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W6BUM—Masters Degree # 16

During the February Board of Directors meeting, Masters Degree Award No. 16 was approved for John Milner—W6BUM of California.

John has been a long time member of the 3905 Century Club and has served as a Club Officer, Net Control station and has brought many mobile contacts to the nets over the years.

In asking for a digital picture for the Centurion, here are John's comments.



Ham Radio is my second love. Long distance hiking is what I really like to do. Last April I hiked from Mexico to Big Bear...267 miles.

I enjoy the Pacific Crest

Trail and plan on hiking it again this year...only farther.

I really enjoy hiking in Yosemite with my daughter Michelle.

The picture is me at the Mexico border last April.

Our congratulations to John for an honor well deserved.

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N5OHL—Masters Degree # 17

The March session of the Board of Directors witnessed the approval of Masters Degree Award #17 for N5OHL—Jim Richardson of Oklahoma.

Jim is the long time Area Awards Manager for the 5th Area, a frequent attendee at club Eyeballs and a past member of the 3905 Century Club Awards Committee.

Jim has also been a frequent contributor to



the Centurion over the years, including his frequent column of "Awards, As I see It", a very useful collection of looking at completing award applications.

Jim has also brought many states to the nets operating both mobile and portable while he and his wife Linda—N5OJP traverse the country—and

that means more pictures and articles for the Centurion.

Our congratulations to Jim for an award well earned.

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Dale AK8R—A Silent Key

Dale MacLean—AK8R, also known to his many friends on the nets as “Late Eight”, became a Silent Key in early February of this year.

Dale had just completed open-heart surgery and had returned home on a Sunday.

After checking into the 75 meter Early Net on Sunday night, Dale apparently passed away in his radio room—doing that which he loved.

His daughter discovered Dale the next morning.



Dale was our club's # 15 Master Degree Holder, having reached that level in 2003. A frequent attendee at Club Eyeballs, Dale also served

frequently as a Net Control and was active on all of our nets.

Dale came to be known by his trade-mark check-in to the nets as “Late Eight”, checking in further down the list most nights.

He leaves many friends behind and will most certainly be missed on our nets, at Dayton and our club Eyeballs in the future.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association in his name.

2005 Election Results

The Century Club elections for 2005 have been concluded and a few changes resulted.

This is the first year that the Vice President was elected for a two year term, on alternate years of the Presidential elections.

John Thornton—K9TWV was elected as Vice President and begins his term of office on March 1st, 2005—the same date as the beginning of the Club's fiscal year.

In the First Call Area, Jeff Lynch—WA1VQY was elected Area Director. Jeff has previously served in that role and is experienced in the club's operations.

In the Third Call Area, Ron Rudinoff—N3EQK was re-elected to another term as Area Director. This will be Ron's third term in office.

The long-time Fifth Area Director, Jim Arterberry—N5UJB was elected to another term, making Jim one of the longest serving Area Directors in the club's his-

tory.

In the Seventh call Area, Dean David—KL7OR was re-elected to his second term in office. Dean also serves as our Club Historian, Webmaster of our Club website and is a member of the Awards Committee.

In the Ninth Area, Ron Kaufman—N9KNJ was elected to his first term as Area Director. Ron also serves the club as the Manager of the DX Bureau.

The DX Area Director is officially Philip King—VE3OII after being elected to office. Phil has been filling in for the Area Director for some time as Alternate Director for the DX area.

The Directors in the even-numbered areas were not up for election in this cycle and are in the second year of their current terms.

Area Directors from those areas include—

Second Area—Peter Summers, N2XTT.

Fourth Area—Robert Duckworth, KE4DYG.

Sixth Area—Loren Hunt, AA6ZJ.

Eighth Area— Larry Ashton, N2OCW.

Tenth Area—Jay Wieland, NØPUI.

Also beginning the fourth year in office is our Club President, Bill Martin—WM4SG.

This group is your Board of Directors for 2005 until the current term ends on February 28th, 2006.

The first meeting of the new Board took place on March 12th and K9TWV was elected as Chairman of the Board for a one year term.

Additionally, N3EQK was elected Secretary and WY8V was elected Treasurer.

The WM9H Bureau Relocates

Gene—WM9H is in the process of moving his QSL Bureau to a more usable location in his house. Here is the email that accompanied the pictures of the new arrangements at the WM0H Bureau.

I'm in the process of doing the BUREAU MOVE. I had no idea how many trips I made going up and down stairs. It has to be many dozens. I've been getting ready for it all week. Trying to keep the mail flowing until the



last minute.

The biggest/hardest part was getting this huge roll top desk up stairs. My friend and I were really huffing after that one. Of course, I had to do it when Diane was gone. I'm not suppose to be doing that kind of stuff, but you know how it is.



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can see its going to be a lot... no ALOT better. I would get so many questions about how many sases,



or is this card in my folder, and so on.

And it always is when I was up-stairs. It was getting to be a real

pain. A good example was tonight.

Al WØMYZ asked me if he had any cards from Alaska in his folder. It was a real treat to walk a few steps to get the answer.

Tomorrow I am going to run a coax into that room and put the 746pro in there.

However, I am not going to run a computer network line into it. I will just use the wireless laptop.

I did all this to save my knees for all the climbing. But after today I think I'm a year behind now. hi

Remember when I told you about my knee when I fell. You should see my foot. Over half of it is blue/bruised. I hope its a late result from maybe a broken vessel when I fell.

Anyway, here are the pictures of the new arrangement.

73—Gene WM9H



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A New Operator in the AD6ZJ Household

Someone was commenting, following a CW Net sometime back, that it seemed AD6ZJ—Loren's fist was getting a little sloppy.

Well, not so sports fans—rather it was likely the newest operator in the house—Harmonic of AD6ZJ—Andy, who turned 2 in October.

On the left we see Andy at the key and later, on the right, doing some tune-up work for Dad.

Looks to me like he has the hang of it and is having fun. Yep, new ham here.



You Know You Are An Old Timer if.... (from Bill Svec—WB4BKW)

You know you are an old timer if:

.....you say "We are running a kilowatt here," and the op on the other end says "Who else is in the shack with you?"

.....you say you are going up the kitchen to get an 807 and the op on the other end wants to know what kind of computer you would keep in the kitchen.

.....the op on the other end asks you to key up your mike and you tell him you are not running CW but are using FM.

.....the op on the other end asks you to key up your mike, you do so and then end up in the receive mode.

.....the op on the other end says he is using a set of beams and you ask him which bands the antennas are used on.

.....you ask the op on the other end of a SSB QSO if he wants to go to Charley Whiskey and he says he doesn't drink.

.....you see another ham on the road, tap the horn 4 times, then one time and he gives you the one-finger salute.

.....you talk on the local 2 meter repeater to WZ4ZZZ, say Zed instead of Z and the op on the other end wants to know who's the guy on the repeater with the funny call.

.....an op on the repeater tells you he has a Kenwood such and such in his base station and you tell him that 11 meter gear is not allowed on ham bands.

.....you are in a QSO on 80 SSB, tell the guy that you are using homebrew and he tells you that you are not supposed to drink while operating the radio.

.....you tell an op on the local 2 meter repeater that you will see him further down the log and he asks if you have a fireplace in the shack.

And the list goes on.....

What's All This Loud Flash In The Sky Stuff

Occasionally there is a useful or entertaining thread on one of the email groups. Here is an exchange in the 3905CCN Chat Group on lightning—entitled “What’s All This Loud Flash In The Sky Stuff”. It begins.....

From: Loren Hunt
Date: 2/18/2005 11:14:03 PM
To: 3905chatgp@yahoogroups.com
Subject: [3905chatgp] What's all this loud flash in the sky stuff?
Just about ready to check into the 75M early net tonight with better than usual conditions and then...

A big thunder storm started up just as Earl was looking for 5's. I haven't seen this much lightning since I lived in Texas! With my vertical being the tallest piece of metal for a few miles I disconnected the rig, antenna's and whatever else I could reach in the shack and ran for cover. This PC in the house is next.

Am I over reacting or does this the regular drill in the rest of the country?

73—AD6ZJ, Loren

From: Bill Martin - WM4SG
Date: 2/19/2005 12:28:23 AM
Nope, you didn't over react. A few years ago I was planning to erect a 70 foot tower about 25 feet from the house - on the mountain here. Two days before we were going to dig the hole for the footings, lightning took out a 60 foot tree about 30 yards from the house. The hole never got dug. I settled on a 35 foot tower - well below the tree line.

When thunderstorms are in the area - I unplug everything. Then I hide in the room of the house the furthest away from my shack.
Bill WM4SG

From: wb5fdp
Date: 2/19/2005 2:55:06 AM

When I ran a dipole, or vertical (both open ended antenna's) I always disconnected. Now that I have experience with loops, both vertical and horizontal, I do not disconnect.

I have operated as NCS with thunderstorms rolling right across the house. Not saying it is the safest thing to do, but I did not lose power during the storm and the crashes didn't keep me from hearing stations most of the time.
73, - Rick

From: VE4HQ Tom
Date: 2/19/2005 3:18:08 AM

Q:What's black and crisp and hangs from a microphone?

A: Rick.

From: Hugh Mac Donald AC7XF

Date: 2/19/2005 4:03:37 AM

I had a bolt come down about 20050 ft from my place. It took out a tree lower than my poles and antenna. I ground everything and the feeds all pass within a half inch of a ground rod about 6 feet from the Window. This Summer I intend to place a panel with feed through (PL259 Females) for all my antennas. The plate will also be grounded to an Earth Ground. This past Summer I placed all coaxes in a glass jar and grounded the ladder line to the loop- standard when I am going away for any length of time. I got a call from my Daughter Stacie who lives next door and she was VERY excited. I guess all of my antennas, including the one in her back yard,, were covered in St. Elmo's. She and her husband wanted to know what to do ... Reply "DO NOT touch anything!" when it goes out go over to the house and check my ham shack to make sure nothing is smoldering.. HAR

73 Hugh AC7XF

From: Page PYNE
Date: 2/19/2005 6:39:31 AM

About 38 years ago me and a ham friend had gone up a fire tower and

hooked up antennas for 6 and 2 meters and carried rigs up 80 feet or so on Lambs Knoll near Boonesboro MD to operate in An ARRL VHF Contest. We disconnected the fire warden's antenna from his radio during the test when a storm came up.

You can guess what came next, a lighting bolt struck the tower with me and my ham friend in it. Here we were 80 feet or so in the air. Actually lightening struck of all things the Fire Warden's Antenna. Down the coax it came and out of the coax and visibly across the floor between us operators and grounded itself on the diagonal corner of the tower. The ham antennas were untouched. We were nervous wrecks for hours, afraid to even climb down the tower for our vehicle. When the storm subsided we checked and the Fire Warden's Antenna was vaporized , as was the center of his coax. We had saved his radio for another day.

Just as an aside, our two meter rig was the famous Benton Harbor Lunchbox, a two-er. Imagine using a TWOER, with its 400 KHz wide regenerative receiver from a mountaintop. On six meters we had a set of Hallicrafter Twins, the HT 40 and the matching SX 140. (Hey it was a low budget contest.) Our 6 meter antenna was an indoor dipole, sort of weather protected. Our 2 meter antenna was a Cushcraft Beam with Armstrong Rotator.

I haven't operated from a Fire Tower since.

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From: Earl W1BML
Date: 2/19/2005 1:48:50 PM

I developed a healthy respect for lightning at an early age. It was in the days of AM radio and radios needed out door antennas. The Neighbors, just down the hill from us, had about 150 feet of outdoor

What's All This Loud Flash In The Sky Stuff (Continued)

antenna. A storm came up.

Dad disconnected our outdoor antenna and hooked it to the ground wire. Suddenly a terrific boom. The hooked together antenna to ground split apart with a big spark but no damage. Then we heard voices from the Neighbor home and went out to see what they were all excited about. Their antenna was GONE.

Vaporized. There was a hole a foot across where their antenna had entered their home. The radio was ruined. The fuse box had to be replaced along with some of their house wiring. Fortunately it did not set their place on fire.

Interestingly, I got my Ham ticket a couple years later and put up my transmitting antenna. The Neighbor lady was worried that it would "draw another strike". As long as I had that grounded system up there was not a strike any where near us. Dumb luck I guess.—Earl

From: kd1ia

Date: 2/19/2005 2:28:10 PM

OK I guess I get to tell my lightning stories (yes that's plural), first one scared me when I saw the 3ft bolt come out of a coax I had just disconnected. Second one a few years later destroyed my HF rig, computer, PS/TNC etc had to be fixed. 40m Phased array was missing a leg.

Even an HT I had just sitting there was gone. I missed the fireworks in the shack because one my cats (who we lost in part 3) dragged me out to feed her. The shock wave from the strike did knock me down a flight of stairs. Lastly in June of 98 the power pole outside the home in part 2 was struck and melted all my power strips into some carpeting and set my shack on fire. The Fire took out four of our cats, all my Marine fish and put me off the air for 5 years. So I Don't operate when it thunders 8-) 73 de John ko1h

From: Howard Johnson

Date: 2/19/2005 3:48:21 PM

I agree with John. I will shut everything down when a storm approaches. But it doesn't matter, if it's going to hit it will hit. I had the coax disconnected from the antenna outside and also disconnected from the rigs inside. Nothing turned on in my ham room.

Wham Bam! It hit the antenna, jumped to the disconnected coax, came right into the ham room and burned all my equipment up except my computer. That I don't understand. Caught papers on my desk on fire and I am sure the house would have burned down if we had not been here. The room had to be rewired, carpet replaced, new walls, paint, etc, etc. The works. It's just about that time of the year again in this part of Texas. But I don't worry about it. All you can do is say a prayer and have real good insurance. Because if it's going to hit—it will.—Howard WA5AUR

From: wb5fdp

Date: 2/20/2005 2:03:51 AM

Very interesting that all the destroyed antennas mentioned so far have been verticals and dipoles and long wires. Has anyone seen a closed loop antenna, either vertical or horizontal sustain damage?

I owned a commercial radio business for years, and I also replaced a lot of tower mounted antennas that vaporized.

Rick

From: VE4HQ Tom

Date: 2/20/2005 3:06:27 PM

In Manitoba we have a old fort preserved as a popular tourist attraction. Lower Fort Garry). One year I spent the summer there with a ham radio demonstration.

There was a terrific lightning storm and several bolts of lightning were striking a few yards apart and coming right at us. As the main transformer for the whole site was in our building we pulled the lever killing power to the transformer. We were lucky, but one poor fellow dressed as a voyageur was struck by secondary lightening.

He was cooking over a open fire when the tree next to him was struck. The lightening traveled through the roots of the tree to the fire then into the frying pan up his arm and out his elbow. He was rushed to hospital and we learned he was OK.

I spoke to him later and saw only a small band aid on his elbow. " I said "boy you were lucky". " He said "yea that's the last time I cook my beans like that".

From: Sam W. Jacobs CET

Date: 2/20/2005 3:50:49 PM

I do not have any real close lightning stories to tell Earl however my aunt was golfing at the local Elks years ago when a storm crept up on the foursome she was playing in.

They ran to the little house on the prairie (little' shacks on the course for just this purpose) and her golf clubs were struck. They were only about a chip shot away when it happened.

Not exactly sure what happened after that but I know she didn't finish the remaining 18 holes with those clubs.

And that is the end of the thread...

Lightning is an a vocational hazard of our hobby and is best not be trivialized—yet it is entertaining reading, eh?

Molly—The QSL Dog

I am a Golden Retriever and have had the pleasure of being the family dog of the Schneiders since I was born in 1998.



I came from this litter and I am not even sure which is me. My master—Gene WM9H wrote the following for my first column.

We always had the smaller breed of dogs until them. My late sister always told me that we should get a golden. She would always tell me they are a special breed and we won't be sorry. She was so right.

My wife Diane got Molly for me on my birthday in December of that year. Diane and our grandson Danny and I went to pick her up. As soon as we arrived home I knew we had a great pet/companion for life. That little ball of golden fur was so irresistible not to pick up.

I can still remember having her sitting on my recliner with me while I would be on the net. She would watch every move I made. She was very interested in CW sounds. I think she got a sore neck at times from turning her head sideways
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When I got the QSL bureau in full operation and would spend hours a day down there, Molly would always lay in the middle of the floor. The

action of rolling my chair all over the room doing the card filing, and her having to move didn't seem to bother her. I usually have a radio on while working on the cards. I would smile at her when someone would call me by my name. Her ears would always come to attention when she hears the name GENE.

We remodeled the bureau a few times when it was off the rec room in the basement. Every time would take a little more space away from her. It got to a point when she would give up and go up stairs. To have a little fun, I would turn the keyer on and give a little cw tones on loud. I would hear a thump, usually from jumping off a chair or bed. Then I would hear the sounds of feet running across the room. Then when she came running down the stairs, which sounded like a heard of horses I prepared myself. Although she couldn't get on my lap because I wasn't in the recliner, or more recently I lost my lap (smile), she was always glad to hear those habit forming tones.

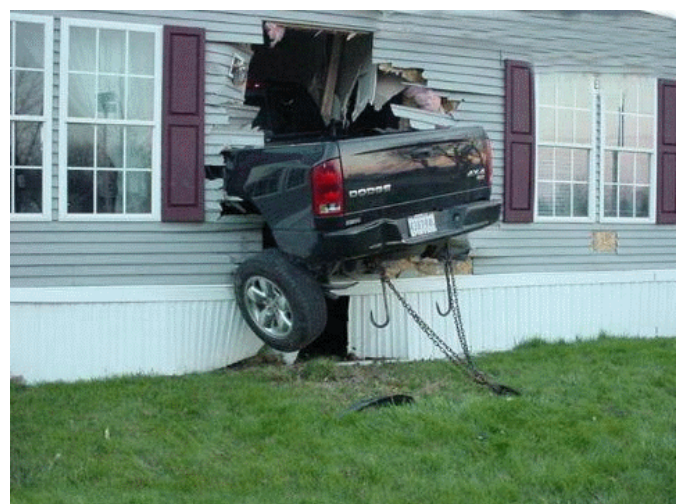
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Left, freak out the locals with balloon rockets



—Truck Stories In Pictures—

Right, definitely a bad hair day.



Optimizing Free Progressive Award Applications by Kevin WMØF

Ever dream of the day when your area awards manager does not even bother to check your awards, because they are always 100% right. I know, there are other things I should dream about in my old age, hi hi. However, after sending in a couple big messes to Nadine WAØSMQ, bless her heart, I worked out a method to cut down on the mistakes. So, if you are still reading at this point, here are few ideas you might try.

It really helps to have a computer log of some kind. I use Prolog2K, there are many other choices. Prolog2K not only keeps track of all my CC net contacts, separated by band and mode, but it also allows me to attach a notation to each contact when it is used for an award. That is really important, because I let the computer keep track of what contacts I have already used. It helps a lot on future progressive awards, if you can sort out those contacts already used and make a list of what you have available. With that...

I always start with the Prefix or Level III page. That is the really fun page where you have to have 5 unique prefixes for each state except AK and HI. Here is what I do:

- If I can, I fill the first 3 contacts in each state with K, N, and W prefixes. These are usually the most common, so I always use one each of these.
- Then, I fill the remaining spots. I look at my log and pick one each from any prefix that I have several of, saving the unique prefixes for future applications.
- For the prefix page, I try to use 1x3 or 2x3 contacts ahead of others. That saves the 2 letter cards for other pages.

- I also try to save mobiles, YLs, combos, and capitals for other pages. Especially those from the states I tend to get a lot of, like IL, TX, etc.
- Wild Cards: This is a whole subject of it own, which could fill up another article. I will just say, I use as many wild cards as I can on each application to allow me to save my rarest contact locations for future applications.
- For those states that are particularly hard to get, I use a wild card AND a Super Wild Card on that line. SWCs are Masters' cards. Remember, a SWC can only be used once. You might want to save those for other awards, so that is a choice to consider.

I usually fill in one state at a time, pulling the cards from my card file. I double check the frequency, mode, and location when I pull the card, since I sometimes make a mistake and file cards in the wrong box. A good filing system for your cards makes this a lot easier, but that is another article and I am sure my filing system is nothing special. I would love to read about card filing systems other people use.

Once I finish with the Level III, Prefix page, I move on to the Level II. This page is also tricky, but in a different way. You need a total of 400 points on this page, 5 points for each contact used (10 points for DX, if you use them here). On this page, here is what I do:

- I check what I have in YLs, combos, and 2 letter calls. I use all of these I can, but only those from common states. I fill in the right side of the page with YLs, Combos, and 2 letter calls.

- I don't use DX on this page. The next page requires 15 DX contacts for each progressive award. I save all my DX contacts for the DX page, and for future awards.
- Finally, I fill in the States Column along the left side. I start by filling in all the most common states.
- I try to avoid using mobiles, state capitals, combos, YLs if I can.
- I never use HI, AK, or other rare (for me) states in this column. I save up all those rare ones for future progressive awards.
- I also try to use common prefixes in the states column. I save those rare prefixes for the Level III page on future progressive applications.
- Again, I check the band, mode, and location of each card as I pull it from the file. Misfiled cards are where I usually make mistakes, so I try to double check as I go.
- Finally, I double count this page. Since you don't need to fill out every line on this page to add up to 400 points, it is easy to come up short or long.

Ok, next I fill out the Mobiles and DX page. I follow just a couple rules here:

- I try to use mobiles with common prefixes (K, N, W, KB, KC, etc) and those from common states for the 10 required mobiles.
- DX: You must have 5 unique DXs on each application. I start by filling in the first 5 DXs with 5 unique ones.

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- Then, I fill in the remaining 10 DX contacts with my most common DXs. Canada is most common for me. Mexico and Cuba are also common in my log.
- Again, I check the band, mode and location as I pull the cards and stack them on the pile. Whew, this is a lot of work. I cannot imagine how people do this without the help of a computerized log.

Finally, I fill out the Level I page. There are again a few rules I follow to optimize the use of contacts:

- First, I try to load up the state capitals list. I only use state capitals from my common state list. I don't use HI or AK or DE or other rare states here. I save

those for future progressive awards. I use as many contacts from state capitals as I can, after all, these are worth 10 points on this page.

- Next, I fill in the remaining contacts I need to add up to 100 with common, 2 letter calls from common states. You can use up to 20, 2 letter calls if you want, even though the application only has room for 10.
- I don't usually use DXs, YLs, and combos on this page, hoarding those for the future.
- Did I forget to check the band and mode?

One final note, I usually wait to fill out and submit a progressive award until I have enough unused contacts for next 2 or 3. That allows

me to pick and choose using the rules I listed above.

For me, there is no big hurry to get these done. I will likely never catch up with the real progressive champions out there (N2XTT, K8MZA, WB2RWT, K5FNS, WY8V, and others come to mind).

So, there you have it. Every time I fill out one of these awards I swear I will never do another one. Each one is a lot of work. But then the cards start to pile up and I get inspired. Your mileage or inspiration may vary.

73, Kevin WMOF

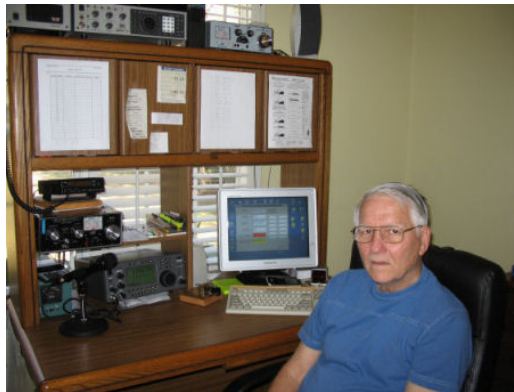
Odds and Ends



KK4TB—(Below)

Here is a recent picture of Jay—KK4TB in his shack. Jay lives in the beautiful little town of Fairhope Alabama and had been a member of the 3905 Century Club for many years.

Jay holds certificate number 98 on the 75 meter SSB nets.



Who says animals don't have a sense of humor?

Shown above is our favorite Wisconsin canine, the mascot of the WM9H Bureau—**Molly**, who is obviously not keeping a straight face as Gene tells her how he had to carry everything from the bureau up two flights of stairs. Or maybe she just finds one of Gene's stories very amusing.



While looking through the list of Certificate Numbers, I discovered that our Information Officer—Jim Higgins—**KB3PU** also is an old member, holding certificate # 92 on the 75 meter nets.

Are You Going To The 2005 Eyeball In Georgia?

The 2005 Eyeball will be held in Georgia, at Red Top Mountain State Park—just Northwest of Atlanta from July 28th through the 31st.

Red Top Mountain State Park consists of 1,562 Acres of wooded land, surrounded by Lake Alatoona and accessible by bridge, just off I-75 at Exit 285.

There are a total of 19 RV parking sites along with 73 tent and camping sites. RV sites run from \$18.00 to \$22.00 per night.

Reservations for RV sites may be made by calling the Visitors Center at (770) 975-4226.

There is a Lodge at the Park, however at this time there are no vacancies. It may be worthwhile to check back later, but unlikely as Red Top is a popular destination.

There are 18 cabins, all of which have two bedrooms with two double beds in each. Eight (8) of the cabins have two bathrooms, the other ten have one bathroom. Minimum stay for a cabin is 4 nights.

Cabins may be reserved by calling the Main Number at (770) 975-0055. Be sure to mention that you are with the 3905 Century Club in order to get a cabin as we have holds on all of them until June 1, 2005.

As of this writing, 130 people have registered for the Eyeball and many more have indicated that they will be attending.

Plans are well underway to make this the best Eyeball ever with great prizes, activities for everyone and—best of all—no boring guest speaker.

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 28th— Setup, Erect Antennas and Visiting

Refreshments at the Main Shelter

Supper: On Your Own

8:00 PM: Evening Radio Nets operate



Friday, July 29th—

Breakfast: On Your Own

All Day: Check-In, Visiting

Lunch: On Your Own

4:00 PM: Board of Directors Meeting – Main Shelter

6:00 PM: Supper – Cookout (Chef - Harmonic of WM4SG)

8:00 PM: Evening Radio Nets operate

Saturday, July 30th—

8:00 AM: Breakfast at Main Shelter

9:30 AM: Annual Mobile Antenna Shoot-Out – Host AA1NZ

Lunch: On Your Own

2:30 PM: Main Program

- Awards
- Prize Drawings

5:30 Annual Banquet

7:30 PM: Snipe Hunt

8:00 PM: Evening Radio Nets operate

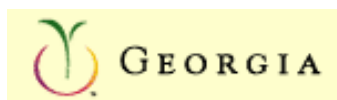
8:00 PM Main Shelter – Annual Bingo Game

Sunday, July 31st—

9:30 AM: Breakfast, Close at Noon

To register for the Eyeball, visit the club website or go directly to the Eyeball web site at:

<http://wm4sg.com/eyeball2005>



If you do not have Internet access, you can mail your registration for the Eyeball by including the following information with your check.

- Member Name (Anyone with a Callsign is considered a member).
- Guest Names and Ages (of children)
- Whether you wish to have us mail you a Park Pass for your vehicle.
- Whether you wish to order an Eyeball T-Shirt in advance.

Fees are simple when you register in advance.

Member Registration is \$25.00 each

Guest Registration is \$15.00 each (Except that children under 11 are free)

Park Vehicle Permit are \$2.50

T-Shirts are \$8.00 each and be sure to include your size with the order.

Fees are quite a bit higher if you pay “at the door”. So register early and save some cash.

To register direct, just provide the information requested above, include a check or money order for the full amount and mail it to us at:

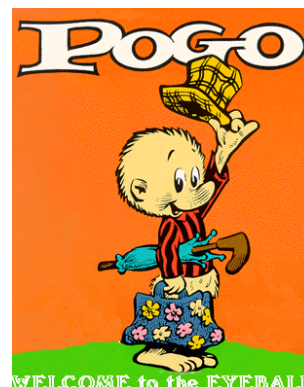
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Please make the checks payable to Bill Martin.

See you there!



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CW Nets Manager AA1NZ Tom Bates
Digital Nets Manager KE3NR Robin Stout

Thanks to the persistence and dedication of Tom (AA1NZ) and Joe (W4BUR), the first ever Bakers Dozen award for the CW nets has been issued.

Credit for attaining this award goes to Tom, who unhesitatingly traveled to "rare" states to hand out contacts for those working toward their CW W.A.S. award. Joe faithfully tracked Tom around the countryside announcing, relaying, and making sure others got the opportunity to make contacts.

Tom has a superior mobile setup in his pickup truck and has actually served as the Net Control Station on the CW nets while mobile-in-motion. Those who check in to the 40 meter CW net regularly have probably made contact with him in a number of different locations, and there are other stations who are close to attaining the Bakers Dozen award on CW.

Contacts between Joe and Tom were primarily in the Midwest and Eastern United States, but also include those from the 2004 Eyeball in Oregon. Tom is very active on the CW nets and can frequently be heard checking in as he travels throughout New England on his job assignments. Future plans call for trips to Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Virginia. Watch your e-mail for trip notices.

2005 Club Officers Continued

20 CW Net Coordinator AA1NZ Tom Bates
20 PSK Net Coordinator AA3FC Walter Kunz
20 RTTY Net Coordinator AA3FC Walter Kunz
40 CW Net Coordinator W4BUR Joseph Burnett
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40 RTTY Net Coordinator KC0OCC Greg Golden
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75 EARLY Net Coordinator KA1IFC Jean Hurtle
75 LATE Net Coordinator N1ZL Harold Lathrop
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80 PSK Net Coordinator KV4DT William Brooks
80 RTTY Net Coordinator KV4DT William Brooks
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Molly—The QSL Dog (Continued from Page 7)

Then the biggest and most intensive bureau move to date came about. I relocated it up stairs into an extra bedroom. This was a move that made Molly one happy K9. This bedroom has 2 doors to it. One came off the ½ bath and the other door from the hall to the other bedrooms. Now she has 2 ways of coming in.

Goldens have a funny way of showing off a prize they might have. For instance, my sister's dog Brandy would always welcome us at the door. When we came in she would run in the other part of the house and come up with an old baby blanket. She would sit there and wait until we praised her, telling her how nice it was. Then she would take it away and hide it some place and wait for the next victim to show up.

Molly does the same. But she would use an old knuckle bone that we got from a pet store. When we get company, or especially when Diane would come home from work. She would take this bone from where ever she had it hid and do a parade. We call it the

“BONE PARADE” As long as you praised her how nice her bone was, the more she would parade back and fourth. Now with the bureau in the bedroom, and 2 ways to enter, Round and round she goes. If I am in her way, she would just wait until I rolled out of the way and she would continue her exhibition. When she finished, she would hide it. And I have to say she hides it good too.

A lot of friends over the past 6 years have met grown to really adore Molly. I did a lot of volunteer work at my grandsons school/church. I use to take her in the school with me when she as a puppy. I'd have her tucked under my coat.

Although animals were not allowed in the school, they always welcomed her in. Every student in the school knew her. I would do playground monitor at lunch time. It was the highlight of her day. She got more attention then a cat in a room full of mice. All the neighbors on the block know and adore her.

The mailman is also a highlight of her day. She knows the sound of the muffler and even though he is still out of sight, she's already looking for me to let me know the daily dump is about to arrive.

She is a great companion, and she helps pass the time when I do the qsl managers job. She really seems to like watching me going thru the endless rolls of files. There are times she will leave for a while. Usually when I make a few comments to myself about one thing or another something that isn't going right, she knows the body language. Hi

We hope she will be with us for many years to come. A few CCN members have met Molly. K9TWW John, N9KNJ Ron, KOHNM Larry, AF8CS Nick come to mind. They can tell you, she will give you a hearty welcome at the door every time.

Ron N9KNJ can also tell you about Sweetheart, our guinea pig. He spent an afternoon sleeping with it. Got real attached to her. Ask him about it.