



# The Centurion

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## NEW MASTERS

We are Proud to announce the newest members to achieve our clubs highest award , The Masters Degree !

They are :

Jeff Becvar , AL7QQ #33

Bob Vietz , N3YK # 34

Richard Harris , NI7F # 35

Way to go guys !

(Their story on page 2 - 5 )



That's lots of

**ON AIR**

Time !

## 3905 Eyeball in the Sunshine State .

Loren Hunt, AD6ZJ is hosting this years 3905 Eyeball meeting in Ca.

Plans are already underway for the 2009 Eyeball, to be held on the 55-acre grounds of the Vista Antique Gas and Steam Museum in Vista, CA.

The 2009 Eyeball will be held in Vista, CA (sunny southern California) July 31st - August 2nd. Vista is located about an hour south of Disneyland (Anaheim), about 45 minutes north of Sea World (San Diego). The Pacific Ocean is about 10 minutes west and the Palomar Mountain Observatory is about an hour to the east. The Eyeball will be held on the Vista Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum grounds. Registration is now open so make yours now, get it on your calendar and start planning! For current information, registration and latest details, visit the Eyeball 2009 Web site.

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Hey while your in CA. Pick us up a couple of sunspots !!

**EVER THOUGHT OF BEING A NET CONTROL ..**

We are always in need of Net Control Stations . You can help ! Weather it's SSB , CW or Digital your contribution would be very helpful . We have a great group of NCS's now but if you notice you are hearing the same stations running a number of different nets . We are in great need of CW and Digital net control stations . Go to the web site at [www.3905ccn.com](http://www.3905ccn.com) and take the NCS study guide test . You will receive a certificate after completing this study guide and will be ready to run a net on one of our many bands . It's really a lot of fun and very helpful to our club .



## New Masters 33

**Jefferey K. Becvar Sr.  
Master #33**

Jeff was always interested in Ham Radio since he was 18 years old. Until he was licensed he operated primarily 11 Meter SSB only. Always having an interest in designing and making his own antennas. He enjoyed building his own Cubical Quads and Homebrew Gizmatchy antennas. His Elmer that assisted him was his best friend Hulan Killebrew in Hopkinsville, KY. Hulan also went to take his test with Jeff and became KE4AOP. Hulan Killebrew has now moved into an assisted Living home in Hopkinsville and is no longer able to work on the air.

Jeff was licensed in 1993 originally as KE4OAM in Clarksville, TN while stationed with the Military at Fort Campbell, KY. Traveling around the US he Has operated primarily 10 meters from home QTH's in Kentucky, Texas, Alaska, and Kansas. Jeff upgraded to Advanced Class Amateur Operator while in Alaska and assumed the new call sign as AL7QQ. While in Kansas operated exclusively on the 10-10 Nets and all 10-10 Contests. After leaving Kansas and being stationed in Iowa as the Senior Army Enlisted Advisor took a break from Ham radio for about four year until 2003.

Then one November evening in 2003 while mobile heading to Minnesota to hunt deer with his family he accidentally ran into the 3905 Century Club and made his first contacts, but didn't know what he got involved with. Then in December 2003 entered into the nets again on the 40m Early Net and worked 42 states in one night. And in a week worked all 50 states within the first week of working the 3905 Century Club Nets. Needless to say has been hooked on this addiction of working the 3905 Century Club Nets.

The 3905 Century Club and it's members are a special group of people and he really enjoys the members and the QSO's prior to and after all nets. Much credit for his success is given to KV4GO, NN5G, WB5FDP, N0PUI, WC0PD WM9H, W5IL, N9KNJ and N7XG. All have either help me figure out the awards system, or the patient QSL Bureau managers that do such a fantastic job for all of us. And of course Dean with is CC Logger that all of benefit from what a great tool.

KV4GO, WA0SMQ and N8RYD that got him started in the NCS business. After passing his NCS exam and being active NCSing the nets AL7QQ has logged in more than 1004 NCS Officer points. That's a lot of nets when you figure that you get 4 points per net. Noteworthy AL7QQ won the NCS of the Year in 2008 the "K7MFG NCS Award" which has a special place in his Radio Room. AL7QQ has held Officer Postions as the 75m Late Net Coordinator, 20m PSK-31 Net Coordinator and the 20m RTTY Net Coordinator as well as NCS Officer.

# Masters

AL7QQ Cont.

AL7QQ has earned many awards during his quest to his Master. His awards include:

## 20m Awards:

PSK-31 100 pt# 36  
RTTY 100 Pt# 48

## 40m Awards

CW 100 Pt# 160  
PSK-31 100 pt#51  
RTTY 100 Pt#111  
SSB 100 Pt#2354, 500 Pt#11, 1K#495, 2K 233  
Alphabet soup #458  
Certificate Hunter #422  
Officers Award #767  
WAS #1026 WAS YL #155  
Night Owl #258  
Numbers Racket Award 144  
Nomad #158, Clint Wise 20 States Endorsement #31  
Poker Player Award #95  
DX Award #120  
Baker's Dozen 1449, 1553 and 1580

## 75/80m Awards

80m CW 100 Pt #106  
80m PSK-31 #38  
80m RTTY # Pending Yet  
SSB 100 Pt# 2611, 1K #471, 2K #178  
Alphabet soup #459  
Certificate Hunter #418  
Nomad 106, Clint Wise 20 State Endorsement #18  
WAS #1025 and WAS YL #156  
Night Owl #285  
Numbers Racket #118  
Officers Award #766  
Poker Player Award #92  
DX Award #131  
Bakers Dozen #1581

## 160m Awards

100 Pt #389



*Cold Fish anyone ?*



*buzzz , yep those are Bee's*

The award that took the longest to earn was the 75m DX Award for AL7QQ to complete and the second hardest was the WAS YL on both 75m and 40m. With the help of NN5G and much work going back through all of his old logs he invited many DX stations to enter the 40m and 75m nets and many did enter the nets and make the contacts. And Jeff is very Grateful to those DX stations that helped him achieve his goal. The key to earning the 75m DX Award is to team up with several other Operators working for that ward and exchange info, phone number emails and alert each other when a needed DX station gets on the net . Invite as many as you can on the nets and work them hard.

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# Master 34

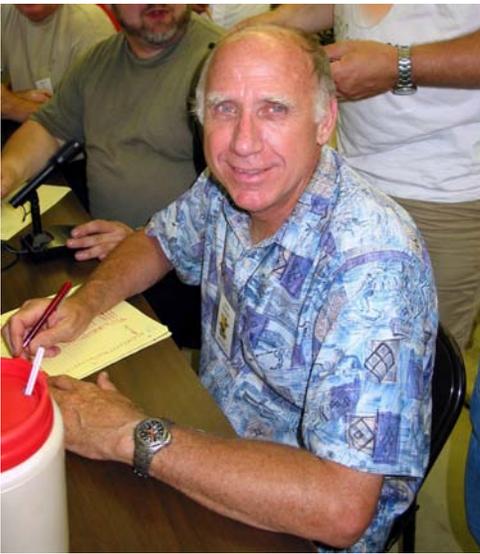


**N3YK , Bob Vietz**



**No that's not his tower !**

Prior to my checking into the century club nets, I didn't spend a lot of time on HF. Did some contests and chase dx but I thought there must be better use of the investment in radio and antenna. I found the century club with a Google search and the help of N3CQ. Checking in about 2 months before the eyeball in Oklahoma really sparked my interest in the club, there were a lot of stations mobile during that time. The most challenging awards for me was the Cert. hunters, was yl, and DX. The progressive awards just take time.. Of the awards on my wall the one I am most proud of is the ncs awards.. Running a net isn't that difficult and you do get the calls when you want..



# Master 35

## Richard Harris - NI7F – Master #35

My first HF contact was on September 4, 1995. My first Century Club contact was with KI7RI on September 10, 1995 on the 40 meter Early Net. I made a few contacts that night and a couple other nights shortly after that but I really had no idea what the Century Club was back then and did not find it again until February of 2000 when I really started checking in to the Century Club on a regular basis. Seeing as I only had an antenna for 10-40M until about 2005 that was probably my biggest bottleneck. I had earned about all the awards I needed on 40 meters by then but just never got around to erecting an 80 meter antenna. Anyone out there in my situation find a way to get an 80 meter antenna up as soon as you can. I put up an 80 meter inverted V dipole suspended from my tower and I was off on 80 meters. There were a couple of periods where I did not get to check in to the nets due to travel schedules taking me out of country a lot. After I ended up staying at home on a regular basis I was able to get busy on 80 meters and the other nets and really enjoyed working on the various awards. My most difficult awards to earn were the DX awards on 80 meters and the 160 meter certificate. The 160 meter nets were a challenge as I had no antenna again. So, I really went overboard here and buried over a mile of ground radials using a lawn edger and build a shunt-fed tower antenna for 160 meters. This allowed me to get on 160 meters and earning the 100 point number was easy with all the help I received from so many club members (thanks!!). I have really enjoyed checking in to the Century Club nets over the years. There have been so many club members that helped me over the years and I have really appreciated their help. The Century Club is simply an outstanding club and group of individuals that I am fortunate to be able to associate with. Thanks to all of you for your may contacts over the years!

One of my most memorable times was the mobile trip two of my sons and I took up to Vermont and back for the Minnesota eyeball. I checked in to the 40m and 80 m nets every night during this trip with NI7F, N7BYU and a special event callsign. I ended up sending out over 5000 QSL cards from this trip and really enjoyed myself. I plan to attend the California eyeball this summer and my son Jaron (KE7PCW). We will take a route probably up thru NV, ID, WA, OR on our way to San Diego. A different southern route on the way home. Hope to see you all at the eyeball in San Diego this year.



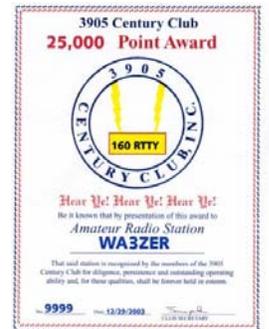
## Mobiles on the Century Club

These are valuable contacts so next time you work a mobile tell them “ thanks for being there “



# Our Club has many fine Awards here are just a few !

Call Sign	Award Name	Level	Band	Mode	Cert #	Date
K1MAA	100-Point	40	SSB	2617	01/03/09	
WA6LBU	100-Point	40	SSB	2618	01/15/09	
K1MAA	100-Point	75	SSB	2846	01/03/09	
W7WTC	100-Point	75	SSB	2847	01/07/09	
K2CV	100-Point	80	RTTY	47	01/08/09	
K2CV	100-Point	160	SSB	507	01/07/09	
WE0D	100-Point	160	SSB	508	01/17/09	
KG4NNK	500-Point	40	SSB	12	01/17/09	
KC3TK	500-Point	40	SSB	73	01/15/09	
W1MPF	500-Point	40	SSB	74	01/17/09	
KC3TK	500-Point	75	SSB	65	01/02/09	
WT0A	Alphabet	40	SSB	494	01/08/09	
WB1I	Alphabet	40	SSB	495	01/16/09	
KB9KE	Alphabet	75	SSB	493	01/07/09	
KB2ENF	Bakers Dozen	40	SSB	1641	01/07/09	
W5IL	Bakers Dozen	40	SSB	1642	01/16/09	
KI4DFS	Bakers Dozen	160	SSB	1640	01/03/09	
AJ4IM	Bakers Dozen	160	SSB	1643	01/17/09	
WB1DSJ	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	40	SSB	228	01/10/09	
WB1DSJ	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	40	SSB	230	01/10/09	
WB1DSJ	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	40	SSB	231	01/10/09	
WB1DSJ	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	40	SSB	232	01/10/09	
KI4DFS	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	40	SSB	233	01/10/09	
WB1DSJ	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	40	SSB	234	01/16/09	
WB1DSJ	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	75	SSB	227	01/10/09	
WB1DSJ	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	75	SSB	229	01/10/09	
N6RSH	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	160	SSB	226	01/03/09	
N6RSH	Bakers Dozen Certificate of Appreciation	160	SSB	235	01/17/09	
NI7F	DX	75	SSB	133	01/08/09	
AL7QQ	Master's Degree Award	N/A	N/A	33	01/04/09	
N3YK	Master's Degree Award	N/A	N/A	34	01/04/09	
NI7F	Master's Degree Award	N/A	N/A	35	01/11/09	
K7MI	NCS Expert	NA	NA	65	01/11/09	
W9JTL	Net Control Operator	NA	NA	117	01/17/09	
N9DI	Net Control Operator	NA	NA	118	01/27/09	
KB2ENF	Nomad	40	SSB	181	01/07/09	
KB2ENF	Nomad	75	SSB	127	01/07/09	
K2CV	Numbers Racket	40	SSB	171	01/07/09	
WB1I	Numbers Racket	40	SSB	172	01/13/09	
AF5Q	Numbers Racket	75	SSB	130	01/13/09	
KI4DFS	Officers	160	SSB	20	01/17/09	
KI4DFS	Work 30	NA	NA	1	02/07/08	
KJ4JC	Worked All CCN Nets	ALL	ALL	27	01/10/09	



## AWARDS ISSUED JANUARY 2009

For a complete up to date listing please see Rick's (WB5FDP) web site at : <http://radiohome.com/wb5fdp/3905ccn/>

# A story of Circumstances

Submitted by , KOHNM Larry Syner



KI7S and N3TWH



Army Medic , Gene Kleindl



US Cemetery at Utah Beach

This is a short story about an incredible chain of circumstances and some generous 3905 members who deserve thanks and have who my appreciation for making special events of a lifetime happen.

At the very warm eyeball in southern Minnesota in 2006, the highly popular prize of a round trip to France and two weeks stay at Bill Martin's (WM4SG) three-story flat in Saint Thibery, France, just nine kilometers from the Mediterranean Sea, passed hands five or six times during the white elephant drawing. I believe I held it several times only to watch it be snatched away on the very next ticket draw. After winning the linear amplifier prize, Mike, KI7S, also managed to win the trip to France. Talk about lucky! Well, after a short discussion with his wife, Elaine, N3TWH, Mike walked over and offered the trip to me, KOHNM, "no charge...have a nice trip". Wow! Mike and Elaine were driving truck virtually 24x7 and could not spare the time away. That was the second stroke of a long series of events and coincidences which weave strangely to make this story. The first event was that we cancelled another trip for reasons beyond our control just to attend the Minnesota eyeball... or we would not have started down this strange path.

Initially the XYL did not want to go to France. She had never flown the oceans before and was convinced her presence on the airplane would cause the engines to seize up mid-Atlantic. I happened to mention the trip to an old high school friend, Jim Johnson, who is a partner in a string of FM radio stations in the Palm Beach, Florida area. With Jim's wife, Lee, coming along, all of a sudden airplane reliability improved dramatically overnight. The trip intrigued Jim because his father was buried in France near Utah Beach and he had never visited his father's grave. Jim was born after his father departed for training and neither had ever seen the other. After coaxing and cajoling, both YL's agreed to go if we could spend a few nights in Paris. Much planning, questioning, and bugging of Bill Martin, later we took the flights, arrived in Paris and thoroughly enjoyed the street life, historical sites, food, and entertainment of Paris. We then flew to Saint Thibery,

rented a Peugeot 407 diesel, stick-shift and enjoyed the lazy life of southern France. Life was more relaxed, once I, as the designated driver, had learned to successfully negotiate the traffic circles, read French directions, and avoid French, German, Italian, and Belgian drivers going at twice my speed around the circles. The time passed quickly and we headed off for Cahn and it's famous War Museum where we saw wall-sized pictures of atrocities we would never see in the USA, even in R-rated movies. Then we moved on to stay at a real 17<sup>th</sup> century French Chateau owned by a Belgian gentleman, Ruel Klinkhammer, who was making his living as a tour guide of Normandy (he was recommended by Rick Steves of TV fame in his travel books). Ruel contacted the US Cemetery at Utah Beach and they prepared their standard ceremony for direct relatives of the fallen. During that registration and exchange we learned that Jim's father was in the 90<sup>th</sup> Division, 358<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company A. The cemetery is meticulously maintained and the ceremony was conducted by a Belgian attache'. The ceremony was very memorable and brought forth a river of suppressed feelings. But along with those feelings came the desire to know more about what exactly had happened to PFC Walter Johnson. The official records were the morning report from the 358<sup>th</sup> Company A. They stated simply that Walter received wounds on July 7<sup>th</sup> and DOW (died of wounds) on July 13<sup>th</sup>. So he made it through the landings (June 6 & 7th) OK, unlike the slaughter at Omaha Beach. The stupidities of war and the things that went wrong were unimaginable. To stand on the beaches and see the fortifications and artillery with 15 mile range was truly awesome and humbling. We returned home with tons of pictures, many souvenirs, and a lot of new and some disturbing memories. But it was good to be home. We didn't think much more about the war and assumed the only additional information had to be dug out of the military archives and the rapidly dwindling remaining WWII



soldiers who meet annually to renew old friendships. Then another coincidence happened. I was reading the Rockford newspaper just before Memorial Day, 2008. There on the front page was the Grand Marshal for the parade...”a Hero’s Hero”. Gene Kleindl was a medic in WWII and “survived Utah Beach”. Utah Beach? Hmmmm. So I read the story in detail, which normally, I would rarely do. Another of those strange coincidences. Gene landed on Utah Beach, had been wounded many times, and spent the war saving lives by pulling soldiers off the field under enemy fire and driving them back to HQ for treatment. Then the surprise that hit me like a well-written ghost story. Gene’s outfit was the 90<sup>th</sup> Division, 358<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company A! Golly! How big is a company? My USAF background didn’t have a clue. Could Gene have known Walter? One way to find out. I called the Register Star and told them my story. They allowed that Gene lived in Capron, IL....4 miles from my house. Out of this whole USA, how’s that for coincidence?

I called and talked to Gene and ended up spending a Saturday afternoon. Gene, who looks 60-ish, made chocolate chip cookies and shared them as we looked over his pictures and many trophies and memorabilia. He had pictures of himself with General Patton and at Hitler’s bunker and hundreds more. So I explained the connection and showed him the pictures I had taken at Utah Beach and the US Cemetery there.

Then we got into the details that I knew about Walter...the fact that he was wounded on July 7<sup>th</sup> and died July 13<sup>th</sup>. Gene opened a locked case, took out a tattered old diary and paged through to July 7<sup>th</sup>. He had logged his activities every single day of his time in the army including where they were, the antics, the troubles...and who he had pulled off the field. By what manipulations of the gods had I run into this man? It turns out a Company is about 100 troops and replacements arrived monthly. But on that day he pulled four soldiers off the field while the 358<sup>th</sup> was trying to take Hill 122. One of them was Walter.

I called Jim the next day and explained what had happened. Jim was about to become a grandfather for the first time and couldn’t really travel easily then. But this past December, in a heavy snow storm, Jim flew up to Rockford and I drove him out to meet Gene Kleindl. He spent the afternoon in quiet tones discussing the situation, what had happened at Hill 122, why a soldier would die of wounds after seven days, what was the war really like, and most importantly...what was his father like. I took video and made Jim a DVD of that afternoon. As he was leaving to fly back to Florida, I could tell he had been changed. Probably permanently. He had a chance to learn about his father from a first-hand friend who was there when Walter died. It’s taken a few months for me to look back and realize that so many unlikely coincidences happened to bring Jim into contact with a man who knew and was with his father at the end. The world and time span seemed strangely small. But it’s clear to me that it wouldn’t have happened without the generosity of Mike and Elaine, and the generosity of a man who makes lots of things happen for the 3905 Century Club, Bill Martin, WM4SG. Thanks to you all. -- Roll the Twilight Zone theme song.

Larry Snyder  
K0HNM  
Masters #21

PS: If you can use Google Earth you can see Hill 122 at 49-16-49 N, 1-27-21 W. It’s only about 400’ high but it commands the entire area, including the Normandy Beaches, for over 15 miles. The Germans didn’t want to give it up and the allies lost over 1200 men trying to take it. Read the story at: <http://www.savingprivatesheridan.com/france.html>

## The 3905 Century Club 2009 Eyeball



## Vista Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum

Monday, July 27 3:00pm	On Site Checkin continues Antenna Shootout at lower camp-grounds
Friday 31st 3:00 PM	BBQ area available for those wishing to cook lunch
10:30 PM	Lunchtime Guest Speaker (subject TBD)
Saturday August 1st 6:30 AM	Annual Eyeball Board Meeting (everyone welcome)Eyeball dinner
10:00 AM	(local fare - menu Southwestern)
11:00 AM	Presidents introductions and announce-ments
12:00 PM	Raffle
2:30 PM	
5:00 PM	
6:00 PM	
7:00 PM	Pancake Breakfast (details TBD)
Sunday 2nd 6:30 AM	
7:00 AM	

**Antennas start going up** We will have a 40M 4 square vertical driven array and a 2 element 75M vertical array for our two primary nets. A 20M antenna will also be available for the digital nets if needed.

Radios for 40M and 75M nets ready to go for early arrivals  
On site Checkin Begins  
Checkin closed for the night

Things are progressing nicely for the 3905 Century Club 2009 Eyeball in Vista CA. Sign up at [2009eyeball.com](http://2009eyeball.com)

As a reminder, there will be a raffle for a few items for the registration early birds.

One of the items will be a \$25.00 gift certificate for Nifty Ham Accessories. This is the outfit that makes all those easy to use radio manuals and other useful stuff. <http://www.niftyaccessories.com/>

The second item will be a 2GB SD Memory card for a digital camera. If your coming out to the eyeball you will want to take plenty of pictures.

To qualify for the early bird raffle you must be registered and paid up by February 28th. The drawing will be in the first week of March.

73  
DE AD6ZJ, Loren, your 2009 eyeball host

## Antenna Shoot Out

**Don't forget to enter the Antenna Shoot out while your at the Eyeball . Always a lot of fun .**



# 2009 Elections

Our club just concluded the elections for the odd numbered call areas and for the Vice President . Each is for a two year term . They will take office March 1st. . Here are the results :

Candidates	Votes
1st Area	
Bob Wilson -	<b>KC1AU (I) 10</b>
3rd Area	
Bill Dobson -	<b>N3WD (I) 14</b>
Bob Veitz -	N3YK 6
5th Area	
Frank Krize -	<b>K5SVC 24</b>
Jimmy Arterberry -	N5UJB (I) 11
7th Area	
Bill Hoek -	<b>N7WH (I) 19</b>
Dean Davis -	N7XG 9
9th Area	
Dave Wade -	<b>N9DI 13</b>
DX Area	
Allan Rowe -	<b>VE4ABU (I) 3</b>
Vice President	
Dwayne Lipscomb -	KD4POJ 56
David Reed-	NX7F 21
Rick Mobley -	<b>WB5FDP (I) 133</b>

Let's thank our election Monitor, Bill Martin, WM4SG, and Assistant Election Monitors Larry Snyder, KOHNM, and Keith Summers, KS9WI.

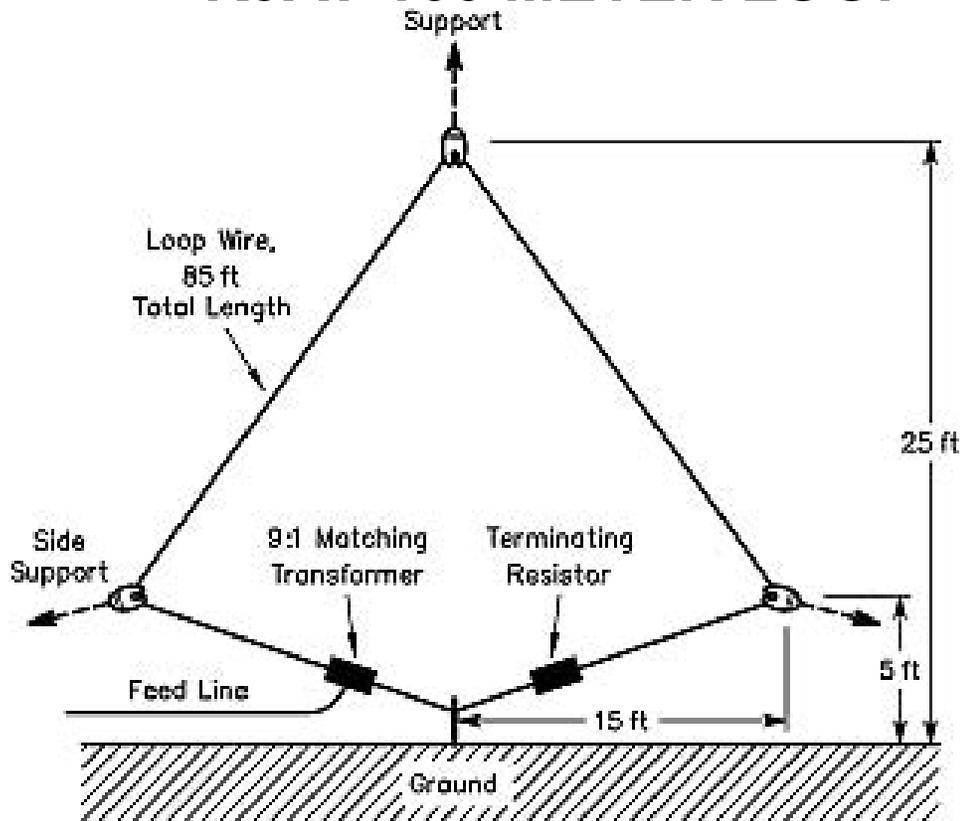
And please congratulate and support all of our newly (re)elected officers for 2009.

Some of the photos used here were from KOHNM . Thanks Larry !



# 73's

## K9AY 160 METER LOOP



Need a good receive antenna for 160 meters ? Here is the K9AY Loop that uses 85 feet of wire . The feed point is the front and uses a 9 to 1 match . For 160 meters a 400 ohm 2w resistor is recommitted .

There is some additional technical information on his web site [www.aytechnologies.com](http://www.aytechnologies.com) and a commercial unit of this design is sold by Array Solutions, [www.arrayolutions.com](http://www.arrayolutions.com) -- of course, the loop is fairly easy to build

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[www.3905ccn.com](http://www.3905ccn.com)

Jim Higgins , KB3PU has taken over the duties of Web Master and has our web page back better than ever . I know we all appreciate the work he's done with it and the hours he has invested .



The 3905 Century Club, Inc. is an International Amateur Radio Club incorporated in the state of Florida since February 1977. It's 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 .