



# THE CENTURION

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## K9TWW Heads Slate of New Officers

John P. Thornton, K9TWW, of Peoria Heights, Ill. steam-rolled what turned out to be three other candidates, due to one write-in candidate, to become the new president of the 3905 Century Club during Jan. 31 final on-the-air elections.

The final vote was Thornton, 128; Dave Kaiser, AL7HG, 9; Eugene C. Schneider, WM9H, 69, and Leonard Martinoli, K3LM, 1 write-in.

The election was moderated by outgoing president, Bill Martin, WM4SG, of Ellijay, Ga., who completed two terms as president and whose term continues through Feb. 28. Thornton will take over March 1.

"My thanks to all the candidates for running," Martin commented after the election. "We are indeed fortunate in this club to have a first class group of candidates--all good men."

There will be a Special



**John P. Thornton, K9TWW, president**

Election to fill the remaining one year term for vice president, completing the term vacated by Thornton. A special board meeting was held the first week of February to nominate candidates for vice president, followed by on-line voting.

Candidates for vice president, were requested to contact their area director as soon as possible and ask him to nominate them at that meeting.

"Also a word about the number of votes," Martin said. "A total of 207 voted in

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### About the new president

Thornton is 53-years-old and retired from Caterpillar Inc. He now works part time with fleet management for Avis and Budget. The family is in the restaurant business where John takes care of the bookwork.

Thornton has been married for 30 years to Donna and has three grown children, two girls and a son. All are married and have provided him with a grandson Hunter and a granddaughter Lilly. Hunter is going to have a little sister in May and Thornton is

*See, 'Thornton,' page 7*



**Bill Martin, WM4SG, immediate past president**

### 'Ga. Eyeball Good Way to Wrap Up My Presidency'

Bill Martin, WM4SG, has been interested in radio ever since he found an old crystal set in his grandmother's attic, but didn't get my license until 1977. He holds an advanced class ticket, which he has had since 1979.

Martin became active in the Century Club shortly after getting his license. He holds certificate number 792 on 75 meter SSB net. Since then he has added the following certificates: 20 Meter CW 100 Point # 20, 20 Meter RTTY 100 Point #1, 20

*See 'Martin,' page 7*

### KD4POJ Going to Greenland

Dwayne Lipscomb Sr., KD4POJ, has received a remote assignment to Thule, Greenland and has therefore had to resign as a 10th area director for the Century Club.

Although Dwayne enjoys participating in Century Club nets, he is looking forward to his one-year assignment in Greenland and hopes to be able to check into the nets as

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# Azores Station CU2JT on Mosteiros Island A Regular Check-in on 40 meter Century Club Nets

CU2JT, Gary Wikstrom has been a regular check-in to the 40 meter Century Club nets. He usually checks in on the European 40 meter frequencies from 7.280 to 7.288 mHz, and listening on the net frequencies.

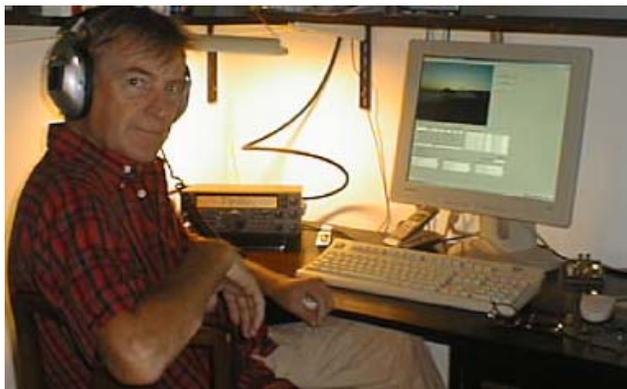
When Gary began checking in last fall, he was in one location on the Azores, and later in the year he moved elsewhere, but continued to check in regularly, several times a week with a loud signal into the eastern U.S. when the nets began at 00:00 GMT.

“I am still on Mosteiros Island, but on the other end,” Gary recently explained. He advised that anyone checking his website, <http://hem.passagen.se/garwik>, will find a map over São Miguel.

“It’s easy to see where I am and the Swedish Consulate is a little right of the middle on the map on the south side.

There is also a lot of other information on the web site of interest to Century Club members.

There is a hill about a mile away, but no beach in



**Gary Wikstrom, CU2JT, at his operating position at his home on Mosteiros Island, the Azores.**

Vila Franca. Gary said there is a beach about 100 yards from his house. It is fully equipped with bay watch, showers and toilets and there are several others on the island.

Gary said he often has a lot of static at his QTH.

“We have power lines just outside the house which you can see on the web site and quite heavy

static when it rains,” he explained.

Gary describes his experiences on the Century Club net as often hectic: “I was on 40 meters early yesterday, but only worked one station,” he said. “I was checked in as #4 and they forgot about me. After a while it came to the second round and I e-mailed them to say I wanted to make a call but at that time almost everybody had gone.”

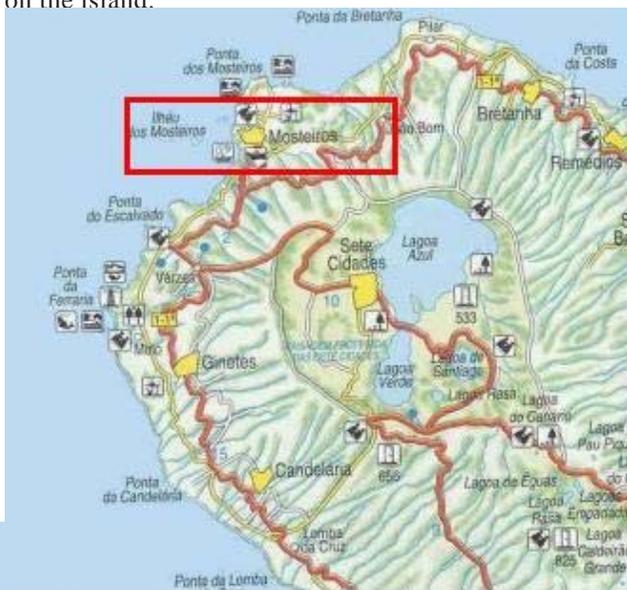
Gary said he would enjoy the nets a lot more if he could be on the same frequency as the rest of the pack.

## The QTH

Gary’s QTH, Casa da Boa Vida, is Mosteiros, a fishing village about 22 miles (35 kilometers) west of Ponta Delgada.

He said the photo shows how the house looked in September, 2005 after painting and erecting of the amateur radio antenna. He said its really not a big house, only 82 m<sup>2</sup> It was built in 1935 and has gradually been expanded to its current size.

São Miguel is the biggest of the 9 islands making the Azores. The



*The maps at the bottom shows Mosteiros Island and the map above shows an inset where CU2JT’s station is located.*



*Black beaches are common on Mosteiros Island and on the other islands in the chain.*



*The house was freshly painted in September, 2005 and the vertical antenna on its right was newly mounted.*

islands are grouped as follows:

Eastern Group (Grupo Oriental): Santa Maria-São Miguel; Central Group: Terceira-São Jorge-Pico-Faial-Graciosa; Western Group: Flores-Corvo; Western Group: Flores-Corvo.

São Miguel is the biggest island with about 250,000 inhabitants and about 50,000 cows.

Corvo is the smallest of the islands with about 300 inhabitants.

It's about 900 miles (1,500 kilometers) from

Ponta Delgada to Lisbon, a good two-hour flight.

Mosteiros is in the western corner of São Miguel island, marked with a red square on the map.

#### **CU2JT Radio Station**

Gary runs a Kenwood TS-570D running 5-100 Watts input.

The antenna is used on 7, 14 and 21 MHz. On 14 MHz it works as a ½ wave vertical matched with a coax transformer.

In September, 2005, more than 10,000 QSO were made from CU2JT.



*This photo shows the temporary station setup before Gary moved and got his shack set up in his new home.*

Being an old computer programmer, Gary made his own logging program that keeps his logs, keep track of countries worked and has a contest logging option that makes out contest logs in *cabrillo* format.

## **Working DX: Speak Clearly; Know How to Use Split**

With the DX season moving into high-gear, WB5FDP, N2XTT, N9KNJ and CU2JT thought members would appreciate the following tips about working DX stations on the Century Club nets.

1. English is most likely a second language for the DX station. Just as you may not speak Spanish or French as rapidly as a native, they may not understand English at the rate you can speak it. S-l-o-w d-o-w-n. Enunciate carefully. Repeat your call sign and signal report at least twice. Use the standard phonetic alphabet.

2. Review the manual for your equipment so you are completely comfortable running "split". Many DX stations, like CU2JT, mentioned in the story on this page, are not allowed to transmit on the frequency we use for the net. Practice operating split so you do not inadvertently transmit on their transmit frequency which may not be legal for you to do.

3. NCS should investigate early, and then designate to the net, a clear split frequency for the DX to communicate with the net. Announce this frequency early while reading the preamble to allow the DX and net stations time to set up. When it comes time to check in DX and during following check in periods, have the net listen on the designated frequency for DX check ins. Having a station with dual-watch capability monitor the DX split frequency during nets is also a good idea.

4. Absolutely avoid colloquialisms such as: \*bang-bang, rifle shot, nickels-nickels, speed limit, Heinz variety, triplets-triplets, etc.\* Even moderate words such as \*"minimum" or "maximum"\* should be avoided. The DX station is making an extra effort to come on our net and give us contacts. It's just good manners to try to not embarrass them by  
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Band Mode	Award	Number	Call	Date	Band Mode	Award	Number	Call	Date
160	SSB	100 Point	397 KOHNM	12/5/2005	Call Area (7th Call Area)	Endorsement	KT4CB	1/10/2006	
160	SSB	100 Point	398 AI3CD	12/13/2005	Millennium	24	NC4MO	1/10/2006	
160	SSB	100 Point	399 NN5G	1/10/2006	Net Control Basic	217	KJ4JC	11/14/2005	
160	SSB	100 Point	400 AE1Q	1/10/2006	Net Control Basic	218	K6CRA	12/12/2005	
160	SSB	100 Point	401 KI4ECX	1/10/2006	Net Control Basic	219	WU8Q	12/12/2005	
160	SSB	100 Point	402 KJ7CU	1/10/2006	Net Control Basic	220	KC0OCC	1/10/2006	
160	SSB	100 Point	403 N7BYU	1/10/2006	Net Control Journeyman	59	WU8Q	12/12/2005	
160	SSB	500 Point	Endorsement AE1Q	1/10/2006	Net Control Journeyman	60	KI7PM	12/12/2005	
160	SSB	Alphabet	16 N5OHL	12/12/2005	Net Control Journeyman	61	KD4POJ	12/12/2005	
					Net Control Journeyman	62	KC1AU	12/12/2005	
Call Area (1st Call Area)		322	KT4CB	1/10/2006	Net Control Journeyman	63	K8PG	12/12/2005	
Call Area (5th Call Area)		Endorsement	KT4CB	1/10/2006	Net Control Expert	41	WU8Q	12/12/2005	
Call Area (6th Call Area)		Endorsement	KT4CB	1/10/2006	Net Control Operator	79	KB1MKU	12/12/2005	
					Net Control Operator	80	WN5M	1/10/2006	

## KL7IYD's Valentine Message to Natalie

Larry Snyder, KOHNM, was recently chatting with Jim Cummins, KL7IYD, in Juneau, Alaska's capital. His wife Natalie has been sick and he has been doing the housework and cooking. Larry doesn't know how he got around to it but Larry received a poem Jim wrote to cheer up his wife.

"I'm not handy with tools and such, but once in a while I write a poem for Natalie," Jim said. "I don't remember all of it, but it started like this:"

### To My Valentine Natalie

So easy to please with pizza & nog,  
So helpful to run & feed the dog.  
Who else would put up with such a grouch,  
Ensneced on laz-e-boy or couch.  
The years speed by-there goes another!  
With opportunities to say "I love her."  
I hesitate to say these rhymes,  
I've said it all SO many times...  
And yet her many acts & deeds,  
The way she cares, the way she feeds.  
What if she would say to me,  
"I've done enough, just wait & see!"  
YOU wash your clothes, YOU do the dishes.  
Have someone ELSE fulfill your wishes.  
Vacuum the rugs, re-do the chairs,  
Put sox away, MAKE SURE THEY'RE PAIRS!  
The nightmare ends, I lie awake.  
My sweat is cold, my limbs all shake.  
"Oh God," I pray, "give me more times,  
To make up silly little rhymes!"

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## Three Silent Keys: Morris C. Johnson, KB4IT, Al Hanson, Tom Smith

Morris C. Johnson, KB4IT, of Griffin, Ga. became a silent key Jan. 12. He was 73. He was an active participant in the 3.905 Cen-



**Morris Johnson,  
KB4IT**

thury Club. Johnson had Net Control Station basic award #205, 40 meter 1k #467, and a 160 meter 1k #14. He was a fourth area club officer, a net control station on 160 meters, and active on 75 and 40 meter nets.

Last year, Johnson traveled to Alaska and time checked into 160 meter, 75 meter and 40 meter nets.

Johnson was an active County Hunter and had worked all DX countries but four. He participated in several DX trips and operated from South America.

Johnson was born in Bunkie, La. on Sept. 3, 1932. For 19 years he was a teacher at Lovett School, and for 16 years, until his retirement, executive director with the Georgia Independent School Association and a board member of the Loveday Foundation, a member of the Griffin Rotary and ARRL.

Johnson is survived by his wife, Virginia Connell Johnson; daughter and sons-in-law, Sarah F. and Lamar

L. Gantt of Anchorage, Alaska, L. Anne and Charles F. Malin of Shawnee Kan.; grand-children, Amy V. Gantt, Kristen S. Gantt, Kyle L. Gantt, Rachel C. Santt, AnneMarie Malin, Emily V. Malin; sister, Ethel J. Coco of Baton Rouge, La.; mother-in-law, Frances Griggs Connell of Lawrenceville, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Morris were held Jan. 16 in the Chapel of Conner-Westbury Funeral Home. Interment followed Jan 18 in the Bayou Rouge Baptist Church Cemetery in Evergreen, La.

As a young man, Morris lived in Louisiana, attended Louisiana State University and graduated there.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made to the Loveday Endowment Foundation, P.O. Box 1505, Griffin, GA. 30224 or to the American Heart Assoc.

Other recent deaths also include Al 'Fred' Hanson, VE4AAA, and Daniel 'Tom' Smith N8DXR.

Al was a fun loving guy and loved to entertain the children at the International Hamfest held each year on the Manitoba, Canada near the North Dakota border.

Tom Smith N8DXR became a silent key November 4th. Tom was active in the club years ago and served as the 75, 160 and digital nets bureau manager.

## 3.905 Century Club Awards Quiz

Come test your knowledge of the 3.905 CCN awards. This quiz was popular at least year's eyeball, with a 25 multiple choice questions, plus two tie breaker fill in the blank questions about the 3.905 CCN awards. You **DO NOT** have to know how many awards were given out except for one, or who was the first award holder. You will have to know what makes up each of the awards.

The two questions at the end of the quiz were tie-breaker questions. Bill Dobson, N3WD was the lone contest committee.

Either Circle the correct answers letter or write the letter in the right margin next to the answers.

**1.) Which award was designed with the year 2000 in mind?**

- A.) Dictionary Award
- B.) 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award
- C.) Millennium Award
- D.) None of the above

**2.) On the 100 Point Award DX stations are worth how many points each?**

A.) 5, B.)10, C.) 15, D.) They are not allowed

**3.) On the 500 Point Endorsement how many states are required?**

A.) 20, B.) 25, C.) 30, D.) As many as you want

**4.) On the 1,000 Point Award how many total DX contacts are required and from how many different countries?**

- A.) 20 required from 10 different countries
- B.) 15 required from 5 different countries
- C.) 10 required from 5 different countries
- D.) No DX contacts are required

**5.) On the 2,000 Point Award a basic wild card is considered to be?**

- A.) Some ones 1K number
- B.) Some ones 2K number
- C.) Some ones 3K number
- D.) Some ones Master Degree number

**6.) On the Prefix Award how many different prefixes are required for the initial award?**

A.) 100, B.) 250, C.) 500 D.) None of the above

**7.) On the Certificate Hunters Award how many different 100 point certificates do you have to work for the initial award?**

A.) 50, B.) 75, C.) 100, D.) 150

**8.) On the Dictionary Award how many points would KB0OKS be worth?**

A.) 3, B.) 6, C.) 8, D.) 12

**9.) On the DX Award how many different DX countries must you work?**

A.) 25, B.) 30, C.) 40, D.) 50

**10.) On the Nomad Award how many points is the first contact from a state, province, or DX country worth?**

A.) 1, B.) 2, C.) 3, D.) 5

**11.) On the Nite Owl Award how many contacts does it take?**

A.) 50, B.) 100, C.) 150, D.) 200

**12.) On the Millennium Award how many cards are required.**

A.) 100, B.) 200, C.) 300, D.) 400

**13.) On the Alphabet Award the letters used for the award are?**

- A.) The 1<sup>st</sup> letter of the suffix
- B.) The last letter of the suffix
- C.) The 1<sup>st</sup> letter of the prefix
- D.) The 2<sup>nd</sup> letter of the prefix

**14.) As of July 21, 2005 how many Master Degree Awards have been issued?**

A.) 17, B.) 18, C.) 19, D.) 20

**15.) On the Numbers Racket Award how many 1K and 2K certificate holders do you have to work?**

- A.) 25 1K and 25 2K
- B.) 25 1K and 50 2K
- C.) 50 1K and 25 2K
- D.) 50 1K and 50 2K

**16.) On the Officers Award how many Area Directors do you have to work?**

A.) None, B.) 2, C.) 3, D.) 6

**17.) On the Poker Players Award a straight flush is?**

- A.) 2X1 calls with the letter in the prefix in order
- B.) 2X2 calls with the 2<sup>nd</sup> letter in the prefix in order
- C.) 2X1 calls with the letter in the suffix in order
- D.) 2X2 calls with the 1<sup>st</sup> letter in the suffix in order

**18.) On the Worked All States YL Award how many states do you have to work for the initial award?**

A.) 50, B.) 45, C.) 40, D.) 35

**19.) On the Worked All States Caps Award how many states do you have to work for the initial award?**

A.) 35, B.) 40, C.) 45, D.) 50

**20.) On the Worked All States Basic Award how many states do you have to work for the initial award?**

A.) 35, B.) 40, C.) 45, D.) 50

**21.) How many Canadian provinces are required for the Worked All States Canadian Endorsement?**

A.) 5, B.) 10, C.) 15, D.) None, there is no such award

**22.) How many states must you have made contacts from for the initial Clint Wise Award?**

A.) 15, B.) 20, C.) 25, D.) 30

**23.) A Super Wild Card is considered to be?**

- A.) Some ones 1K number
- B.) Some ones 2K number
- C.) Some ones 5K number
- D.) Some ones Master Degree number

**24.) On the Certificate Hunters Award how many endorsements can you earn?**

A.) 5, B.) 9, C.) None, D.) Unlimited

**25.) As of July 21, 2005 which station holds the most Baker's Dozen as the Mobile Endorsements with 63?**

A.) KC5BFBK, B.) KG4NBL, C.) W9JAY, D.) WC0PD

Tie Breaker Questions

**1.) How many different operating awards awarded by the awards secretary does the 3.905 Century Club offer? (For the purpose of this question band/mode differences do not matter and any progressive award above the 2K award is considered a repeat of the 1K award and therefore not counted.)**

**2.) How many awards either allow or are considered endorsements?**

The Breakers: 1.) 38, 2.) 14.  
(21.) A, (22.) B, (23.) D, (24.) B, (25.) A,  
(16.) D, (17.) A, (18.) D, (19.) A, (20.) D,  
(11.) B, (12.) A, (13.) D, (14.) C, (15.) C,  
(5.) A, (6.) D, (7.) C, (8.) C, (9.) A, (10.) D,  
Answer Key 1.) C, 2.) A, 3.) B, 4.) B,  
3.905 Century Club Awards Quiz

## Elections ...

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this election. While this may seem low compared to a membership roster of some 5,000 members-- remember that this is the number (207) of active members that you usually see on check-in lists for our nets - and then some. Not a bad turn out at all.

"Thanks to all that voted and participated in the election," Martin concluded.

Competitive elections took place in several call areas, with four candidates running for director in the fourth and eighth call areas.

Thornton was an overwhelming favorite due to his experience as vice president. Thornton was elected for a two-year term, with the new term beginning March 1.

The 2006 election season began Oct. 1 with nominees announcing their candidacy for elections of Area Directors for the even numbered call areas (second, fourth, sixth, eighth and 10th call areas).

Martin was the net control station for the election cycle which began on the

40 meters net frequency at 23:30 gmt. Voting on 40 meters concluded at 00:45 and continued on the 75 meter net starting at 03:30 gmt and concluded at 04:30 gmt when the results of the election were announced.

Election results for area directors:

Second Area Director: Peter Summers, N2XTT, Little Falls, N.J. with eight votes.

Fourth Area Director: Ron Stanley Sr., NC4RS, Greensboro, N.C. with 20 votes. Running in the election were Delbert Duckworth, KE4DYG, Burlington, N.C. with 12 votes; John Kirkpatrick, W4IKO, Moore, S.C., with 11 votes; and Gary Commer, AF4LD, Titusville, Fla. with five votes.

Sixth Area Director: Loren Hunt, AD6ZJ, Vista, Calif. with nine votes, was elected to another term.

Eighth Area Director: Lawrence Ashton, N2OCW, Berkeley Springs, W.Va. was elected to another term with 10 votes. Running in the election were Paul Genaw, K8PG, Chatham, Mich. With five votes; Paul Andrews, N8NYI, Ashtabula, Ohio with three votes; and John Bransford, K8LPQ, White Pigeon, Mich. with two votes.

10th Area Director: Jay Wieland, N0PUI, Le Sueur, Minn. Won was elected to another term with 13 votes. Running against Wieland in the election were Dwayne Lipscomb Sr., KD4POJ, Minot, N.D., with eight votes, withdrew from the election due to a military reassignment to Greenland.

Voting for area director is by written ballot only. Members could either mail their ballot for area director directly to Martin, include the voter's call-sign and 100 point number or, voted online.

Members could vote for president with the on-line ballot to vote for president and area director. For area director, members could only vote if they reside in a call area that is having an election. For president all members could vote on-line or wait until the Jan. 30 on-air election.

Century Club members were encouraged, if they wished to know where a candidate stood on any issue, to contact them direct or ask a question on one of the email groups. Candidates were NOT allowed to campaign on the air during net operations, so use the email system on any questions or campaigning.

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## Martin . . .

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Meter PSK31 100 Point #5, 40 Meter CW 100 Point # 114, 40 Meter RTTY 100 Point #49, 40 Meter PSK31 100 Point #10, 40 Meter SSB 100 Point #1985, 40 Meter SSB 1K Wildcard

#394, 75 Meter SSB 100 Point #792, 75 Meter SSB 1K Wildcard #404, 80 Meter RTTY 100 Point #4, 80 Meter PSK31 100 Point #22, and 160 Meter SSB 100 Point #279.

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## Thornton . . .

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looking forward to that event.

Thornton became a novice in 1967 as a novice, but that was short lived as he also got a car and that took care of the radio, as it took all my money.

Thornton has been racing cars and motorcycles most of his life; he last worked as a crew chief and team manager in the ARCA ReMax Series.

He retired from that in 1998, and got back into ham radio at which he has been having fun ever since. He is an extra-class operator, a VE, a repeater trustee, and director of MIDCARS.

Thornton has been active in the Century Club since 1999, and have

served as the 40 meter Early Net coordinator, Ninth Area director, vice president and board chairman for three years.

He has most of the awards for 40 and 75 meters, also have 100 point numbers on 160 and the psk nets.

Thornton says he needs to start working on the CW nets for my Masters and needs to work a few more DX stations on 75.

"I enjoy the Eyeballs, having made all but one during the past six years," Thornton said. "I am looking forward to Minnesota this summer and also getting together with club members at Dayton.

Martin holds all three NCS awards, having served as NCS-off and on--since 1980. I have been the Net Coordinator for 20 and 80 RTTY, 20 PSK and digital net manager. He was vice president for one year prior to becoming president four years ago.

Bill and his family enjoyed putting on the 2005 Eyeball in Georgia and it was a good way to wrap up my term as president.

I work (retired once--went back to work) as vice chairman of the PIC Group, the parent company for several other companies engaged in working in the energy business, where I have been for over 10 years.

Other hobbies include model trains, travel and camping. I have one son, who has provided me with three beautiful (and active) grandchildren.

I alternate between spending time on my mountain top in North Georgia and my home in the metro Atlanta area.



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28 Years of World Class  
Net Operations

*The 3905 Century Club, Inc. is an international Amateur Radio Club incorporated in the State of Florida since February 1977. Its purpose is to assist hams both foreign and domestic in obtaining Worked All States awards. We have nets on 20, 40, 75, 80, and 160 meters operating a mixture of SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK-31 modes. The Club offers many fine certificates for contacts made on its nets which can also be used to obtain ARRL awards.*

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using words which confuse them and make them appear ignorant in front of others.

5. Do use direct numbers and the international phonetics alphabet. Five, nine,... alpha, bravo, charlie..., etc.

6. If you can competently speak the language of the DX station, by all means, give them their signal report in their native language. But also include in that same exchange the English equivalent. Remember that your NCS

may not speak their language! Acceptable: "You are five, five, cinco, cinco."

7. Counting out a signal report may help. The native language of the DX station may be used but alternate with English for the net's benefit. Acceptable: "Uno, dos, tres, quatro, cinco. One two, three, four, five." If your pronunciation of the foreign language is less than excellent, please stick to English.

8. Be cautious of your signal report to the DX station. Some stations may be offended by anything less than a 5x5 or better. If you do give out a 2x2 the DX station may come back with a 2x7, 2x1, 3x6, etc. and you will have to copy it, which can eat up net time. They are usually unaware of the "standardized" signal reports we tend to give out on the 3905 Net.

9. Do not ask for the QSL path and always be polite and remember to thank the DX for the contact. All DX is good in the 3905 Century Club's DX QSL Bureau. Asking wastes net time and most DX stations assume you know how to find their QSL path. For 3905 CCN purposes, there is only one path you need be concerned with, the DX QSL Bureau.

10. It is a courtesy to pronounce the operator's name correctly. Haschel = hass-kel, not hash-el. Enrique = en-reek-kay, not Ricky. If you know the operator and the operator has provided an Americanized name (usually for your benefit and comfort), then it is acceptable to use that name. But if you are not sure of the correct pronunciation, avoid the issue and don't use the operator's name at all.

11. Even though there appear to be exceptions to these suggestions — some DX stations speak perfect English and may even be US transplants — it would be wise to practice discipline for all DX stations and stick to the above suggestions for all DX contacts. We would like to present a disciplined, courteous outlook to all DX stations since we represent the USA and 3905 CCN when we make DX contacts.

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OX/KD4POJ, or possibly with his own OX call-sign after May 26.

"I plan to operate from up there and check into the nets as much as I can," Lipscomb said. "I think will have to operate split on some of then nets, but there are plenty of Century Club members that monitor and relay DX into the nets that it shouldn't be a problem."

"There are not many that can say they have been to the Top of the World," Lipscomb explained. "I have applied for my follow on assignment to Minot and hope to hear something really soon."

"In the mean time it has been a pleasure to operate with some of the finest ham radio operators on the air today... members of the 3905 Century Club.

"If details are approved for my return to Minot I will once again run for 10th Area Director and will do my best to represent the members of the 10th Area.

"I would like to also ask to support Jay, NOPUI our current 10th Area director and host of the 2006 Eyeball," Lipscomb concluded. "Man, I was looking forward to meeting many of you there." Jay is doing a great job and with your support he will continue to do so.