



# The Centurion

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Priceless



# Notes from the Eyeball Host

Well another Eyeball completed. Overall I think it was a very successful event. As I watched everyone I seen A LOT of laughing and smiles and to me that means success. I had a few bumps in the road but we all pushed over the top of it and made it to the top.

I want to thank everyone that attended because without you all it wouldn't have been successful. No matter what a host does it is you all that can make or break the event and this year you made the event. So the biggest Thank You from me to you.

From a net standpoint we had some pretty bad conditions in Missouri not sure how it was for everyone else but it was bad for us but everyone drove on and made a lot of contacts. Branson is an entertainment town and there are a lot of NEON lights and other lights with a lot of overhead electricity to run them. So I am sure that was a large source of QRM. The SSB and digital QRP nets was a big hit and a lot of folks that never got to work digital modes jump right in and got their feet wet and enjoyed those. So maybe they got the bug and when they get back home start checking into the digital nets.

The mobile shootout had some rough patches in the beginning thanks to Mr. Murphy and his enforcement of his Laws but again thanks to everyone's patients and the volunteers we drove through it. Goes to show that no matter how many times you do practice runs and test everything you will have things that happen and try to break you (Thank you MR. Murphy). This year's winner was Ray Meyers and his Hustler antenna. Ray beat out Dwight and his Scorpion by ONLY 0.03db. Congrats to Ray and keep up the great mobile work. There was some very very close scores this year as you can see below. As you can tell it really doesn't matter the cost of the antenna but the work you do on the installation.

**Position Callsign Name Antenna Model Mounting Location Avg. Modified Score (db)**

- 1 WBOPYF Ray Meyers Hustler Hatch Back -57.9**
- 2 WF4H D. Greenberg Scorpion SA 80 Bed -57.93333333**
- 3 KB0EL Clark Ashworth Ham-Stick Top Left Rear Hatch -59**
- 4 KS9WI Keith Summers Tarheel 200A Trailor Hitch -59.13333333**
- 5 KG8UU Jim Pierce Tarheel 200A trailor hitch -60.6**
- 6 N5MNO David Johnson Hustler Roof mag Mount -61.3**
- 7 W5DMT Dave Tipton Tarheel 200A Passenger Side Hitch Style Mount -62.4**
- 8 K6YEK Bill Fuller Hamstick Trunk Lid -62.43333333**
- 9 AC0RL Jerome Kahn Homebrew Truck Bed -63.7**
- 10 AA0AE Dave Stewart Scorpion SA 160 Pickup Bed -63.7**
- 11 N50HL Jim Richardson Home Brew Mag Mount top center of vehicle -63.96666667**
- 12 K1YAG Bill Wallave Hustler Rear Bumper Mount -66.46666667**
- 13 KG4ZOD Donnie Hurst Hamstick -67.4**
- 14 KB0QGT Micael Saft Homemade Saucers Rear hitch mount -67.5**
- 15 K9GWS Gary Slagle Diamond DH 330 Trunk Lid -67.5**
- 16 WA0ROH Bob Kyvig Hussler Whip Back Center -69.7**
- 17 AE4NT Ben Goldfarb Tarheel 400A Rear offset Hitch Mount -70.2**

## 2016 Mobile Shootout

**AC0HF Charles Rader/N3WD Bill Transmit Station Operator: WA6LBU Clay Mayrose**

**Recv Station Operator: Dobson/AG5T Marty Blaise**

I want to thank everyone for making this Eyeball a success. Even those that did not attend still helped out by picking up nets and checking into the nets. I really want to thank the following folks because they went above and beyond in helping me out.

David Feeney (WN1F) and his XYL Ginn and sister-n-law Candy Laconeta. These three helped me out and cut some shopping short in order to run to the store and get some food because one caterer fell through at the last minute. Even though David thank me for cutting their shopping spree short and saving him some money...hihi. The lady's also bought all the Bingo prizes for Bingo nights. These 2 lady's like to spend other people monies...hihi. These lady's also keep me laughing and red faced. David I don't know how you do it but kudos to you for having to put up with those two...hihi.

For the mobile shootout I want to give thanks to Bill Dobson (N3WD) and Martin Blaise (AG5T) for helping out with the Receive station while I ran back and forth from the Recv station and Transmit stations. At the receive station was Clay Mayrose (WA6LBU). Clay received a limited crash course on my equipment for the transmit station and rolled with it. I also think this was Martin's first shootout as well. Bill had helped Lon in the past and was a big help. Also much thanks to Ben Goldfarb (AE4NT) that allowed us to use his setup and vehicle as the test bed.

Big kudos to Roger Callewaert (W9ROG) for helping with stations and taking care of the foot work for the QRP nets. Also Roger turned me onto another potential expensive hobby as well; eating Kringles. If you haven't had Wisconsin's state pastry you really need to try one. Roger donated 2 to the Eyeball and I decided to put it with the silent auction items only because that was the only way I could get a chance to get one but it would have been worthy of being a raffle item. With the QRP nets in mind big thank you to Dean Davis (N7XG) and Rick Moberly (WB5FDP) for NCS the nets.

For the stations I want to thank Dwight Greenberg (WF4H) for allowing us to use his AL-811H amp and Dave Tipton (W5DMT) for bringing his Alpha Delta DX-CC dipole for the station.

Also to the past Eyeball hosts that assisted me with all the questions that I had and advice that they gave. Keith Summers (KS9WI), Pat Caldwell (WU8I- Forgot his new callsign), Glen Felt (WTOA) who was one of the ones that forced me at gun point to take on the Eyeball as a Newbie to the club and finally Dean Davis who help with a lot of the paperwork and getting the proposal submitted. With out you guys I would have been totally lost.

I plan on also announcing the winners of the raffle prizes but that was one of my mistakes I made. I didn't record the winners when I did the raffle so I will get all that straightened out. I will list the ones I know for sure and will leave the ones that I am not 100% sure on so reply back to this email with the other winners and so I can record that information.

Ameritron AL811 Amp: ??

Rig Expert AA-54: Dean Davis (N7XG)

MyAntennas.com EFHW-8010 End Fed Antenna: ??

W2HIY 8-Band Equilizer: ??

Alpha Antenna 30Watt max Magnetic Loop Antenna: ??

HP Computer- Ricky Moberly (WB5FDP)

Keith Summers Cap Hat: ??

Heil Sound LB1 R Mic Base: ??

Heil Sound SB-2 Small Mic Boom ??

Bob Heil was there Thursday night as a guest speaker and done a terrific job. Wished I could have given him more time but could only give him just under an 1 hour.

Now it is time for me to catch up on sleep I lost. Again I want to thank everyone for making this year a successful Eyeball. Looking forward to getting back on the air and making contacts and having fun.

73,

Charles Rader (AC0HF)

President-Howell County Amateur Radio Club

10th AAM-3905 Century Club

2016 Eyeball Host-3905 Century Club

## **Dayton Hamvention—New Location**

It looks like the Dayton HamVention will no longer be held at the Hara Arena. It's been held there almost twice as long as I have been alive.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/good-bye-hara-arena-hamvention-to-relocate-in-2017>

# President's Awards—Eyeball 2016—Branson, MO



## Net Controls Certificate of Appreciation

<u>25-50 Nets:</u>		<u>51-75 Nets:</u>	<u>76+ Nets:</u>
VE3CMB	AD5XD	KU1V	WN1F - 165 nets
WA9DIY	WB7ASC	AA9ZF	W9ROG - 137 nets
K2UNI	WB7PTC	KB3WAH	KB0EL - 113 nets
K5SRG	AA0HF	K9EA	K4CNM (sk) - 110 nets
WF4H	AC0RL	N5MIG	WB5FDP - 84 nets
K1EDG	AE4NT		W5DMT - 79 nets
K5SVC	KG7BAN		
W6LJK			

## Special Certificates of Appreciation

- KB8UEY**—Stateside QSL Bureau
- K8GIB**—Stateside QSL Bureau
- WB5FDP**—DX QSL Bureau
- KC2IYE**—Handi-Ham QSL Bureau
- KT4CB**—Centurion Editor
- WBOPYF**—Century Club Cares Program
- N5MIG**—NCS Training Officer
- AAOHF**—IT Work Group
- AAOHF**—Thanks for a Great Eyeball

**KD3FM Service Award** - WN1F, K5SRG, AA0HF (Entire Technology Committee)

**W1BML Ambassador Award** - KG8WL

**K7MFG NCS of the Year** - W9ROG

**Professional Mobile of the Year** - None this year

**Leisure Mobile of the Year** - K1YAG

***Congratulations to the recipients of these awards. (Editor)***

# News from the Handi Ham Bureau

Bob Braddock, KC2IYE

Not a lot of activity, but still many contacts are made by the Handi Hams. With the help of Dave, W5DMT we are reaching out to Handi Hams and to bring them to the club. I am currently joining several handi ham groups to pass on our services. If we get a handi ham check in we make sure they are contacted to offer the service. Here are some of the handi ham cards that I have made up for them.

On a personal note - I am promoting Ham Radio at our local library.

In the land of modern technology, youngsters are still fascinated by ham radio. Here are two pictures of the youngsters practicing their names in Morse code.

73, Bob KC2IYE

**KC2IYE**  
 ROBERT BRADDOCK  
 236 GARDEN AVE  
 BLACKSBURG, VA 02611

14 METER 1900 PT 200  
 75 METER 1900 PT 200  
 75 METER 2000 PT 200  
 40 METER 1900 PT 200  
 40 METER 2000 PT 200  
 40 METER 2000 PT 140

3905 HANDI HAM QSL MANAGER  
 73 BOB II

WITH YOUR CLUB  
 W3FT/M

YOU WERE MOBILE  IN

Confirming 2-Way QSO with

YYYY-MM-DD	Time	Band	Mode	RST

EARLY NET   
 NIGHT OWL   
 PSE QSL TRK

**AK4QA**  
 Lee George  
 3420 Deerwood Circle  
 Birmingham, AL 35216  
 USA

Century Club Award Numbers

BAND	Points	RST
SSB 100 PT	160	75
SSB 1K	516	40
SSB 2K	2808	2574
RTTY 100 PT	490	526
CW 100 PT	217	268
	138	146
		194

Master Number - 58 October 14/2010

THANKS FOR THE QSO, 73 LEE

MOBILE  PORT

Confirming 2-Way QSO with

YYYY-MM-DD Time Band Mode RST QSL

You had the pleasure of working a Handi-ham!  
 CAP  AK4QA@MSH.COM

## WD4LYV

WAYNE C HARRELL, WD4LYV  
 2716 DENHAM RD  
 SYCAMORE, GA 31790-9775

You had the pleasure of working a Handi-ham!

Thanks for the QSO. 73,  
 MOBILE  CAP   
 PORT

EARLY NET   
 NIGHT OWL



Confirming 2-Way QSO with **K8BUEY**

YYYY-MM-DD	Time	Band	Mode	RST
2016-01-21	0605	80m	SSB	59



## Safety Tips from Red Cross

**Bitter cold temperatures and snow are hitting** two-thirds of the country, exposing people to dangerously frigid weather and causing home heating systems to work overtime to keep everyone warm. The American Red Cross is urging people to use caution when heating their homes in these cold conditions and offers way to stay safe during the deep freeze.

**HOME FIRE SAFETY** – Seven times a day, someone in this country dies in a home fire. Heating fires are the second leading cause of these fires which occur more often as cold weather sets in and people turn on their heating system. The Red Cross has launched a [nationwide campaign](#) to reduce the number of home fire deaths and injuries by 25 percent over the next five years

Heating a home can be expensive. Almost half of the families in the United States use alternate heating sources such as space heaters, fireplaces, or coal or wood stoves to cut costs while staying warm. These supplemental heating sources can be dangerous if not used properly. The Red Cross offers the following safety tips on how to prevent heating fires:

- Keep all potential sources of fuel like paper, clothing, bedding, curtains or rugs at least three feet away from space heaters, stoves, or fireplaces.
- Don't leave portable heaters and fireplaces unattended. Turn off space heaters and make sure any embers in the fireplace are extinguished before going to bed or leaving home.
- Place space heaters on a level, hard and nonflammable surface (such as ceramic tile floor), not on rugs or carpets or near bedding or drapes. Keep children and pets away from space heaters.
- When buying a space heater, look for models that shut off automatically if the heater falls over.

- Never use a cooking range or oven to heat your home.
- Use a glass or metal fire screen to keep your fire in your fireplace. Make sure it's large enough to catch sparks and rolling logs.
- Have wood and coal stoves, fireplaces, chimneys, and furnaces professionally inspected and cleaned once a year.

**WINTER STORM SAFETY** – Wear layers of lightweight clothing to stay warm during cold weather, as well as gloves and hat. Other safety steps include the following:

- Bring pets indoors. If that's not possible, make sure they have enough shelter to keep them warm and that they can get to unfrozen water.
- If you lose power, go to a designated public shelter to stay warm.
- Avoid driving in sleet, freezing rain, snow or dense fog. If you have to travel, keep a disaster supplies kit in the car.
- Check on your elderly neighbors. Help those who may need special assistance, including people with disabilities and children.
- Before tackling strenuous tasks such as shoveling snow, consider your physical condition.
- Know the signs of hypothermia - confusion, dizziness, exhaustion and severe shivering. If someone has these symptoms, they should get immediate medical attention.
- Watch for symptoms of frostbite including numbness, flushed gray, white, blue or yellow skin discoloration, numbness or waxy feeling skin.

– American Red Cross



## Travel During a Winter Storm

If at all possible, you should not attempt to travel during a winter storm. If you absolutely must, however, follow these tips from the National Weather Service:

- Always have Emergency Supplies in the trunk of your car (see below).
- Keep your car's gas tank FULL.
- Always let someone know your destination, your route, any alternate routes you may take, and when you expect to arrive. If you don't check in at the expected time, they can send help along your routes.
- In addition to your mobile radio in the car, take along a hand-held for backup.
- As you drive, make mental notes of your progress, so if you become stuck you can report your exact location.

### **If you do get stuck,**

- Stay with your car. No matter how tempting, do not, repeat, do not try to walk to safety during a winter storm.
- Radio your location and appraise the listener of your location and status. Ask the listener to check back with you on a set schedule. Run the engine while you are transmitting to avoid draining the battery.
- Start the car, and use the heater for about ten minutes every hour or so. Keep the exhaust pipe clear of snow so that fumes don't back up

into the car. Keep a window (on the opposite side of the car from which the wind is blowing) open a crack for fresh air. If you started with a full tank, you should have enough fuel to do this for at least 48-72 hours, long enough for rescuers to arrive.

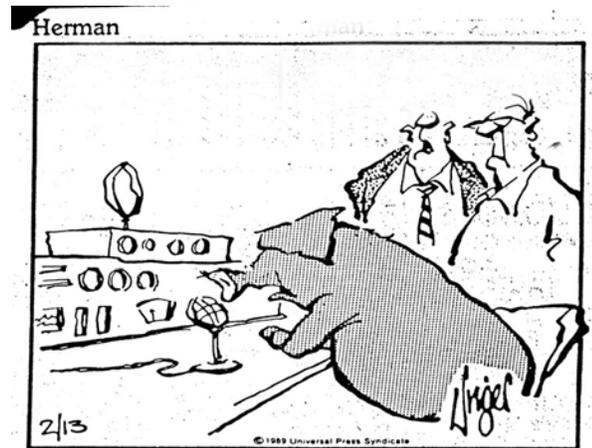
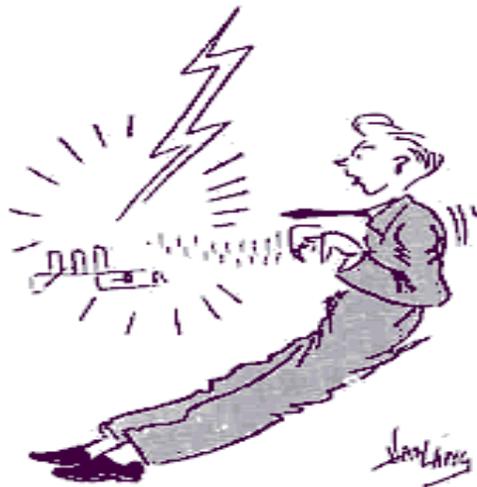
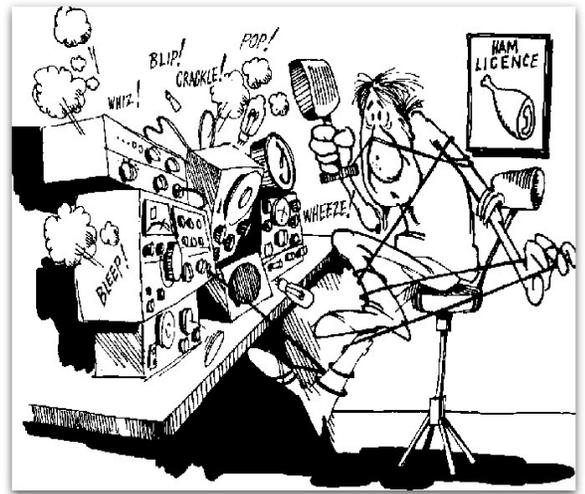
- Leave the parking lights on while the engine is running so that you can be seen.
- As you sit, move your arms and legs to keep the blood circulating. Always Keep an Emergency Kit in the Trunk of your Car. Make sure each car you drive has a disaster supplies kit containing:
  - Blankets
  - An Extra Set of dry Clothing wrapped in a plastic bag
  - A shovel
  - A supply of sand (water-softener salt is cheap and comes in bags) for weight and use as a traction enhancer.
  - Jumper Cables
  - Flares
  - First Aid Kit
  - Flashlight and extra batteries
  - A small non-perishable food supply (candy bars, pop-top cans of Vienna sausage, crackers, or other non-perishables not affected by cold).
  - A Brightly-Colored cloth to tie to the antenna if you get stuck.

*From the NWS Skywarn Brochure*

# Humor in Hamdom



OBVIOUSLY, MOODY, YOU DON'T HAVE THE PROPER CONCEPT OF A BOOM MIKE!



"You never seen a ham operator before?"



High Tech note taking. Entering notes on your "smart phone" for later retrieval.



## The ARRL National Parks on the Air event runs during all of 2016 to mark the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.

### How's DX

**7X** - Operators from the Algerian Amateur Radio Union will be active from five lighthouses in the next coming months [425DXN 1295]. They will use special call signs whose suffixes form the word "lighthouse" as follows: 7Y9LI from Cap Ivi (17 - 22 August), 7Y9GH from Cap Tenes (**21-26 September**), 7Y9TH from Ras Afia (27-31 October), 7Y9OU from Cap Fer Marsa (15-21 November), 7Y9SE from Cap Sigli (7-15 December). QSL for all call signs via SM4VPZ. Information on the free of charge certificate available for working these stations can be found at [www.qrz.com/db/7X5ARU](http://www.qrz.com/db/7X5ARU).

**9A** - Once again Jan, PA4JJ will be active holiday style as 9A/PA4JJ from Croatia between 1 August and **30 September**. Expect him to operate mainly digital modes. QSL via home call, direct or bureau; see [www.pa4jj.nl/html/qs-request.html](http://www.pa4jj.nl/html/qs-request.html) for the direct link to Club Log's OQRS. [TNX PA4JJ]

**DL, Germany:** DL0BVG (special DOK 150VOG) will be active from the Brocken summit (1141 asl) during the upcoming VHF/UHF Contest (**Sept. 3**) on 2m, 70cm, 23cm (SSB). A special QSL will be available depicting the Harz Narrow Gauge Railway. QSL via bureau. <http://www.amateurfunk-vienenburg.de/index.htm>

**I** - In remembrance of the devastating earthquake that hit Friuli forty years ago, special call sign I13TF (Terremoto del Friuli) will be active again on **4-22 September**. QSL via IV3IUM. Complete information, including details on the award, can be found at [www.ari-crfvg.it/orcolat.asp](http://www.ari-crfvg.it/orcolat.asp). [TNX IV3IUM]

**JA, Japan:** 8J2FUJI celebrates the founding of the Shizuoka prefecture 50 years ago. **QRV until November 30**. QSL via bureau.

**JT, Mongolia:** David/OK1DBS and Josef/OK1XC are going to spend Aug. 30 until **Sept. 24** in Mongolia. QRV during the first week as JT1DBS and JT1XC from Ulaanbaatar and the remainder of the time /3 from Batshireet (400km east of the capital city). QSL via homecalls (d/B).

**LZ, Bulgaria:** LZ18ARDF operates in the context of the 18th World ARDF Championships in Albena (**Sept. 3-9**). QRV between Aug. 17 and **Sept. 30** on HF (CW, SSB, digital modes). Ops will be from the Radio Club Lom (LZ2KLR) mostly. QSL via bureau.

<http://ardf2016.com/>

**VANUATU, YJ.** Tom, KC0W will be QRV as YJOCOW from August 21 to **September 21**. Activity will be on the HF bands using only CW. QSL direct to home call.



### IOTA News

**AF-023-S9** - Josep, EA3BT and Nuria, EA3WL will be active as S9BT and S9WL from Ilheu das Rolas (AF-023), Sao Tome & Principe from 26 September to 1 October. They will operate SSB, RTTY and some CW on 40-6 metres. QSL both call signs via EA3BT.

**EU-108 - GM** - The UK Islands Group will be active as MSOUKI from the rare Treshnish Isles (EU-108) on **3-6 September**. The team includes EI5GM, EI6FR, EI9FBB, GOVJG, MMOLID and MMONDX; they have been granted permission to overnight on the island of Lunga, and will have up to four stations active on 40-6 metres. Logsearch and OQRS on Club Log; traditional paper cards should be sent direct only to MOOXO. The logs will be uploaded also to LoTW. More information can be found on <https://eu108.wordpress.com/>. [TNX DX World]

**EU-108-OY** - A Belgian team (ON4ACP, ON4ANN, ON4CCV, ON4CKM, ON4DTO, N5PDV and ON6MI) will be active as OY/ON6NB from the Faroe Islands (EU-018) on **15-21 September**. They will operate SSB, CW, PSK and RTTY on 80-6 metres. QSL via MOURX (OQRS for direct and bureau cards on <http://mOurx.com/oqrs/>) and LoTW; logsearch on Club Log. See <http://users.telenet.be/on4ann/OY/> for more information.

**AS-075 - XX9**, Macao: Andrea/IK7YTT is going to pay Macao a visit from the 29th until the 5th of September. He will be active from Coloane (AS-075) as XX9TYT on 80-10m (including the All Asian DX SSB Contest). QSL via IW7EGQ.

This month's bulletin was made possible with information provided by NC1L, QRZ DX, The Weekly DX, The OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, The Daily DX, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST, the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

**EU-081; F**, Basse-Normandie (Manche West) Region group: Tim/ON5HC, Patrick/ON7PQ, Geert/ON7USB, and Francis/ON8AZ are going to pay Saint Marcouf (FFF-1200, ARLHS FRA-055) a visit from Aug 27. to **Sept. 3**. QRV as TM6U on HF (SSB, CW, digital modes; 160 and 6m depending on condx). QSL via ON8AZ (d/B). <http://www.eu081.be/>

**NA-108 - J6**, ST. Lucia: Bill/K9HZ returns to Saint Lucia Island (NA-108) for the time between Aug. 26 and **Sept. 11**. QRV as J68HZ on 160-6m (CW, SSB, RTTY). QSL via K9HZ (d), ClubLog, LoTW, eQSL.

**OC-044 - VP6, Pitcairn Island**: Pitcairn Island (OC-044) is Nob's (JF2MBF) and Ken's (JA2FJP) first stop on a tour of the Pacific. QRV between Aug. 25 and **Sept. 3** as VP6J on 160-10m (CW, SSB, RTTY). QSL via JF2MBF, ClubLog OQRS, LoTW.

**OC-129; DU5-7**, Visayan Islands: Carl/OE9MON remains active until Sep. 2 as DU6/OE9MON from Panay Island. QSL via LZ1JZ (d/B), LoTW, eQSL.

**OC-129 - DU** - Carl, OE9MON is active as DU6/OE9MON until **2 September** from Panay Island (**OC-129**). QSL via LZ1JZ (direct or bureau), LoTW and eQSL. [TNX DX World]

## Contests & QSO Parties—Sept.

For more details and information, go to:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

- 1 NRAU 10m Activity Contest
- 2 QRP Fox Hunt
- 2 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 2 NCCC Sprint
- 2-4 G3ZQS Memorial Straight Key Contest
- 3 Russian RTTY WW Contest
- 3 CWOps CW Open
- 3 Wake-Up! QRP Sprint
- 3 AGCW Straight Key Party
- 3-4 IARU Region 1 Field Day, SSB
- 4 RSGB SSB Field Day
- 4 All Asian DX Contest, Phone
- 3-4 Colorado QSO Party**
- 3-4 PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80m Sprint
- 4 WAB 144 MHz QRO Phone
- 4 DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest
- 4-5 Tennessee QSO Party**
- 5-6 MI QRP Labor Day CW Sprint
- 6 ARS Spartan Sprint
- 7 Phone Fray
- 7 UKEICC 80m Contest
- 7-8 CWOps Mini-CWT Test
- 9 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 9 NCCC Sprint
- 10 Kulikovo Polye Contest
- 10 FOC QSO Party
- 10 Ohio State Parks on the Air
- 10-11 SARL Field Day Contest
- 10-11 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
- 10-11 Russian Cup Digital Contest
- 10-12 ARRL September VHF Contest
- 11 WAE DX Contest, SSB
- 11 North American Sprint, CW

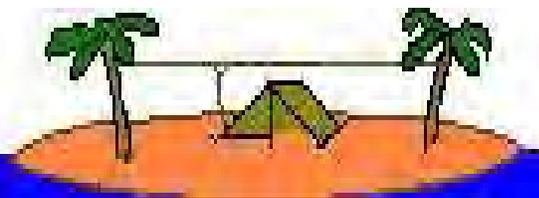






- 11 Swiss HTC QRP Sprint
- 11-14 Classic Exchange, CW
- 14 Phone Fray
- 14 RSGB 80m Club Sprint, SSB
- 14-15 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 16 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 16 NCCC Sprint
- 16 AGB NEMIGA Contest
- 17 Feld Hell Sprint
- 17 QRP Afield
- 17-18 ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest
- 17-18 SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest
- 17-18 Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW
- 17-18 All Africa International DX Contest
- 17-18 SRT HF Contest SSB
- 17-18 New Jersey QSO Party**
- 17-18 New Hampshire QSO Party**
- 17-18 Washington State Salmon Run
- 18 North American Sprint, RTTY
- 18 BARTG Sprint 75
- 19 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- 19 144 MHz Fall Sprint
- 21 Phone Fray
- 21-22 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 22 NAQCC CW Sprint
- 23 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 23 NCCC Sprint
- 24 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest
- 24 RSGB International Sprint Contest, CW
- 24-25 ARRL EME Contest
- 24-25 CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY
- 24-25 Maine QSO Party**
- 24-25 Texas QSO Party**
- 25 UBA ON Contest, 6m
- 25 Peanut Power QRP Sprint
- 25-28 Classic Exchange, Phone
- 27 220 MHz Fall Sprint





## The Opinionated One – “A Dozen Things I Wish They’d Invent:”

**Number one:** A soldering iron that will melt solder onto a PL-259 connector’s casing and the coax braid, but without simultaneously melting through the center conductor insulation.

**Number two:** A wire stripper that will strip wire for more than six times. All the strippers I’ve ever purchased worked great for half a dozen times, and then started shredding, nipping, and scraping instead of stripping.

**Number three:** Tools that don’t disappear into thin air. I know you’ve experienced this too. You’re sitting down at your workbench using your pointy -nose pliers and you set them down to adjust your glasses or something, and when you reach for the pliers, they’ve disappeared into thin air. They are nowhere to be found. You pick up and look under everything on the bench and the pliers simply aren’t there anymore. You can’t possibly have dropped them, and you haven’t gotten up from your chair, but the pliers are gone. Two weeks later they mysteriously reappear in your toolbox in the garage.

**Number four:** A Kenwood radio with illumination that doesn’t go dark. I guess this is asking too much. Yaesu, Icom, Alinco, Azden, and Standard all make radios with panels and dials that stay lit for years and years and years. In fact, I’ve got an Icom radio that dates from before Marconi made his first transmission and the panel lights still light bright! But Kenwood radios always go dark – or worse yet; half of the display goes dark! – about 30 minutes after the warranty expires! Always.

**Number five:** Kenwood panel light bulbs that you can replace without a scanning electron microscope and nanometer tweezers! And heaven help you if you need to solder the thing in! Your best bet is to wire-wrap a sewing needle to the tip of your soldering iron. But make sure it is a sharp needle! And don’t use a straight pin: the eye of a needle is a great place to hold the bulb until you are ready for it!

**Number six:** A battery that will transmit a message just before it goes dead. Don’t you hate it when someone’s battery gives out right in the middle of their transmission and the listeners don’t have a clue what happened to the poor sap? Wouldn’t be nice to have the battery interrupt the transmission and say, “this turkey’s battery is about to give out on him, so don’t worry when his signal disappears in about five seconds.

Four. Three. Two...”

**Number seven:** A beeper built inside those little teeny tiny screws that hold HT cases together! Every time I open an HT case (for example, to install the barometer unit inside my VX5R), I always drop one of those little microscopic screws into the carpet. It would be nice if I could go to a base unit somewhere and press the “Page” button, like I do when I lose my cordless phone. The remote unit begins beeping and you can then follow the sound to find the missing screw.

**Number eight:** Schematic diagrams which are readable. Lately, the schematics which come with my ham equipment have used teeny tiny illegible writing. I finally gave up trying to read the numbers and designations with a magnifying glass, and put the thing under a microscope. Know what I discovered? It’s illegible because the writing is smaller than the fibers in the paper! Obviously the radio manufacturers have hired those guys who used to work at circuses writing the book of Psalms on a grain of rice!

**Number Nine:** A ham catalog with actual selling prices in dollars and cents instead of the maddening price of “Call!”

**Number ten:** A microphone that can tell the difference between your hand and your behind, so that when you sit on the microphone in the car, it doesn’t transmit you singing along with your Ray Conniff tape over the wide - area repeater or the MidCars net.

**Number eleven:** A squelch knob. The old radios used to have these, so when the static came up, you could easily twist the knob and turn up the squelch. Nowadays, the squelch is turned up by holding down the function key while pressing the menu key, turning the selector knob to option 36B, “set squelch”, which is abbreviated by “LRVNT” or something like that, then you press “Set”, then hit Enter twice, hold the function button down for two seconds and press the PTT key to save the setting, and then press function again while holding down the “D” key to exit the menu. Why can’t they just go back to putting a squelch knob on the radio?

**Number twelve:** a mag mount antenna that retracts automatically when you enter a carwash.

# August Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Due to my absence, **Bill Dobson, N3WD**, has agreed to be acting Chairman for the Board meeting at the Annual Meeting to be held at the 2016 Eyeball in Branson, MO.

Date: August 14, 2016 (August 13, 2016) Time: TBD

Call to order by **Bill Dobson, N3WD** 3rd Area Director: Roll Call

Welcome all to the 3905 Century Club Annual Eyeball and Annual Meeting.

1. Review and approval of Proxies
2. Approval of July 2016 Minutes
3. Approval of July 2016 Financials
4. Committee Reports (Please Read them before meeting)

## New Business:



1. **Motion 08-2016-01:** Submitted by **Dwight, WF4H**, President.

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE NATIONAL PARKS AWARD. The Awards Committee respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors approve the following changes to the National Parks Award application. Please refer to the National Parks Award Application last revised August 22, 2012. (Please see new Application at the following Link:

[www.3905ccn.com/temp/natpark-2016-07-13.pdf](http://www.3905ccn.com/temp/natpark-2016-07-13.pdf)  
<<http://www.3905ccn.com/temp/natpark-2016-07-13.pdf>> )

In the parks listing on Pages 3-5:

- 1) Add **Pinnacles National Park** in California, which was commissioned in 2014.
- 2) Add **Qausuittuq National Park** in Canada, which was commissioned in 2015.
- 3) Add **Akami-Uapishku-KakKasuak-Mealy Mountains National Park** in Canada, which was commissioned in 2016.
- 4) Add **Rouge National Urban Park** in Canada, which was

commissioned in 2016.

- 5) Change **St. Lawrence Island National Park** to **Thousand Islands National Park** (name change in 2013).

Change the number of National Parks listed in paragraphs #5, #6, and #10 on Page 1 from 103 to 107 to reflect the changes above.

Add Paragraph #12 to the **Requirements** section, as follows:

"12. As a matter of periodic routine maintenance by the Awards Committee, new National Parks may be added to this application and decommissioned National Parks may be deleted from this application from time to time upon published approval of appropriate governmental authorities in the U.S. and Canada without requiring prior approval by the 3905 Century Club Board of Directors."

2. **Motion 08\_2016\_02:** Submitted by **Bill Dobson, N3WD**, 3rd Area Director. I do hereby propose the following award price structure.

- 1.) Reduce the initial award fee (for a mailed certificate) from \$5 to \$4.
- 2.) Reduce the initial award fee (for a mailed certificate) for seniors and disabled persons from \$4 to \$3.
- 3.) Reduce the endorsement fee (for awards that do not require a certificate) from \$3 to \$2.
- 4.) Keep the replacement certificate fee at \$4.
- 5.) Add - Any award or endorsement that will be sent as a PDF to the applicant (NO mailed certificate) \$2.

**Old Business:** None Known at this time.

Open to General Discussion from Floor

Motion to Adjourn

All Votes shall be by Roll Call

Please direct all inquiries to George-W6LJK at <mailto:[w6ljk@arrl.net](mailto:w6ljk@arrl.net)> [w6ljk@arrl.net](mailto:w6ljk@arrl.net)

Respectfully submitted by,

**George-W6LJK**

Chairman of the Board  
6th Area Director  
3905 Century Club

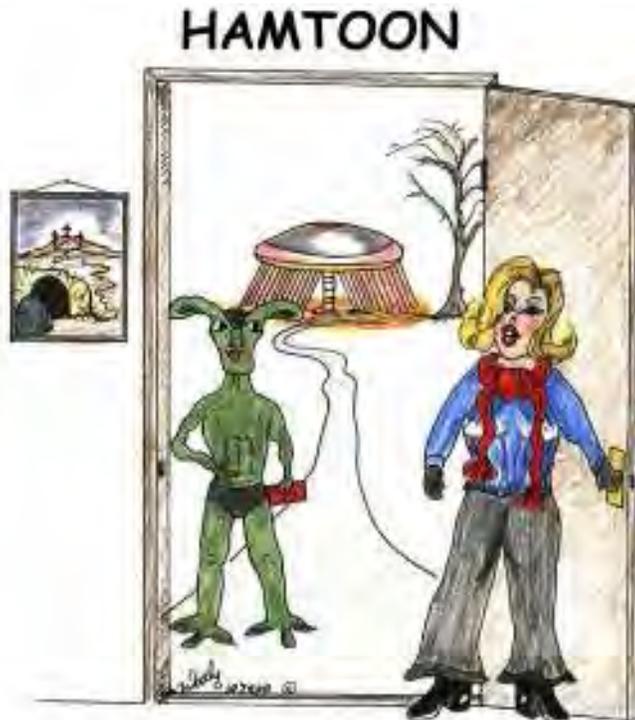


# Awards Listing

**May 16, 2016 to August 15, 2016**

**Take a  
moment to thank your net  
control station.**

**Without them, these awards  
would not have been  
possible.**



**HONEY ! THE GUY IS HERE WITH YOUR  
QSL CARD !**

Don't forget to add the planet to your card(s)...

### 20 Meter PSK Beat The Clock

K6YEK	1	20	William G. Fuller	7/13/2016
AA0HF	2	20	Eric J. Johnson	8/3/2016

### 160 Meter SSB 100 Point

KB0EL	622	160	Clark B. Ashworth	6/2/2016
KG8WL	623	160	Ralph A. Mitchell	7/18/2016
WA6LBU	624	160	Clayton H. Mayrose	7/20/2016
NE0A	625	160	Douglas A. Roberts	8/3/2016

### 160 Meter SSB 500 Point

KB0EL	32	160	Clark B. Ashworth	6/2/2016
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### 20 Meter RTTY 100 Point

N5DY	84	20	John W. Cartinhour, Jr.	6/9/2016
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### 40 Meter CW 100 Point

WY6N	234	40	Wayne K. Harris	8/6/2016
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### 40 Meter CW Bakers Dozen

AB6YL	8	40	Virginia C. Wonderling	6/23/2016
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### 40 Meter CW Bakers Dozen COA

N6RSH	8	40	Steven D. Panattoni	6/23/2016
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### 40 Meter PSK 100 Point

WA0ROH	98	40	Robert A. Kyvig	7/1/2016
K6YEK	99	40	William G. Fuller	7/18/2016

### 40 Meter PSK Officers

WU9T	4	40	Donald G. Chinnery	7/18/2016
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### 40 Meter RTTY 100 Point

N5DY	187	40	John W. Cartinhour, Jr.	6/9/2016
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### 40 Meter SSB 100 Point

K1CCN	2918	40	Koomer Ridge Contesters ARC	5/24/2016
W1PCQ	2919	40	Drew A. Davenport	6/25/2016
N0DVM	2920	40	James C. Crago	7/14/2016
KG8UU	2921	40	James E. Pierce	7/18/2016
WA7ND	2922	40	Richard Connors	7/26/2016
W2WCM	2923	40	William C. Mims	7/28/2016
KM4AJW	2924	40	William D. Brooks III	8/13/2016

### 40 Meter SSB 500 Point

KF7HNC	173	40	Joseph J. Bevier	6/14/2016
W5FBK	174	40	David B. Holman	6/20/2016
KA4RGF	175	40	Christopher Carlough	7/19/2016
NE0A	176	40	Douglas A. Roberts	7/22/2016



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## 40 Meter SSB 1000 Point

W4RHB 594 40 Robert H. Byers 8/14/2016

## 40 Meter SSB 3000 Point

KC2IYE 141 40 Robert L. Braddock 6/29/2016

## 40 Meter SSB 6000 Point

W0WSP 54 40 Douglas V. Aldrich 6/28/2016

## 40 Meter SSB 12000 Point

AA9ZB 18 40 John F. Meyer 5/16/2016

## 40 Meter SSB 13000 Point

AA9ZB 12 40 John F. Meyer 5/26/2016

## 40 Meter SSB 20000 Point

KG8WL 6 40 Ralph A. Mitchell 7/18/2016

## 40 Meter SSB Beat The Clock

K1YAG 103 40 William R. Wallace 8/4/2016

## 40 Meter SSB Clint Wise Mobile

K1YAG 55 40 William R. Wallace 6/5/2016

N3WD 56 40 William A. Dobson, III 7/5/2016

## 40 Meter SSB Dictionary

KC9YY 54 40 David L. Southern 5/24/2016

## 40 Meter SSB Nite Owl

KF7HNC 366 40 Joseph J. Bevier 6/6/2016

KB0EL 367 40 Clark B. Ashworth 7/21/2016

## 40 Meter SSB Nomad

WB0PYF 208 40 Raymond A. Myers 5/27/2016

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K1YAG 234 40 William R. Wallace 6/16/2016

K1YAG 234 40 William R. Wallace 7/27/2016

K1YAG 234 40 William R. Wallace 6/16/2016

K1YAG 234 40 William R. Wallace 7/1/2016

K1YAG 234 40 William R. Wallace 6/16/2016

AE4NT 235 40 Benjamin I. Goldfarb 5/26/2016

KJ4TLE 236 40 William T. Boyle, III 6/12/2016

KB0EL 237 40 Clark B. Ashworth 6/21/2016

## 40 Meter SSB Numbers Racket

KF7HNC 245 40 Joseph J. Bevier 6/6/2016

KA4RGF 246 40 Christopher Carlough 7/11/2016

AC0HF 247 40 Charles N. Rader 7/29/2016



## 75 Meter SSB 100 Point

KC9YY 3094 75 David L. Southern 5/18/2016

K1CCN 3095 75 Koomer Ridge Contesters ARC 5/24/2016

KB9BSK 3096 75 Barbara S. Pfeiffer 6/9/2016

KF7HNC 3097 75 Joseph J. Bevier 6/6/2016

W1PCQ 3098 75 Drew A. Davenport 6/25/2016

N0DVM 3099 75 James C. Crago 7/14/2016

KG5GOG 3100 75 Monte M. Meier 7/15/2016

KG8UU 3101 75 James E. Pierce 7/18/2016

KA0SOH 3102 75 Donn P. Hornberger 7/21/2016

NE0A 3103 75 Douglas A. Roberts 7/29/2016

## 75 Meter SSB 500 Point

W5FBK 149 75 David B. Holman 6/20/2016

K6YEK 150 75 William G. Fuller 7/13/2016

W4RHB 151 75 Robert H. Byers 8/14/2016

## 75 Meter SSB 5000 Point

W0WSP 46 75 Douglas V. Aldrich 6/6/2016

## 75 Meter SSB Clint Wise Mobile

N3WD 33 75 William A. Dobson, III 7/14/2016

## 75 Meter SSB Nite Owl

KC2IYE 397 75 Robert L. Braddock 5/31/2016

KB0EL 398 75 Clark B. Ashworth 7/21/2016

AE4NT 399 75 Benjamin I. Goldfarb 7/27/2016

## 75 Meter SSB Numbers Racket

K8GIB 198 75 Robert A. Gibbs 5/24/2016

## Alphabet 40 and 75 Meter SSB

K8GIB 626 40 Robert A. Gibbs 5/24/2016

KF7HNC 627 40 Joseph J. Bevier 6/6/2016

KJ4TLE 628 40 William T. Boyle, III 6/12/2016

AC0HF 629 40 Charles N. Rader 7/29/2016

KA4RGF 630 40 Christopher Carlough 8/13/2016

W4RHB 631 40 Robert H. Byers 8/14/2016



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## Bakers Dozen

KC2IYE	2890	40	Robert L. Braddock	5/31/2016
AA0HF	2891	75	Eric J. Johnson	6/8/2016
KF7HNC	2892	40	Joseph J. Bevier	6/16/2016
AA0HF	2893	40	Eric J. Johnson	6/21/2016
N6WKZ	2894	40	Phillip H. Spargo	7/8/2016
AC0HF	2895	40	Charles N. Rader	7/28/2016
AC0HF	2896	40	Charles N. Rader	7/28/2016
KC9YY	2897	40	David L. Southern	7/28/2016
AC0HF	2898	40	Charles N. Rader	7/29/2016
AC0HF	2899	40	Charles N. Rader	7/29/2016
AC0HF	2900	40	Charles N. Rader	7/29/2016
WB5LAI	2901	40	Stephen Van Carpenter	7/30/2016
KA2YDS	2902	75	David P. Richards	8/1/2016
W4RHB	2903	40	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2904	75	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2905	75	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2906	40	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2907	40	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2908	40	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2909	40	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2910	40	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2911	40	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2912	40	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016
W4RHB	2913	75	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016

## Bakers Dozen Cert of Appreciation

K1YAG	2890	40	William R. Wallace	5/31/2016
KD0WGB	2891	75	Donald J. Hesseling	6/8/2016
K1YAG	2892	40	William R. Wallace	6/16/2016
KD0WGB	2893	40	Donald J. Hesseling	6/21/2016
K1YAG	2894	40	William R. Wallace	7/8/2016
KD0WGB	2895	40	Donald J. Hesseling	7/28/2016
KD0WGB	2896	40	Donald J. Hesseling	7/28/2016
K5DUG	2897	40	Rowland Doug Thompson	7/28/2016
KC0MS	2898	40	Karl W. Peterson	7/29/2016
NM8Q	2899	40	Franklin E. Sturgill, Jr.	7/29/2016
KF3M	2900	40	Hanover Area Hamming Association	7/29/2016
KD0WGB	2901	40	Donald J. Hesseling	7/30/2016

W3BS	2903	40	Bernard "Buddy" M. Spiegel	8/14/2016
W3BS	2904	75	Bernard "Buddy" M. Spiegel	8/14/2016
W3BS	2905	75	Bernard "Buddy" M. Spiegel	8/14/2016
W3BS	2906	40	Bernard "Buddy" M. Spiegel	8/14/2016
N9PYR	2907	40	David R. Paradise, Jr.	8/14/2016
KC0MS	2908	40	Karl W. Peterson	8/14/2016
KC0MS	2909	40	Karl W. Peterson	8/14/2016
WT0A	2910	40	Glen K. Felt	8/14/2016
N9PYR	2911	40	David R. Paradise, Jr.	8/14/2016
KD0WGB	2912	40	Donald J. Hesseling	8/14/2016
KD0WGB	2913	75	Donald J. Hesseling	8/14/2016

## Bakers Dozen Dozen

AA0HF	51		Eric J. Johnson	7/1/2016
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## Certificate Hunters 40 and 75 SSB

K6YEK	580	40	William G. Fuller	7/5/2016
KJ4TLE	598	40	William T. Boyle, III	6/12/2016
KF7HNC	599	40	Joseph J. Bevier	6/14/2016
WA6LBU	600	40	Clayton H. Mayrose	7/17/2016
AC0HF	601	40	Charles N. Rader	8/2/2016
NE0A	602	40	Douglas A. Roberts	8/3/2016

## Crossword Puzzle

K1YAG	24		William R. Wallace	7/25/2016
K1YAG	24		William R. Wallace	6/30/2016
K1YAG	24		William R. Wallace	5/19/2016

## Master Degree

K4CNM	70		Clarence N. Meese, Jr.	5/22/2016
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## National Park - Park Ranger

K1YAG	10		William R. Wallace	7/10/2016
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## National Park - Tourist

AB6YL	23		Virginia C. Wonderling	7/7/2016
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## Net Controllers Basic

K1YAG	329		William R. Wallace	7/6/2016
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## Net Controllers Cum Laude

KB0EL	32		Clark B. Ashworth	6/5/2016
WF4H	33		Dwight A. Greenberg	6/5/2016

## Net Controllers Expert

KB3WAH	105		Grant G. Miller, Sr.	6/5/2016
KU1V	106		Michael J. Rush	7/6/2016



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## Net Controllers Journeyman

AE4NT	142	Benjamin I. Goldfarb	6/5/2016
WB7PTC	143	James R. Hurst, Sr.	7/6/2016
KG7BAN	144	Lee Kanon	7/6/2016
KG8WL	145	Ralph A. Mitchell	7/6/2016

## Officers 40 and 75 SSB

AE4NT	984	75	Benjamin I. Goldfarb	5/27/2016
KB0EL	985	40	Clark B. Ashworth	7/21/2016
KB0EL	986	75	Clark B. Ashworth	7/21/2016
NE0A	987	40	Douglas A. Roberts	7/22/2016
KJ8O	988	75	Joseph B. Miller	7/25/2016
K1YAG	989	40	William R. Wallace	7/30/2016

## Quarter Master

N3WD	74	40/75	William A. Dobson, III	7/5/2016
KA4RGF	75	40	Christopher Carlough	7/16/2016
WA6LBU	76	40/75	Clayton H. Mayrose	7/20/2016

## Solar System

Christopher Carlough 7/12/2016

## Triple Play

Robert A. Gibbs 5/24/2016  
Robert A. Gibbs 5/24/2016

## WAS 40 75 and 160 SSB

W5FBK	1433	75	David B. Holman	6/13/2016
KF7HNC	1434	40	Joseph J. Bevier	6/14/2016
K7NDM	1435	40	Nathan D. Moore	6/23/2016
W6GAC	1436	40	Laurence Prantner	7/22/2016
W4RHB	1437	40	Robert H. Byers	8/14/2016

## WAS Caps 40 and 75 SSB

KC9YY 562 75 David L. Southern 7/25/2016

## WAS YL 40 and 75 SSB

KC2IYE	245	75	Robert L. Braddock	5/31/2016
WB0PYF	246	40	Raymond A. Myers	7/8/2016

## Work 30

NE0A 134 Douglas A. Roberts 5/25/2016

**Congratulations! Have Fun! Keep on Going!**

## From the Editor's desk

I welcome all comments, questions and articles you would like to share about the club or its operations. And, any ham-related articles that would be of interest to the membership at large.

This is your newsletter and through it you can share your ideas and experiences with the rest of the membership. Let's not forget our DX friends and neighbors either. All members are invited to submit articles for consideration and inclusion.

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