AD6ZJ 241 K4CWR

Nomad #80 N1RR

Numbers Racket #83 N3WD

SWL #14 Wm. Goff

25th Anniversary #15 N1RR

VIP

#666 AG4DO 670 N8ISY

WAS

#859 AD6ZJ 861 N8ISY

WAS Same Station #3 KE4DYG

Wise Mobile Roadrunner

#7 K7NZ

CW 80 Net

100 point

#55 N1RR

40 Meters SSB

100 point

#2201 K5DUG 2202 KC0LPD
2203 WD8CNM 2204 KK0Q
2205 N9PTZ

500 point endorsement

AB6YL N4LHW KM5SA

1,000 point

#424 AA6HB 425 AB0JH

14,000 point

#4 AC6LU 5 K5FNS

Bakers Dozen

#1098 KK2M 1099 N9KNJ

1100-1102 W0ALW

1103 AD6ZJ 1104 KD7KHC

1105 KK2M 1106-07 W7HPA

1108 K8BR 1109 WW7AS

Bakers Mobile #136 K5DUG

Bakers Mobile endorsement

KC5BFB K0MRC (3)

W4NLS KI6D

W4CKT (2) K5DUG

W9JAY AB8MW

KG4NBL

Certificate Hunter

#329 AG4DO 330 W7HPA

331 VA2SEY

Millennium #11 AG4DO

Nite Owl

#216 KM5SA 217 N8ISY

Nomad #123 AB6YL

Numbers Racket #107 AG4DO

25th Anniversary #16 K8BR

VIP #667 K0MRC

668 N4LHW 669 N8ISY

WAS #857 W7FLA

858 K4KXO 860 N4UPX

862 N8ISY 863 N3WD

WAS endorsement KL7OR

WAS Capitals 40 state endorse
N9KNJ

Wise Mobile #17 K0MRC

160 Meters

100 point #306 N1RR

Call Sign Changes

KA9DZM now KM9X

KD5BED now WY5S

Journeyman NCS Certificate

Mel KK7SR

RTTY 20 Meters

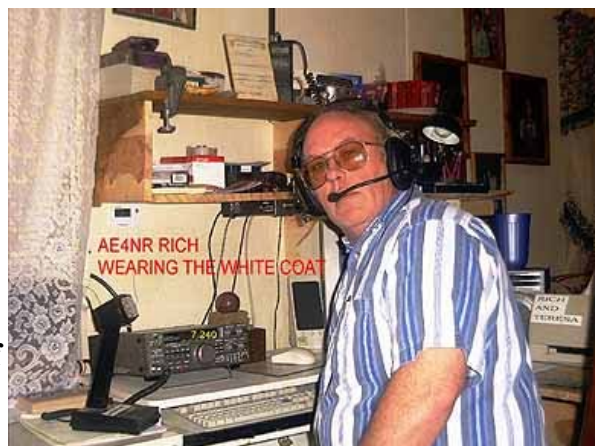
100 point #30 WY5S



SHACKS
On the left is the shack
of Gladys WB2RWT.

On the right is Rich
AE4NR in his shack.

If you have a picture of
your shack, send it in
and we'll publish it.



2002 Certificates of Appreciation & Recognition Awards

Each year at the Eyeball meeting, members of the club that have made significant contributions of time and effort to the 3905 Century Club are recognized with a Presidential Certificate of Appreciation.

As well, some special awards are also made based on specific action by the Board and/or President.

Nominations for these awards come from Board members, general members and the Presidential Advisory Committee.

At Eyeball 2002 the following members were recognized for their efforts on behalf of the Club by Bill WM4SG, Club President.

Special Awards

- Steve Sparks, **WK5S**—Special Certificate by Board resolution in appreciation of his service as Club President for three years.
- Maynard, **AA9ZF**—Special Award for Outstanding NCS station on the 75 meter Late Net.
- Nadine, **WA0SMQ**—Special Award for Outstanding NCS station on the 160 meter Early Net.
- John, **K9TWV**—Special Award for Outstanding NCS on the 40 meter Early Net.
- Earl, **W1BML**—Special Award for Outstanding NCS on the 75 meter Early Net.

Certificates of Appreciation

- Frank, **AA0ZP**—For service as an outstanding net relay, acting as Election Monitor and as 10th Area Director.
- Lynnette, **KD7BVO**—for service as Net Coordinator for the 40 meter SSB late net.



- Hugh, **NT4Z**—for service as Net Coordinator for the 40 meter SSB Early Net.
- Richard, **W5IL**—for service as Net Coordinator for 160 meter SSB Late Net, net relay station and 1st class gentleman.
- Jim, **N8RYD**—for service as Net Coordinator for 160 meter SSB Early net.
- Fred, **K7NZ**—For service as Net Coordinator for the 75 Meter SSB Late Net.
- Earl, **WY8V**—for service as Net Coordinator for the 75 Meter SSB Early Net.
- Robin, **KE3NR**—For service as Net Coordinator for 20 Meter PSK
- Hugh, **N7OKM**—For service as Net Coordinator for 40 Meter PSK
- Marc, **KB1DFE**—For service as Net Coordinator for 80 Meter PSK
- Gene, **WN9AWX**—For service as Net Coordinator for 20 Meter RTTY and as QSL Bureau Manager.
- William, **KV4DT**—For service as Net Coordinator for 40 Meter RTTY
- Ben, **WY4D**—For service as Net Coordinator for 80M RTTY.

- Herb, **WK9O**—For service as Net Coordinator for 80 Meter CW
- Hal, **W0KRE**—For service as Net Coordinator for 40 Meter CW
- Wil, **KB5IPQ**—For service as 40 meter SSB QSL Bureau Manager
- Thom, **N8DXR**—For service as as CW and 160 Meter QSL Bureau Manager
- Peter, **N2XTT**—For service as Chairman of Awards Committee and 2nd Area Director.
- Ron, **N3EQK**—For service as Chairman of the Board for 2001 and 3rd Area Director.
- Ricardo, **K8MZA**—For service as the Club's Legal advisor and Registered Agent.
- John, **W6BUM**—For service as 6th Area List Manager and relay station.
- Clay, **WA2JIM**—For his outstanding service as 2002 Eyeball Coordinator and as 2nd Area Awards Manager.
- Dave, **WQ1H**—For service as 1st Area Awards Manager, 1st Area Director and Centurion Editor.
- Gladys, **WB2RWT**—For service as Club Information Officer for many years.
- Maynard, **AA9ZF**—For service as Vice President of the 3905CCN.
- Jean, **KA1IFC**—For service as 1st Area Awards Manager, NCS for many years on 75 and as member of the Club Awards Committee.
- Kevin, **WM0F**—For service as Club Public Relations Officer
- Jim, **KB3PU**—For service as Club Information Officer.

1st Annual Mobile Antenna Shoot-Out Results

One of the morning events at the 2002 Eyeball was the First Annual 3905 Century Club Mobile Antenna Shoot Out, conducted and judged by Tom AA1NZ assisted by Lon KØWJ. Following are the results of this fun and very interesting event.

<u>Recorded Results</u>				
<u>Callsign</u>	<u>Antenna</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Mount</u>	<u>Voltage (mV)</u>
KØWJ	Predator	Full size SUV	receiver hitch	421
KBØØKS	BugCatcher	Semi Tractor	mirror	353
AAØZP	Hamstick	Mini-Van	top rear	218
W9JAY	Screwdriver	Semi Tractor	mirror	181
AC6LU	Hamstick	mid size car	magnetic mount roof	160
W5IL	Hamstick	mid size car	magnetic mount roof	160
WA1VQY	Hamstick	full size Pick-Up	rear box	141
K1FAL	Screwdriver	Humongous M/H	front bumper	132
WQ1H	Hustler Std	mid size car	rear trunk	121
KØMRC	Screwdriver	Semi Tractor	mirror	111
NT4Z	Hamstick	mid size car	side mount fender	95
WM4SG	Outbacker	full size car	rear trunk	92
AG4LB	Hustler	mid size Pick-Up	rear box	72
AA1NZ	Stealth	mid size car	hitch	* 60
KA9JAC	Hustler	mid size car	rear trunk	** 22.5

* AA1NZ was doing all the recording at the Receive end. When it was his turn to test, an innocent observer held the metal RXer box. It was later demonstrated that holding the box dropped a 340 reading down to 40 mV. Tom did not protest, but vowed to improve the test method for next year.

** KA9JAC was aware of the fact that his antenna was not loading properly. However, he wanted to test to see the effects.

The Rxer circuit was a small loop antenna fed into a parallel tuned circuit which was tuned for 7.2335 MHz. There, the RF was rectified in a germanium full wave bridge. The DC voltage was fed down a 40 foot shielded cable to a metal box with two terminals for a digital milli-voltmeter connection. The transmitter used for all contestants was an IC706 with a cigar lighter plug. The output was set to 50W for all contestants as the

rig was switched between vehicles being tested. The antenna under test was placed above a marker which was located at 40 Meters from the receiving loop.

Maybe not too scientific, but it sure was an interesting experience for all involved.



“Top Gun” Winner—Lon KØWJ

See you next year !!

Tom— AA1NZ

Ed. Note: Rumor has it that Tom is already planning his revenge for next year.

Witness his antenna project shown below.

Word has it that Tom was seen driving down the road with a “cherry picker” on the way to the truck. When our correspondent was asked to check this rumor, he reported back.....

“Tom vows revenge... This picture shows him setting up the crane to lift next year's cap hat into place for testing !!! “



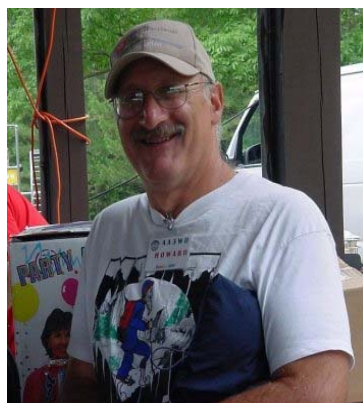
Pictures From Eyeball 2002

Continuing the coverage from the last issue of The Centurion, here are more pictures from Eyeball 2002 held in New Jersey. Pictures by Gene WN9AWX and others.



From left, tractors of KBØOKS and KØMRC.

From left, AE9ZH, KØMRC and K9TWV



Left, AA3FC—Walter -
Right, AA3WD—Howard



WA1VYQ—Jeff,
Jeff's Harmonic,
WK5S—Steve
erecting 40 me-
ter antenna



Left, AC6LU—Ray and W5IL—Richard



Eyeball Host Clay—WA2JIM setting out another
excellent lunch. In the background is Peter N2XTT
grilling.



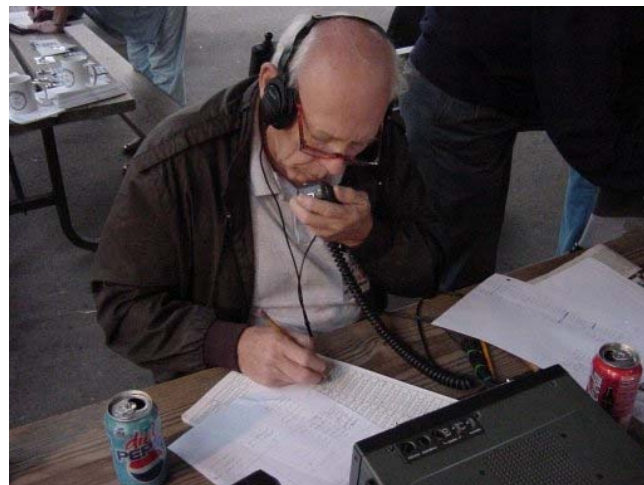
Ricardo—K8MZA and Geri—XYL of N3EQK

Eyeball 2002 Pictures Continued



Left, Lynnette—KD7BVO - Right, Robin—KE3NR

Left, Frank—KO2Q - Right, John—W6BUM



Hugh—NT4Z, taking the list on the 40 Meter Early Net on Friday Night



Jeanne—VA2SEY and Gary—VA2GLB



Left, Peter—N2XTT - Right, Larry—N2OCW



Dave—WQ1H

AD6AB—Steve in 4X Land

Shalom from Israel de Steve,
AD6AB

I just returned from a fantastic trip to 4X (Israel) in July/August 2002 and I encourage any 3905CCN readers who have not been, or are interested in going, to consider a trip. I was part of a Solidarity Mission of people who came to Israel to show their support in these difficult times.

There is no question that the times are difficult as Israel battles a double whammy of a bad high tech economy combined with almost 2 years of terrorist warfare directed at it's citizens. Yet, throughout the trip I felt well cared for and was convinced, even more so, that I had made the right decision to visit. This was not my first trip. I lived in Jerusalem in grad school and also have made quite a few other trips before this one.

There were so many highlights, far too numerous to mention, but I thought I'd highlight a few: Shabbat at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, a volunteer day with "Sar-El" (Volunteers for Israel) where we assembled 3500 gas mask respirators for asthmatic children at an Army Base. (Let's hope they never have to be used!). We also

visited with the head of Emer-



gency Medicine at Hillel Yoffe Hospital in Hadera where many of the victims of homicide attacks are taken for treatment, including an

immensely grateful your Ethiopian Immigrant who was wounded in the Meggido Bus Bomb attack several months ago.

Also we saw some of the "Star Wars" technology employed by the Israeli Air Force in its "Pilotless Drone (UAV) Planes." But by far, the highlight was hearing "Thank You" from just about everyone I talked to, who were so appreciative that we were there, showing our support.

As far as the Ham Radio highlights went, I took my 2M HT with me and made contact with

numerous other Israeli Hams, including Joe Obstfeld, the head of the Israel Amateur Radio Club. His web page, <http://geocities.com/siliconvalley/horizon/8820>, has a very interesting story of the joint 4X/JY Club operation soon after the Israel-Jordan Peace Treaty where JY1 himself (the late King Hussein) came for repeated visits. For more information on the Israel Amateur Radio Club, including a list of 2M/440 Repeaters, check out <http://www.iarc.org>.

The Repeater System in Israel is very easy to use. Often times, they are linked into a network that stretches the entire N/S length of the country. Probably the most interesting contact I had was with 4Z5JQ, Teddy, who was "Bicycle Mobile" in Tel Aviv.

I wanted to try to check in on the CW nets, but time and circumstances did not allow. Still I did take time to pose on Dizengoff Street in Tel Aviv, attired with some possible well known Century Club, attire, if you attended the WA eyeball in 2001.

If you are interested in visiting 4X, please let me know and I'll be happy to suggest some really cool places to visit.

Only In America

Only in America... can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance...

Only in America... are there handicap parking places in front of a skating rink...

Only in America... do people order double cheese burgers, a large fry and a diet coke...

Only in America... do banks leave both doors open and then chain the pens to

the counters...

Only in America... do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in the driveway and leave useless things and junk in boxes in the garage...

Only in America... do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have call waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to talk to in the first place...

Only in America... do we buy hot dogs in packages of ten and buns in packages

of eight...

Only in America... are the least useful professions (professional athletes, movie actors & entertainers) paid so disproportionately much compared to people with normal jobs...

Only in America... the budgets for advertising non-essential items, like soft drinks, exceed the economies of many third-world nations...

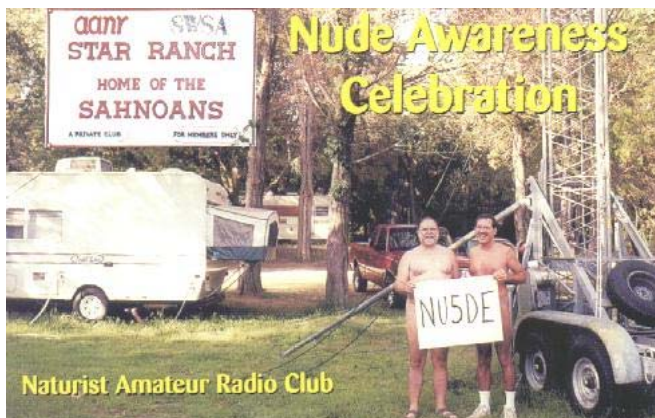
Hams Do Have More Fun by KØDG

Ed. Note: My friend Richard KØDG in Omaha always has interesting stories. Here is a recent story about a QSL card.

Who says us Hams don't know how to have fun?????

Witness the attached QSL card I got from The Naturist Amateur Radio Club today. QSL cards are post cards that us Hams exchange with each other to prove that we actually made contact via radio. These post cards, which are all very individualized, serve as absolute proof of the contact.

The cards can then be used when applying for any of the many awards offered by the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), International Telecommunications Union (ITU), or any other sponsoring entities. Some of the awards I have applied for and won include DXCC



(Talked to 100-plus countries), 5BWAS (Talked to someone in all 50 states on all 5 major Amateur Radio Frequency Bands), The Ragchewer's club (talked to another member station using CW (Morse Code) for a half hour or more, etc

Anyway, I "worked" (talked to) these folks on July 10, 2002 when they were running a special event station in Austin, Texas celebrating Nude Recreation Week. On the back of their card it says "Formed to promote a healthy acceptance of the human body and enjoy the benefits of nude recreation."

My pal, David Hamilton, N0CLW and I, once ran a special event station in Denison, IA to help celebrate the 15th anniversary of the Donna Reed Festival. We, however, had a picture of Donna Reed, fully-clothed, of course, on the front of the QSL certificates we sent out. Oh well.

The group has a web page at www.starranch.net, with a very interesting logo and the slogan "Stand Not Between Me and the Sun" heh heh .. :-)

I told the XYL that we'll probably have to go right through Austin this winter when we RV on out of here ... it's right on the way to Arizona, right???? :-)

Note their radio call sign ... NU5DE ... the 5 means they're in the fifth US call area, which includes Texas. Take the 5 out now, Martha, and then see what you've got :-)

K1FAL and QSL Cards From The Eyeball

Ed. Note: Following is an email I received from Fred—K1FAL—along with the accompanying picture.

Bill,
It was indeed a pleasure to meet you and all the others at the Eyeball.
Clay did an outstanding job.

A lot of contacts were made.

Just for an example, here is a picture of my printout of outgoing QSL cards—over a ream of paper with three cards to a sheet.

Sincerely,
Fred K1FAL formerly WA1ROI



Tracking QSL Cards & Awards—An Approach by WA4BKW

The following is not meant to be the answer to any of your problems.

It's more of an example of how one person has taken charge of the growing number of QSL cards (some 5000 at last count) to manage the process of keeping track of which cards to use for the various awards.

Like some of you, it took working on the 1000 point award to realize how stupid I was getting to that point. For example, blowing the capital of Alaska on the 100 point award or using more DX stations other than Canada, than required for the 500 point award. This is not going to change much unless someone takes a new person under his wing and gives him some guidance.

But it's hard to figure if a new member is going to stick with it long enough to start worrying about keeping track of the cards. The real 'rude awakening' came when I decided that there were enough cards available to go for the 2000 point award.

Marital bliss was stretched to the limit with stacks of cards lying on all available open spaces. There had to be a better way. For those who are working on progressive awards – and others as well -- let me show you what I have devised.

Enter the computer. It makes it easier to develop a system to keep track of various items and helps eliminate the 'hunt and hope' method of shuffling through cards each time you need to find certain categories for the different awards. My computer sense is 'on the need to know' basis and I don't have the super skills and knowledge the a more proficient user would have. Then again, I figure the majority of you out there are probably in the same boat with me.

Forms—

There are several forms that I use. You find out very quickly that one needs to keep track of the cards used for progressive awards since they can't be used but only once.

Form "A" keeps track for me. I can quickly double-check to make sure

9Y4NZ				2000
AA0IZ		500		
AA0KK		500		
AA0KK/M-AR				2000
AA0LL				2000
AA0PA			1000	
AA0SY				2000
AA0VH				2000
AA0ZP				2000
AA0ZS				2000
AA1GV			1000	
AA1MG				2000
AA1PR				2000
AA1QW				2000
AA2UA			1000	
AA2VZ				2000
AA3BO		500		
AA3BU			1000	
AA3DP				2000
AA3FC/P				2000
AA3HN			1000	
AA3LC				1000
AA3LR				2000

that a card has not been used before as well as letting me know what portables, mobiles or wild cards were used were used and in which state.

This is in spread-sheet format since its primary use is to check call signs and the alphabetical icon takes care of that easily. And it's not hard to use.

The next two forms are in data base since there are times when more than one category is needed to determine certain information.

Form "B" keeps track of certificate numbers. This gives me a ready source for the certificate numbers award. It also gives the Wild Card availability. When one of these calls is used as a Wild Card for an award it's marked with a (WC) on Form "A".

It's also easy to find sequential numbers for the Poker Player Award.

Form "C" keeps track of several possibilities. It's set-up with the following categories: CALL, MOBILE, CAPITAL, YL, VIP, QRP, DX, LATE NET, and PORTABLE. These are my listings. Someone else may not like these or even have others that could be added. For example a CW, RTTY or others could be added. I have one of these for each band. By organizing

CALL	190	1K	2K	3K	4K	5K	6K	7K	8K	9K	10K	MAR
W0RPH	1319											
W0RUY	2319											
W0RUY	2319											
W0RUF	56	264	78	39	27	25	18	14	12			
W0RAY	2311											
W0RUF	1772	313	97	35	29	23	19					
W0RUF	2205											
W0RUF	1482	243	63	11	6	3	1	1				
W0TEW	2210											
W0RYN	2290	297										
W0ZHC	714											
W0ZHC	989											
W0ZHC	1588	254	71	13	9							
W0ZHC	884	151										
W0ZHC	1334											
W0ZHC	1873											
W0ZHC	495	88										
W0ZHC	886	140	14									
W0ZHC	872											
W0ZHC	1432											
W0ZHC	2078											
W0ZHC	1616											
W0ZHC	1790											
W0ZHC	1181	216										
W0ZHC	2393											
W0ZHC	2325											
W0ZHC	1301	235	65	10	5							
W0ZHC	1580											
W0ZHC	2075											
W0ZHC	109	22	3									
W0ZHC	389	81										
W0ZHC	1885											
W0ZHC	1412											
W0ZHC	972	180										
W0ZHC	73											
W0ZHC	1677											
W0ZHC	1085											
W0ZHC	1086											
W0ZHC	1151	233	81									
W0ZHC	1879											
W0ZHC	787											
W0ZHC	1697											
W0ZHC	1846											
W0ZHC	1844											
W0ZHC	708											
W0ZHC	1047	241										
W0ZHC	56	284	78									
W0ZHC	1865											

the list in several

ways it allows me to see where I stand with the various mobiles for the Baker's Dozen Award (by call & mobile); Worked All States Mobile-Caps-YL (by each category); it gives a list of VIP contacts; DX (by DX & call puts the DX in alphabetical order); a listing of Late Net Contacts (by Late Net & Call); Portable contacts (gives a list of those portables and state -- it

CALL	MBL	CAP	YL	VIP	QRP	DX	LN	POR
W0VFA							X	
W7A							X	
W7DO				1			X	
W7DP							X	
W7DPG/M	NV	NV						
W7FBH							X	
W7FLA							X	
W7HPA			WA				X	
W7K							X	OR
W7LXR			OR				X	
W7RRC/7				1			X	OR
W7ST							X	
W7TEN							X	
W7VVV							X	
W8FSJ							X	
W8FSJ/M	AR						X	
W8FSJ/M	CT							
W8FSJ/M	IL						X	
W8FSJ/M	IN							
W8FSJ/M	KY							
W8FSJ/M	MD							
W8FSJ/M	MN							
W8FSJ/M	NC						X	

also occurred to me that it might be interesting to work WAS all portable; and QRP (recently I have started to go through and add the state along with the power level -- again with the idea it might be interesting to work WAS all QRPs.

Progressive Awards—

Tracking QSL Cards and Awards (Continued)

At present I am working on my 40 meter 1000 and 2000 point awards simultaneously. Again, anxious to get the 500 point endorsement, I wasted a couple of good cards that I could now use and have others that could have been used if patience were exercised and just waited a little while.

I have pulled down the award forms from the web page and they are in the word processor. When cards are received, they are checked against the log, then added to the above forms where they apply. The calls are checked against the needs of the 1000 point award. If usable, they are typed in the correct slot. If they are not needed then I go to the 2000 point award form. I try to fill in Part III first since this part requires calls to have different prefixes.

If the card doesn't fit it gets checked against Part II and finally against Part I. It gives you the chance to move cards from Part III to Part II to Part I. For example: if I had a 1x2, 2x1 or 2x2 under Florida and received a card for Florida that would fit in Part III with the same prefix, it could be added and the 1x2, etc. could be moved to Part II or Part I as needed.

The same thing can be done with YLs. With DX fill in the minimums with the different DX needed then use the Canadian contacts to fill in, saving other DX for the next progressive award.

At present I know that I need contacts in just five more states to complete the 1000 point and the 2000 point Part I is complete; Part II is nearly 50% complete; and Part III has five states completed with a smattering of calls throughout the form. It's kind of exciting to watch the award's progression.

There's also frustration when you keep looking for one Vermont that you need or those two South Dakotas. But patience will bring results. After the first time, I never thought that a second 75 meter Hawaii contact would ever come my way for the

2000; but it did. To me, a great part of the excitement of the award is watching it grow as much as receiving it. If a card is used, then I go to the award form "C" and add the call to the list. Then the card is filed alphabetically by area number and "A", "K", "N", "W", DX and Canada. In this way the cards can be used for other awards if needed and then pulled when the consecutive award is completed.

When a mobile or portable is received, it is checked and used the same way except that the call is typed on the form in lower case for the state operated. It can be replaced if a regular call for that state is received and the mobile card can be moved to the next level or added to the mobile category. The mobile requirement is one of the last areas I fill. The same is true for a portable. They are placed in lower case and used where needed.

Poker Player—

After completing the 2000 point award for 75 meters, I was feeling pretty cocky. After all, over ten years of participating on the net and well over four thousand cards, one should be able to come up with enough to get close to the Poker Player. (Right!!!) And I thought sifting through the cards for the 2000 was a headache. That was a breeze compared to sorting for this award. I gave up! There had to be an easier way.

Hello computer! Once again these are things that are furthest from your mind when your participation on the nets is getting enough contacts to earn WAS. Form "D" was born. It contains all the different cards on a particular net. This took some time to enter all those cards but it was worth it. Now I add cards as I get them and it is relatively painless.

A data base program is used with the headings 1-2-#-3-4-5; where "1" is the first letter of a two-letter prefix; "2" is the second letter of a two-letter prefix or the first letter of a single letter

prefix; "#" is the area; and "3-4-5" represent the letters of the suffix. The example shows the calls organized by the second letter, "#" and then the first, second and third letter of the suffix.

I'm looking for that Royal Flush. I've got one 'four in a row' and three 'three in a row'. At least it was easy just to scan the data base instead of refilling all the cards or some other method to try and find where I stand.

By adjusting how you organize the order of the calls it's easy to scan the list and see if you have: 3 of a kind – three like letters in the suffix; straight –alphabetical runs of the three letter suffix; etc. It sure beats shuffling and matching the various combinations by hand. The dealer's choice came from Chart "A" where the certificate numbers are listed. In short order I was able to figure out that I had everything except the straight flush and the royal flush complete.

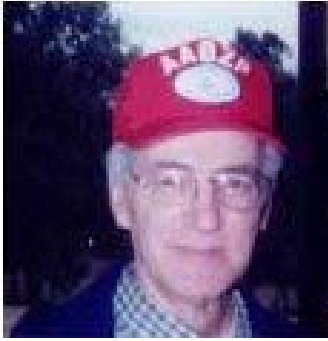
As I said at the beginning, this is not the definitive answer to tracking awards, but it is working for me. If nothing else it may get someone else working on something better. Like many Century Club members who have been around for a while, better than 50% of the check-ins on a net have been worked and on 75 meters it's higher than that.

But, it's still exciting for me to top the Baker's Dozen with that needed contact or finally find that one call that will complete the required number for particular state; especially when the card comes in to confirm it and it can be added to the listing.

As I said, the chase to me is as exciting as completing an award. As I have learned it will be completed if you just have "patience" and not try to complete the award too quickly – only leads to frustration.

Good luck on your paper chasing!

Eyeball 2002 Callsigns and Faces by KO2Q



AAØZP-FRANK



AE9ZH-BILLY



AF4LD-GARY



AG4LB-Lou

ELISE
MARTIN

KØMRC-MIKE

KØWJ-LON

K1EC-CONRAD
AND XYL



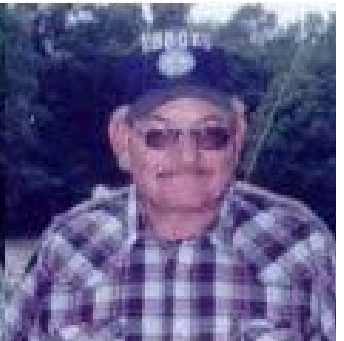
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K2NT-Russ



KA2WQR-JERRY



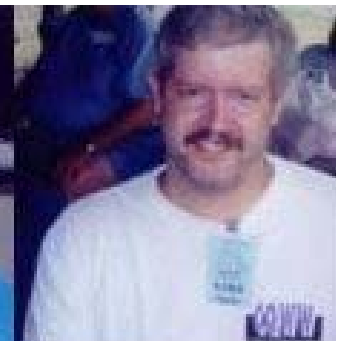
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KB8ESY-REX

KE9OI-DAVE

KJ9AY-JAY

N1RR-CHARLIE



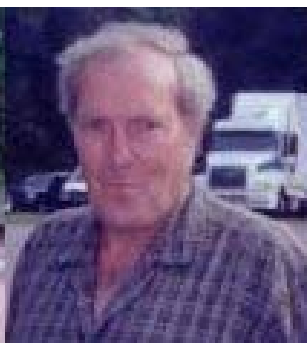
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N3EQK-RON AND XYL



NJ3V-JOHN AND
XYL-NE3B-PAT



W2WGK-WARREN



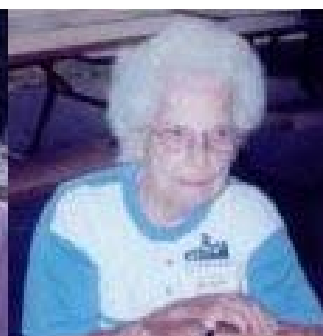
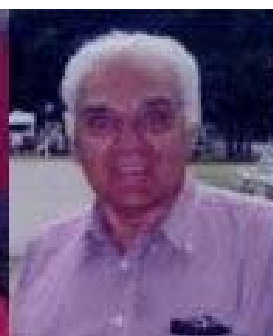
W3KLF-KEN

W1BML-EARL & KA1J-GARY

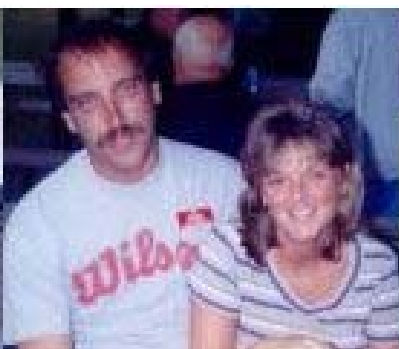
W4CKT-LEE

WA2STH-CARL

WB2RWT-GLADYS



W1SYZ-HERB & XYL



W3QZ-RON & XYL



WD4AON-TERRY

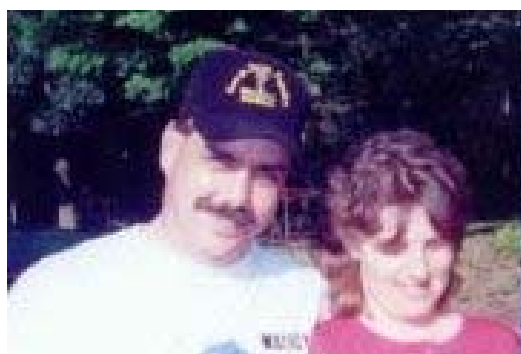


WN9AWX-GENE

WA1VQY-JEFF & XYL

WM4SG-BILL

WA2JIM-CLAY & RACHAEL



Eyeball Shots from WK5S—Steve in Texas



Above: The 75 Meter Station

Below: Lon KØWJ—Shootout Winner with Antenna (and Car)



Above: Ray AC6LU and XYL Barbara

Below: Rachael (Harmonic of Clay); WA2JIM Clay and John K9TWV Cooking



Above: Earl W1BML; Bill WM4SG and Frank KO2Q

Below PSK-31 In Operation with Peter N2XTT Operating—Others supervising

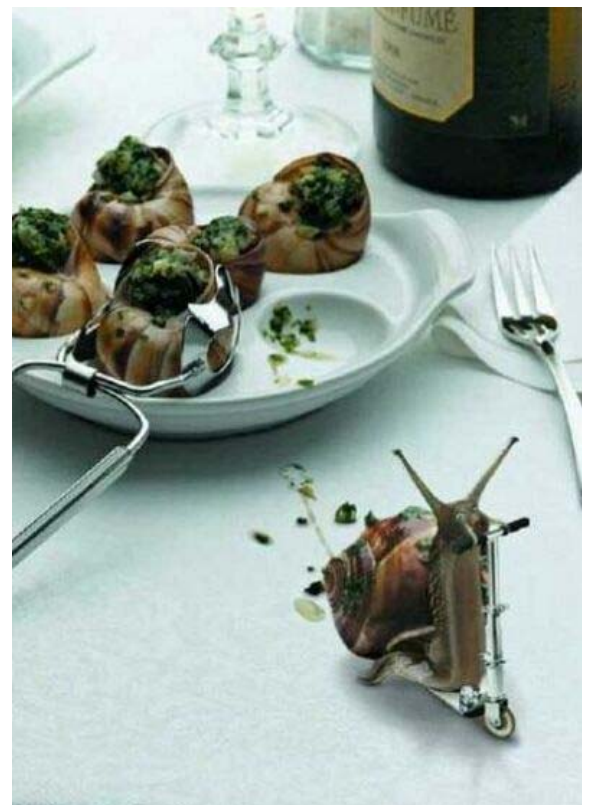


A Little Animal Humor

Below: NCS Squirrel
“Man, that was a rough net to-night. Over 100 checkins, and some twit wanted “fills” all evening.”



Right: New meaning to “snail mail” or going mobile.



2003 EYEBALL SITE AND DATES SELECTED

Dates have been set for the 2003 Eyeball, to be held on July 31st through August 3rd, 2003.

The 2003 Eyeball will take place in an enclosed and air-conditioned pavilion at the Basswood Country Resort in Platte City, Missouri—near Kansas City.

Their Website is very comprehensive and details not only their facilities proper, but provides links to area information as well. Please take a look at it and spend some time looking around.

www.basswoodresort.com

Following are a couple pictures of

the pavilion where the activity will be taking place. There is plenty of parking for trucks, RV's and campers.



In addition to the pavilion itself, there is a covered patio for those that enjoy the outdoors.

There are lots of activities at the Resort and amenities abound.

Lon KØWJ—our 2003 Eyeball Host—is off and running with the arrangements.



More information will be coming in future issues, but for now mark your calendars.

SHORT TAKES

MARTIN WORSTER KD5LJT

Just a note to draw your attention to page 77 of the Sept 2002 QST. Martin Worster is recognized there for his selection for the "Tom and Judith Comstock Scholarship".

Martin, KD5LJT, has been a regular on Century Club nets along with the rest of the Worster family... KD5LJV, Martin Sr., KD5LJU, Constance, & KD5LJS Rebecca.

Congratulations to Martin on his scholarship and good luck in school. Next time you hear Martin on the net, a hearty congratulation is in order.

Kevin WMØF

W6BUM BACK HOME

Hello Everyone,

I want to thank all of you for the calls on my 46 state, US trip. In total, I have logged and filled out

6,690 cards...that's a bunch! It's got to be a new record. It took me 4 days with the use of logging labels. Pardon me if your cards aren't as personalized. I am glad to have helped so many people out with their awards... it feels really good. This is what my trip was all about.

This number, of course, does not include calls I received when I was driving and not logging. If you worked me and know I wasn't logging, to receive your cards faster, you might want to email me the information. Otherwise, you will have to wait for me to receive your cards to send the cards to you. I am still working on the directs. Please be patient with the bureau managers as this is a very large number of cards for them to deal with.

I had a great time on the trip but I'm still pretty tired...hi
In all, I drove 13,233 miles!

73—John, W6BUM ...from the BUM-mobile



AWESOME PICTURE

Meteor? No? This is a shot of an F-111 Aardvark Fighter/Bomber doing a "dump and burn" over Brisbane, Australia.

This is done by the pilot dumping fuel into the afterburners.

August Awards by NJ3V

75 Meters

100 point

#2448 N4UPX 2449 KB9TQI

500 Point Endse K2NT WMØF

1,000 point #412 K2NT

413 WMØF 414 K4FSI

7,000 point #18 NC8U

8,000 point #12 NC8U

9,000 point #7 NC8U

10,000 point #5 NC8U

Bakers Dozen

#1112 N5LXI 1122 WM9H

Bakers Mobile Endse

KG4NBL (2)

Certificate Hunter

#332 VA2SEY

Journeyman #26 KK2M

Nomad #82 AD6ZJ

w/200 point endorse 81 KK5ZB

VIP #672 KK5ZB

WAS #864 N5LXI 865 KB7RAC

WAS endorsement WMØF

40 Meters

100 point

#2206 N5FPW 2207 WT5J

2208 KB9MGI 2209 N7JY

500 point endorse KØHNM

N5CAT KE3NR

1,000 point

#426 KK5ZB 427 KE3NR

Alphabet #344 KM5SA

345 N5LXI 346 W4CKT

Bakers Dozen

#1110 N4UPX 1111 N5LXI

1113 K8BR 1114 KK2M

1115-19 W4CKT 1120 AC6LU

1121 WM9H 1123 KM5SA

1124 AC6LU 1126 K8BR

Bakers Mobile

#137 W6BUM 138 AAØZP

Bakers Mobile endorse

K5DUG NA7SS

KD7KHC KC5BFB

W9JAY VE6TG

KBØOKS (2) W6BUM (2)

KG4NBL KØMRC

Certificate Hunter

#333 W3KMA 334 KE6FQC

Nite Owl

#218 W4CKT 219 AD7DB

Nomad w/ 200 point endorse.

#124 KK5ZB

Numbers Racket

#108 AD6ZJ 109 KE6FQC

Prefix #15 W5IL

25th Anniversary #17 W5IL

VIP #671 AA6HB 673 KM5SA

WAS #866 KM5SA

WAS/YL #105 WMØF

W/VE endorse KM5SA

Wise Mobile #18 W5IL

160 Meters

500 point endorsement KK2M

Bakers Dozen #1125 KK5ZB

Bakers Mobile End KG4NBL

Call Sign Changes

WBØWHM now WBØM

NCS Award

Larry N2OCW Doc W5FMJ

Joe K2SBV Lyndhurst HS NJ2LH

Journeyman NCS Certificate

Larry N2OCW John KB1VU

Robin KE3NR

Expert NCS Certificate

Hugh NT4Z Earl W1BML

RTTY 20 Meters

100 point #31 KE3NR

RTTY 40 Meters

100 point #68 KE3NR

PSK 20 Meters

100 point #18 KE3NR

19 AD6ZJ 20 WY5S

PSK 40 Meters

100 point #22 KE3NR

PSK 80 Meters

100 point #7 KE3NR

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And, by the way, articles and pictures are always welcome.

N8DXR Column

(writing at blackboard, just like I did in school:

I will not let emails pile up...

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The good thing about this punishment is not only am I drilling that into my thick head, but I am also practicing my cursive handwriting...

OK, as I am writing this column the following tasks are facing me:

- There is one heckuva pile of QSLs here for KL7QW that just need the reply cards filled out, while I dodge all the buckshot from those CCN members waiting very patiently....patience my rump, they all say, *we gonna KILL somethin' and YOU is that somethin'...*
- The new Centurion has arrived (eyeball version – well done!)
- Several tables and rooms here at my late father's business are strewn with my papers and other supposed belongings
- I'm writing the business plan and filling out the paperwork to get the loot to buy out my mother and get a new QTH to boot!
- My hard drive has decided to frack up on me, resulting in nothing less than a full-bore restore from a series of CD backups (whew)!

All this (along with some other items I will not mention except under court subpoena, and even then only as a co-defendant with one Chris Webber) should explain why getting the cards out has been a bit of a challenge. In case you wonder why the business plan and all the other stuff comes before I start on the cards, look at it this way:

At the moment, I have about 500,000 reasons...

Now, back to the club stuff...

In case you wonder what MY bureau looks like, have patience (sick of hearing that, aren't you?): As soon as this entire process mentioned above gets finished, I'll grab hold of a good camera and take a

shot or two or twelve of it in front of the various compressed gas cylinders I'll be selling as a living (hey, the only other careers I can fill besides that and reporter/photographer are pirate and pimp, and last I checked neither of those are hiring) and you can see what I have to put up with in the frigid months.

My entire bureau fits inside a 50 gallon Rubbermaid container - yes, it is THAT portable - so moving it to a new QTH will not be much of a problem; heck, it's been transported three times between my current house and the building the gas business is in now without any hassles, so that's one task down. And to think I wanted to take over the 75 meter bureau at one time???

Once I saw those photographs of what Gene has done with it (and well done, man!!!) the first thing I thought was where's that balloon the cops want me to blow into?? I'd need an addition on the garage just to handle the crates if I was that nuts (and a Kevlar wardrobe to deal with the local postal workers...)

BTW: The new KB9ZHG steroid (or is that *hemorrhoid*?) size QSL cards are OFF LIMITS in this bureau without prior warning!

Time to update the last column's requests:

- Stephen Anderson, ex-AA8DP, is still on the loose according to the *America's Most Wanted* website (www.amw.com for those of you with a short – or *shot* – memory). Our former member is way on the lam in the Kentucky woods (or any reasonable facsimiles, including Mexican deserts) for target practice with a sheriff's deputy and vehicle, an act of which the flatfoot corps tend to view as not that nice. A nice thing for YOU to do is support your local police by letting them (OR the AMW website) know if you hear from our erstwhile checkin at any time, the sooner the better.

- Still no information on the sites

of those three Eyeballs from past years that I am seeking for a future CCN website page. Once again, those are:

1. 1987 Eyeball X East, sponsored by WA2ZYM (list shows Indiana only)
2. 1988 Eyeball XI East, sponsored by N3FOC/WB2K (list shows Northeast Pennsylvania was the location; Peter/N2XTT thinks the community was Scranton, but is not sure)
3. 1989 Eyeball XII, sponsored by NY9L/KE7IL (list shows Indiana only)

And no further word on the status/whereabouts of KM4MK (ex N4GKP) who hosted Eyeball VIII East in 1985 at Maggie Valley, North Carolina. Am going to try a few other databases to see what I can come up with, the hope being we have a Rusty Key instead of a Silent one...

- Am still looking for dates as to when the first 160 Meter LATE net was held, and the date the *first* 80 Meter RTTY net was suspended or closed down for good.

- We know the first 160 EARLY net was held on January 1, 1984 but no firm data exists as to when the first LATE edition was held (for Nite Owl purposes). Also, the first 80 RTTY net began on January 1, 1987 but nothing is at hand as to when that one was shelved for keeps. As mentioned, the *current* 80 RTTY net began on May 13, 2000 and should be starting up soon, along with the 80 Meter CW and 160 Meter SSB nets (we need CW on that band one of these days); I will do my best to get my hide up there and check in.

Again, if YOU can help out with these holes in our history, get in touch with me or Jim/KD3O or any Century Club officer and pass along what you have. We'd appreciate it!!

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Next up, Power Ranking time...as in who's got the Masters' Degree in sight and who's down the track chasing the leaders...

In honor of the settlement of the Major League Baseball labor situation (yes, I have express written notarized consent from one Commissioner Kennesaw Mountain Landis to publish this data), we pay tribute to our most active members by assigning them appropriate roles in the cast!

First, seeking Masters' Degree # 13 are two calls that will fill the roles, quite nicely, of Bud Selig and Players' Union head Donald Fehr:

- NJ2LH can become the first club station to qualify with either the 75 meter Poker Player or the Net Controller award. Contraction of the club station is not an issue at this time.
- N5OHL is less than 10 DX and the Nite Owl away on 75, and tips me off in a short Aug. 28 email in response to a comment about how to use the Super Wild Card (Masters') number on club awards that he likes the # 13 (and you can HAVE it, for all I care) "but it will be more like # 30 before I get enough DX on 75 meters." Of course, Jim adds that he will work the 75 meter net "real hard" for his DX this winter, so let's support his efforts, fellow players! And remember: Jim is the sixth station to have the Poker Player on both 40 and 75 meters, which means he does NOT need the Net Controller award if he goes for

his Masters' – and the other five stations that pulled off this feat ARE Masters' themselves!

Right behind these two, in the ranks of those who would be considered team player representatives, are KD3O and WK5S, who have all the required basic awards in hand but both of them still need 1k and 2k awards on a single band. Jim, who would be from the Baltimore Orioles, needs his pair on 40 meters while Steve, from the Texas Rangers, needs his duo on 75 meters to join W4NNO, KI5RN and AA0ZP as former club presidents with the highest honor attained.

Also, AA1NZ (nearest team being the Boston Red Sox) and AA4US (from the Florida Marlins; you'd think I'd stick him with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays??) still hold all required Basic awards, but they yet do not have their 1k and 2k certificates (or any new RTTY/PSK net awards) on *any* bands. Guys, is this situation any kind of incentive for you???

Next comes those stations that need only one Basic award and, once again, this section has no changes except for assigning them to the appropriate team.

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

- WQ1H (Dave, from the Mets because Boston is already taken)
- KA4BHL (Clarence in TN, nearest team is the Cardinals)
- N8DXR (Detroit Tigers, but

should be the Lions who *deserve* contraction by MLB for being *that* bad, figure that one out)

And K1DWI, from the Yankees, still needs his 40 meter RTTY basic award. He gets that squad not out of money but just because the other teams have their reps in place, as you see.

Last, among the Bleacher Bums at good ol' Wrigley Field in Chicago, are these diehard stations who need only the following Basic certificates to have worked 100 point awards on all our required nets (again, the new RTTY and PSK nets not counted toward the Masters). No changes since the last check of this section of the right field grandstand, so:

160 SSB - WM0F, N1EM (via KV1J) and K5YAA—40 RTTY - W2WW, WV2X, AA3FC, KG7Q, K8PG, WK9O—40 CW - W9VB—80 CW - W1BYH, KE3ZZ, AC5SU, K6FO, W7DO, WM9H, K0WJ

As for stations in this section regarding their point needs for the very top level, that's also as before: WM9H, W9VB needs the 2k awards on 40 and 75, and W7DO needs his 1k and 2k on 75 meters. If they are waiting until the Cubs get the pennant, WK9O will be glad to tell them not to hope for much on THAT end...

Until the next time

N8DXR
Tom In MI