



The Centurion

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Upcoming Events



Plan Ahead

2017 Eyeball

Update

Things are progressing nicely for the **2017 eyeball** except registration. With 34 days until the eyeball we have 35 people registered. We are closing in on some deadlines. I have two weeks left to go before I have to give the caterer a head count for the Saturday evening meal. I also am in the process of making the badges and welcome packages. Please if you are coming REGISTER. Anyone who is participating in ANY eyeball events or wants to enter the building **MUST BE REGISTERED**.

Information can be found at www.n3wd.com.

Here are some things to know:

The event will be held north of Baltimore in Upperco, MD. We are less than 10 minutes from the PA/MD line and about 13 minutes from the 2008 eyeball site. Also, you are only 90 minutes from New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia and 40 minutes away from Northern Virginia. You can activate a LOT of states.

There will be Gluten Free food options. My XYL Sharon, K3DUH is Gluten Free.

The main prizes are an Ameritron 811H and a Little Tarheel II. More prizes are being added daily and I will be purchasing prizes at Dayton next week.

I have secured the use of the showers and bathrooms in the main building for those of you who are RV'ing or Camping. Also the fire company has waived the \$15 per night fee if you are

camping. Only those hooking up to the electric are asked to donate to the fire hall.

The public has been invited to watch the antenna shoot out on Saturday morning. We will be using the 40 meter net frequency of 7.2675 + or -. Radios will be set for either 20 or 30 watts which will be determined that morning by our range master **Roger, W3ROG**. The area for the shootout WILL accommodate any size vehicle.

I will be at the eyeball site Wednesday mid-morning to start to put up the outside structures for the antennas. Anyone who is in town then and can help please come out. Thursday starting at 9 AM we will be setting up the antennas and the radios. As a special treat the main radio used for the nets will be an Icom IC-7800 and its matching Icom DSP Speaker. If you have never had the opportunity to see a radio like this in action this is your chance. I will also have filters available so we could be on the 40 and 75 nets at the same time.

Also this year we will have a **HAMFEST** at the same site on Sunday morning. Anyone who is registered for the eyeball gets **FREE** admission to the hamfest and if they want a **FREE** tailgating spots.

Hope to see more of you coming.

Bill, N3WD

2017 Eyeball Host

3rd Area Director

3rd Area Awards Manager

Master #43

Baltimore's Inner Harbor Tour

On **Wednesday June 14th** which is flag day my wife and I will play tour hosts to anyone who wishes to go to Baltimore's Inner Harbor. We can meet at the eyeball site at 11am and car pool downtown.

We will show you around the famous Baltimore Inner Harbor then take the water taxi to Fells Point for lunch. After lunch we will take the water taxi over to Ft McHenry. Then return back to the Harbor.

Please let me know you wish to join us on this outing of Baltimore.

Bill N3WD

An Offer You Can't Refuse

If any 3905cc member is going through Newport, RI this summer and would like to operate the nets as a portable RI station, we may be able to accommodate you. We should have 20, 40 and 75 options available most of the time.

Visiting station set up with IC-751 and SB200.

73 de Vic Farmer, WW4OK ww4ok@arri.net

News from the 3905 CCN Handi Ham Bureau

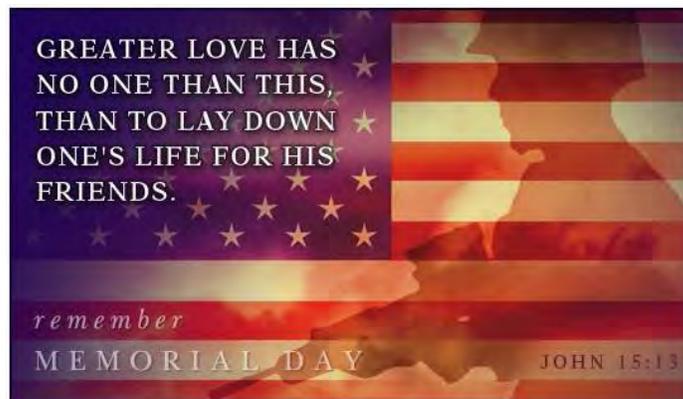
The Handi Ham Bureau has been very active and busy thanks to **AC8ER** and **AK4QA**. Thanks to both of them, they have kept me very busy along with the Rob's!! **Mike, AC8ER** is striving toward his 1k on both 40 and 75 meters. He has also been active on the CW nets. **Lee, AK4QA** is very active on most of the late nets and since he is a master with a very strong signal been very popular. Many new hams have been inquiring about the handi ham service recently.

My newest Handi Ham is **Charlie; KF5VQG** can be heard on both of 40 and 75 meter nets. Please give him a call. In the next few weeks, **Gary, K5GEB** will be the newest Handi Ham. Gary is a NCS and is very active on the bands. And as a reminder if you are GIB, you don't need to send the card directly to my bureau. You may send it the 40/75 meter bureau with your other cards and save you a bunch of postage. Any questions please contact me.

Anthony in Georgia, **KB2VJW** is now GIB in my bureau. Please because of Anthony's disability any contacts with him should be initiated by you and can be sent to the bureau via to me, **KC2IYE**. The only time you should send the card to me is if you are direct. Don't send the card directly to him.

73, Bob **KC2IYE**

3905 CCN Handi Ham QSL Manager



MEMORIAL DAY
May 29



My path to Top Band DXCC

Johnny D. Allen, KI4WCQ

Top Band DXCC, Finally!

I have taken breaks from the Century Club nets for the past three 160-m seasons to try for a DXCC on that band. I got the final contacts needed in March 2017 and received the 100th LotW confirmation on April 1 (no fooling) and ended up with 103 confirmations for **ARRL DXCC certificate #2974** on April 21, 2017.

A Top Band DXCC is quite a challenge, requiring a lot of late hours and some very early hours listening for a chance to work a new one. Of course, you can catch a break with the grey line propagation and get some tough ones like **Saudi Arabia, Australia and Japan**. Those openings can sometimes be only 5-10 minutes, so you have to have cheeks in the seat to have a chance. Other times (late, late) you have to listen, listen, listen until you finally have enough copy to try to work them. It's frustrating to only copy parts while you wait, and sometimes you have to try again on another night.

The antenna I used to get all the contacts was an inverted L that is vertical for 55 feet and runs 75 feet horizontal at the top, with 14 radials that are 130 feet long. I did not have a listening antenna or array, which would have helped a lot since many DX stations on that band do, so they can hear you but I couldn't hear them when I wished. I also had to get an amp, since I had topped out at 29 confirmed back in 2014. Until then I was a 100 watt station and you can do a lot with that and a good antenna... although a better antenna is always my goal.

I wasn't sure about finishing the DXCC this season, as I had gotten to about 90 and it was late in the season. In February and March of this year I picked up the remainder, many of which were a surprise. I was really pleased to work **Australia, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Western Sahara, Cyprus, Kaliningrad, Pitcairn Island** and a few other needed ones in Europe. I'm glad that goal is achieved and I now have **9 - band DXCC**.

Now, back to the nets and chasing the **40th Anniversary Award!**



Photo of the presentation of the award at the Kentucky DX Association (KYDXA).
L-R are **Mark Williams, K9GX**, a member of the 3905 Century club with a 75m 100-point # 1411 from 1986,
President-KYDXA, **me, KI4WCQ**, and **James Vaughan, K4TXJ**, ARRL DX card checker

Congratulations, Johnboy on a well deserved award. **John, KT4CB, Centurion Editor**

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States



Soldiers of Eternity

Last year on Memorial Day, I marched the Veterans down Main Street in Naples, calling cadence as loud as I could amidst the hearty shouts of thankful citizens. The cheers were so loud I could not hear myself, and it was a wonder that the Veterans heard me; keeping in step to honor the fallen.

In an instant, a thought flashed in my mind that I determined to communicate after the parade that the day was not about me. I kept marching on through the cheers, thankful, yes, that I was serving our small town, but in despair that many did not understand the importance of the day; cheering for the wrong reasons. Afterward, I had many come up to me and thank me for my service, to which I said immediately "thank you" and added: "but the day isn't about me, it's about the soldiers that never made it home." Some understood, some didn't; many like me obliged to do the same thing for thankful citizens on Memorial Day because it is part of our duty to educate, as it is to preserve the memory of fallen heroes.

Memorial Day is not to honor the living. Rather, the day is about warriors who have met God, those who guard the gates of Heaven; whom God predestined to die for America - for every Citizen in wars that span from glorious revolution in 1776 to the mountains of Afghanistan in 2017. Yes, war is a distant thing today. Civilians have not seen the carnage with their own eyes, we have not seen what the dead have seen in destiny thanks to His provision. Our wars are kept on shores distant, and praise God thanks to many sacrifices they are far away from our loved ones' reach. Soldiers die, thousands of miles away, standing their post - the greatest act of love for God and Country. This is the day the entire nation recognizes them, whereas the Veteran remembers

them daily; the memory fresh as it was yesterday. Reflecting upon the sacrifice of millions, to my departed brothers I say: I will be faithful.

Veterans exist for one reason: to honor our fallen brothers. We stand, colors in view on the day of remembrance amidst flags waving, firing rifles, and our cannons are heard miles around. For one sacred day we recognize we are less of a nation in the absence of a few gallant Veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice. They are America's finest - close to us especially on Memorial Day. If you would approach us and gently ask of them, you will know the face of one who holds truths seldom revealed, and that man or woman he served with locked up in a treasure of memory regarded as a symbol of American greatness. Yes, we knew them. Yes, our brothers are real, and they really fought for us in wars mostly forgotten. And, though they are at rest now, away from the troubles of this world, we cannot forget, we cannot consecrate their memory more than allowing you, dear citizen, to access our thoughts even just for a day, to inquire, "Who was that man? What was he like? That you, American, might be increased by the remembrance.

The Veteran has come to be known as the authority of Memorial Day, yet it is not about him, the living remnant of past wars, not about the bullets or the bombs, not about the politics or divided national sentiment of any war, but freedom provided at a dear cost. Freedom. Can any one of us truly say that they know a life without freedom? I can't, and I have been in the sands of Iraq fighting as if I were slave to the fighting, yet I was free the whole while. Free to fight as my departed brothers were free to fight. We made a pact with our country, an oath, to die in her arms when she saw fit under the blessing of God. And under God's blessing, I write today; owing to Him only that I am alive to speak at all.

On this day, my family and I have a tradition. We gather leis of flowers and travel to the graveyards. I tell my children: "these flowers are for the soldiers." ~~We walk from grave to grave~~ marked with flags and place flowers on them in remembrance of the sacrifice made by those soldiers killed in one of our many wars. When is the last time you have walked one of our graveyards? The price of your freedoms is clearly to be seen there. The flags are alone in the breeze, some need to be up-righted, and some of the graves are unkempt. What will you do, dear citizen, to set it right? I find flags that are on their side and plant them firmly in the ground while my daughters adorn the graves in honor. Yes, this nation and its ideals are bigger than you. Will you show for a moment that you recognize it and right the flags, and place the flowers? It is only for a moment, a day, that the dead soldier requires your attention, why not give it to him, even for just a moment? Yes, America needs you, dear citizen, on this day and every day to remember its fallen soldiers.

So I leave you with this, dear citizen: Praise your God and love your country. Talk to the Veterans and learn from them. Visit the graves, lay the flowers, and remember the men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice. May God in his infinite mercy bless your souls. Send up a prayer tonight, do not let the day rest until you've remembered the fallen.

An epigraph from 1942 states:
*Went the day well?
We died and never knew,
But, well or ill,
Freedom, we died for you.*

By design,
Aaron M. Grant
Staff Sergeant, U.S.M.C. Retired
Naples V.F.W. Commander, Post 8726
Master of Military History

From the QSL Bureau . . .

As I sit here at work sorting inbound mail for the week I have a few points to send out to the huddled masses...

1) It appears that the postal sort line at Columbus had at least 1 machine in the last couple weeks that decided it was going to snack on QSL Buro Envelopes. Thanks to those who politely let us know there was a problem. When it is 1 or 2 in a mailing we wonder if we boogered something up. But when we now know of at least 7 people effected, that one is beyond our control.

2) A couple of you have pointed out that the above could be avoided by use of more packing tape. A couple of them possibly, but a couple of them were completely mangled and one (a 3 ounce envelope) had the corner cut off, including the corner of the cards at that end of the envelope. No amount of tape is going to help those. I try to use enough tape to ensure intact delivery, and will be increasing what I use based on our latest issues from the sort line.

3) A couple people apparently expect absolute perfection, that is just not possible. We process on average over 150 pcs of mail weekly inbound. If these were only 1 ounce (figuring an average of 7 cards to an ounce) that is 1050 cards/week. Now, add the fact we get multiple 2 and 3 ounce envelopes weekly and at least 2 or 3 times a month a bulk pack from someone with several hundred in it. If we miss a card for someone else now and then, we apologize, but it is going to happen. Occasionally 2 operators stacks get put together by accident, or a card gets dropped in the wrong hanging file, or a couple cards stick together. It happens! Please don't send scathing messages if we botch up one or two here or there. If we send you an entire envelope of someone else's cards, let us know...politely. We strive to keep the errors to a minimum, but we are after all human.

4) Again I ask you to NOT staple or tape cards together or staple or tape notes to them. If I can't look at a callsign and see a 7 in it and know it goes in the pile for the 7th Call Area or a non-US call and know it is DX, I probably shouldn't be a ham much less running a QSL Buro. Trust me we know these things. Likewise we know who is QSL manager for who, we kinda gotta know this to mail stuff to the right people. These little notes just add weight to your outbound mail (and increase your postage) and add time for us when we rip that stuff off, especially when it is covering the callsign of the station it is going to.

5) When sorting your cards coming to us, please sort the by call area starting with 1s ending with 0s. This is done by the number in the callsign **REGARDLESS** of where the person lives. Just because NC8I lives in FL does not mean he is filed with the 4s. It is still an 8 and his file is in the drawer with the 8s. If you want to lump DX in with 5s and Handihams in with 2s that is

cool. DX goes to WB5FDP so we toss them in his folder (in the 5s) and Handihams go to KC2IYE so we toss them in his folder (in the 2s).

6) It has been asked before and I am asking again, **PLEASE DO NOT** use plain paper or photo paper. Plain paper is considerably more difficult to sort than card stock. Also as I pointed out before, photo paper, with the slightest amount of moisture, not just sticks together, but almost glues itself together. It either adds time to sorting trying to get them apart or ruins the cards when they can't be separated.

7) For the love of god use the GIB Look Up! I am sure the folks at Wal-Mart appreciate my very regular purchase of orange post-it notes, but when we have to send someone a 3 ounce envelope of just cards that are not GIB, there is a problem. The data is out there for anyone to see, please use it.

8) The last one is please write legibly. Yes I work in healthcare, but I never claimed to be able to ready the writing of the doctors and it is easier than some of the QSL cards lately. If I can't read it, I can't send it and if I can't read it the area award managers or ARRL Card Checkers probably can't either.

There are other little issues on an individual basis, but these are the biggies and are frequent enough from enough people the mass email was needed. And in closing, anyone who gets butt hurt over this email I would invite you to travel to Dayton, OH and take a day to process the inbound mail and see just why the level of aggravation is high enough to send this email.

Please remember that the normal accepted standard size of a QSL card is 3.5" by 5.5". I am seeing more and more that are considerable above that in one dimension or the other, and a few that are above that in both dimensions. This creates multiple issues on multiple facets. For those who are copying cards to send to awards managers it hoses up the whole getting 4 cards to a page without some sort of reduction which can hamper the ability to read the needed information. Face it, none of us are getting any younger. For the filing of cards by recipients, they won't fit in some filing systems due to the size. Last, here at the buro it creates 2 potential issues. For those who insist on sending small SASEs they simply won't fit without having to fold them in half and limiting further how many cards we can send in an envelope. Also if we are sending a 3 ounce envelope they will not fit in one of the 2 stacks within the divider inside. Also some of them we are seeing are even too big to fit in a number 10 without folding.

I know it sounds like I am bitching, but it really does hose up things on far more levels than many even consider.

Rob K8SUEY



THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME :- :-: :-: by Hatlo



HAMTOON



THIS WAS THE BEST HAM FEST, LOOK AT THESE GREAT BUYS. COULD YOU STORE THEM FOR ME TILL MY WIFE IS OUT OF TOWN ?

In Flanders Fields



by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



How's DX

9Q, DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO: Fernando, EA4BB (ex-9Q5BB, D2BB, ST2BF, TU5JL, TZ6BB, Z21BB), is now active as 9Q6BB from Kinshasa (eastern part of the country) for up to the next 3 years. Activity has been on 20/17 meters using CW. Operations are QRP using an Elecraft KX2 w/5w into a Vertical telescopic whip 5.2m antenna. QSL via W3HNK.

DA - FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY: Special event station DM150HSM celebrates the 150th anniversary of the University of Applied Sciences at Mittweida and is active until the end of June. Activity is on the HF bands using mostly SSB, and some CW and PSK. QSL via KOMIT.

DL, Germany: Operators of the club station DLOVBG from the railway museum Vienenburg (DOK H09) will be working with the special event call DROHARZ (special DOK 25HSB) during 2017 to mark the 25th anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway (1141m asl). QSL via DF7AA (d/B).

DL, Germany: DM200LFS (special DOK 200LFS) commemorates the 200th birthday of Louis Ferdinand Schoenherr, a German inventor of power looms. The special event station will be on the air until the end of February 2018. All QSOs count as a "joker" and 10 points for the KIDS award, supporting SOS Children's Villages in Saxony. QSL via eQSL, LoTW, bureau. <http://df0che.darc.de/dm200lfs.php>

DM150HSM celebrates the 150th anniversary of the University of Applied Sciences at Mittweida. QRV until the end of June on HF, mostly on SSB with some CW and PSK. QSL via DKOMIT. <http://www.global.hs-mittweida.de/~dk0mit/Joomla/>

J2, Djibouti: Dane/S53T will be staying in Djibouti until the end of 2019 and has now received his operating permit with the call J28ND. Right now he works with a low power rig and vertical antennas. QSL via S57DX.

JA, Japan: 8J1IP draws attention to the 100th anniversary of the Inokashira Park. QRV until June 30, QSL via bureau. The Katayanagi Institute of the University of Tokyo celebrates its 70th anniversary on the air with the call 8J1YAC until the end of March 2018. QRV on 160m-70cm on CW and SSB. QSL via bureau, JE1XUZ (d).

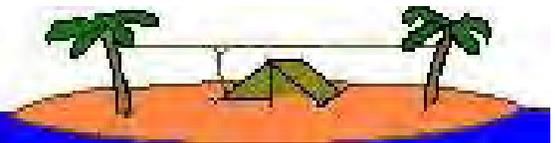
LZ, Bulgaria: Nasko/LZ1YE celebrates his 45th year on the air with the call LZ45YE throughout the year. QRV on HF on SSB, CW, and digital modes. QSL via LZ1YE (d/B). The Headquarter of the Thracian Rose Club operates with the call LZ73TRC during 2017. QSL via LZ1YE (d/B). Members of the Thracian Rose Club are going to direct our attention to the 114th Roses Festival with the call LZ114RF until July 31. QSL via LZ1YE (d/B). <http://www.trcdx.org/>

OH, Finland: Finnish hams will be using the prefix OF during 2017 to celebrate their country's 100 years of independence.

OM, SLOVAK REPUBLIC: Special event station OM42KYSUCE is QRV until the end of June 2017 during the context of the 42nd ARDF Kysuca Cup that will be held on June 16 to 18. QSL via OM3CND.

S5, Slovenia: S5100LIONS celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Lions Club International until the end of 2017. QSL via S53DOX.

YV, Venezuela: The Asociacion de Radioaficionados de Venezuela (ARV) celebrates its 50th anniversary with the special call YV50ARV until the year's end on HF (CW, SSB, digital modes). QSL via YV5DTA/W4DTA, LoTW.



IOTA's

AF-005—D4, Cape Verde: Harald/DF2W0 plans to operate from Santiago Island (AF-005) between May 3 and June 8 on 80-6m, signing D44TWO. QSL via MOOXO.

AF-006 - VQ9: Jim, ND9M is going to be active again from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos. His VQ96JC license is valid until July, but he will try and get VQ917JC, as he has used "year-specific special calls every year starting in 2007". Plans are to be QRV for about three hours during his evenings, as he has to commute between his ship and his operating location on the island, then set up and break down each time. He operates mainly CW, with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

AN-001— div., Graham Land West (Adelaide Island) group: Alan / MWOYCC will be active from the Rothera Research Station / Adelaide Island and other locations until April 2018 as VP8DPJ. QSL only via eQSL.

AS-015 - WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2: Rich/ PAORRS will be active again as 9M2MRS from Penang Island until the end of January 2018. QRV on 40-10m (CW, RTTY, JT65, JT9, and some SSB). QSL via PAORRS (d/B), ClubLog, LoTW, eQSL.

OC-073 - JD1, MINAMI TORISHIMA. Take, JG8NQJ, will once again be active as JG8NQJ/JD1 from Marcus Island in the Minami Torishima (OC-073, JCG 10007) group between mid-May and mid-July. He is usually there to work on the island's weather station. Activity will be limited to his spare time. He will be mainly on 17 meters but will also on 20/15/12/10/6 meters using CW and RTTY. QSL via JA8CJY or by the Bureau via JG8NQJ.

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Contests & QSO Parties

For more details and information, go to:

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

June 2017

- 1 NRAU 10m Activity Contest
- 2 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 2 NCCC Sprint
- 3 Wake-Up! QRP Sprint
- 3-4 10-10 Int. Open Season PSK Contest
- 3-4 PVRC Reunion
- 3-4 DigiFest
- 3-4 SEANET Contest
- 3-4 UKSMG Summer Contest
- 3-4 IARU Region 1 Field Day, CW
- 3-4 RSGB National Field Day
- 3-4 Dutch Kingdom Contest
- 3-4 Alabama QSO Party
- 5 RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
- 6 ARS Spartan Sprint
- 7 Phone Fray
- 7-8 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 9 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 9 NCCC Sprint
- 9 HA3NS Sprint Memorial Contest
- 10 Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB
- 10-11 DRCG WW RTTY Contest
- 10-11 VK Shires Contest
- 10-11 Portugal Day Contest
- 10-11 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
- 10-11 GACW WWSA CW DX Contest
- 10-11 REF DDFM 6m Contest
- 10-12 ARRL June VHF Contest
- 11 Cookie Crumble QRP Contest
- 12 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
- 14 NAQCC CW Sprint
- 14 Phone Fray
- 14 RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
- 14-15 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 16 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 16 NCCC Sprint
- 17 AGCW VHF/UHF Contest
- 17 Feld Hell Sprint
- 17-18 SMIRK Contest
- 17-18 All Asian DX Contest, CW
- 17-18 Ukrainian DX Classic RTTY Contest
- 17-18 ARR BPSK63 Contest
- 17-18 IARU Region 1 50 MHz Contest
- 117-18 Stew Perry Topband Challenge
- 17-18 West Virginia QSO Party
- 18 WAB 50 MHz Phone
- 18 Kid's Day Contest
- 19 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- 21 Phone Fray
- 21-22 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 22 NAQCC CW Sprint
- 22 RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB
- 23 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 23 NCCC Sprint
- 24 UFT QRP Contest
- 24-25 Battle of Carabobo International Contest
- 24-25 His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB



- 24-25 Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest
- 24-25 ARRL Field Day
- 28 SKCC Sprint
- 28 Phone Fray
- 28-29 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 30 QRP Fox Hunt
- 30 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 30 NCCC Sprint

July 2017

- 1 RAC Canada Day Contest
- 1 FISTS Summer Slow Speed Sprint
- 1 Venezuelan Ind. Day Contest
- 1-2 DL-DX RTTY Contest
- 1-2 Marconi Memorial HF Contest
- 1-2 Original QRP Contest
- 1-2 PODXS 070 Club 40m Firecracker Sprint
- 2 DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest
- 3-9 10-10 Int. Spirit of 76 QSO Party
- 3-9 IQRP Quarterly Marathon 0800Z, Jul 3 to 0900Z, Jul 9
- 3 RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
- 4 ARS Spartan Sprint
- 5 Phone Fray
- 5-6 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 6 NRAU 10m Activity Contest
- 7 QRP Fox Hunt
- 7 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 7 NCCC Sprint
- 8 FISTS Summer Unlimited Sprint
- 8-9 IARU HF World Championship
- 8-9 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
- 9 QRP ARCI Summer Homebrew Sprint
- 10 CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush
- 12 Phone Fray
- 12-13 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 12 RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB
- 14 QRP Fox Hunt
- 14 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 14 NCCC Sprint
- 15 Russian Radio Team Championship
- 15 Trans-Tasman Low-Bands Challenge
- 15 Feld Hell Sprint
- 15-16 DMC RTTY Contest
- 15-16 North American QSO Party, RTTY
- 15-16 CQ Worldwide VHF Contest
- 16 RSGB Low Power Contest
- 17 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
- 19 Phone Fray
- 19-20 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 20 NAQCC CW Sprint
- 21 QRP Fox Hunt
- 21 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 21 NCCC Sprint
- 22 SA Sprint Contest
- 26 SKCC Sprint
- 26 Phone Fray
- 26-27 CWops Mini-CWT Test
- 27 RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
- 28 QRP Fox Hunt
- 28 NCCC RTTY Sprint
- 28 NCCC Sprint
- 29 Feld Hell Sprint
- 29-30 RSGB IOTA Contest
- 30 ARS Flight of the Bumblebees



April Board of Directors Meeting

3905 Century Club, Inc. Board of Directors			
Area	Director / Alternate Director		Area
1 st	KC1AU – Bob Wilson N1RNJ – Gary Sheridan		8 th KG8WL – Ralph A. Mitchell N8YPA – Jonathan Burge
2 nd	N2XTT – Peter Summers WU2M – Rocco Conte		9 th W9ROG – Roger Callewaert WA9DIY – Jim R. Foster
3 rd	N3WD – Bill Dobson W3ROG – Roger Goodreau		10 th WB0PYF – Ray Myers W0YV – Tim O'Hara
4 th	AE4NT – Ben I. Goldfarb KI4DFS – David C. Reece		DX VE3CMB – Craig McLoughlin VE4ABU – Al Rowe
5 th	AG5T – Marty Blaise N5MIG – Joe St. Columbia		President WF4H – Dwight Greenberg
6 th	W6LJK – George Huett K6YEK – Bill Fuller		Vice President K1YAG – Bill Wallace
7 th	WB7ASC – Ron Seese KG7BAN – Lee Kanon		Treasurer Secretary K9GWS – Gary Slagle K9EA – Dan Michnay
Board Members Present Are Shown In Bold Text			

2017-04-08 BOD Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Open Chat at the following link: <http://hamshackonline.net/openchat>. The use of an amateur radio frequency to conduct the Board Meeting was not selected.

The Board of Directors meeting held on, April 08, 2017, is a regular business meeting, and is deemed to have met the conditions of a quorum as one half or more of the Club Officers eligible to vote were present.

Agenda Items:

Board of Directors Meeting, **April 08, 2017, 20:00 CST** (April 09, 2017, at 01:00 UTC) called to order by **George, W6LJK**, Board Chairman pro tem. **Roger Callewaert, W9ROG**, Board Chairman was having computer problems and asked W6LJK to chair the meeting.

1. Roll Call:

BOD Attendance: 1-KC1AU, 2-N2XTT, 3-N3WD, 4-AE4NT, 5-AG5T, 6-W6LJK, 7-WB7ASC, 8- KG8WL, 9-None, 10-WB0PYF, DX-VE3CMB, President-WF4H, Vice President - K1YAG

2. Approval of March 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes

Chairman pro tem, **George, W6LJK** requested approval of the Minutes from the March 11, 2017 BOD meeting. Second by **Bill, K1YAG**, No Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT - Approve, 3: N3WD - Approve, 4: AE4NT - Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK - Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Approve, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG - N/P, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: - Approve

March 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes Approved: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Not Present-1.

3. Approval of March 2017 Financials

Chairman pro tem, **George W6LJK** requested approval of the February 2017 Financials. Second by **Peter N2XTT**, No Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT - Approve, 3: N3WD - Approve, 4: AE4NT - Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK - Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Approve, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG - N/P, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: - Approve.

March 2017 Financial Report Approved: Yes-12, No-0, Abstain-0, Not present-1.

4. Committee Reports:

Discussion/Comments: No reports were presented. **Ben, AE4NT** commented that he established a folder in the files section of the CCNBoard Yahoo group for Awards Committee reports.

5. Old Business: None

6. **New Business:** Dwight, WF4H presented Motion O4_2017_08 as follows: Move that liability insurance be purchased to cover any formal functions the club may sponsor; i.e., Eyeball, Hamcation etc.

Discussion: **Bill, N3WD** stated that this was needed immediately for the 2017 Eyeball. Further, the Baltimore ARC will cover it this year. **Dwight, WF4H** stated he would gather data on costs etc for the May BOD meeting.

7. **Motion for adjournment:** **Peter, N2XTT** made a motion to adjourn, Second by **Bill, K1YAG**. No Discussion or Objections

Chairman pro tem, **George, W6LJK** adjourned the meeting at 20:21 CST (01:21 UTC).

May Board of Directors Meeting

3905 Century Club, Inc. Board of Directors			
Area	Director / Alternate Director		Area
1 st	KC1AU – Bob Wilson N1RNJ – Gary Sheridan		8 th KG8WL – Ralph A. Mitchell N8YPA – Jonathan Burge
2 nd	N2XTT – Peter Summers WU2M – Rocco Conte		9 th W9ROG – Roger Callewaert WA9DIY – Jim R. Foster
3 rd	N3WD – Bill Dobson W3ROG – Roger Goodreau		10 th WB0PYF – Ray Myers W0YV – Tim O'Hara
4 th	AE4NT – Ben I. Goldfarb KI4DFS – David C. Reece		DX VE3CMB – Craig McLoughlin VE4ABU – Al Rowe
5 th	AG5T – Marty Blaise N5MIG – Joe St. Columbia		President WF4H – Dwight Greenberg
6 th	W6LJK – George Huett K6YEK – Bill Fuller		Vice President K1YAG – Bill Wallace
7 th	WB7ASC – Ron Seese KG7BAN – Lee Kanon		Treasurer Secretary K9GWS – Gary Slagle K9EA – Dan Michnay
Board Members Present Are Shown In Bold Text			

2017-05-13 BOD Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Open Chat at the following link: <http://hamshackonline.net/openchat>. The use of an amateur radio frequency to conduct the Board Meeting was not selected.

The Board of Directors meeting held on, **May 13, 2017**, is a regular business meeting, and is deemed to have met the conditions of a quorum as one half or more of the Club Officers eligible to vote were present.

Agenda Items:

Board of Directors Meeting, May 13, 2017, at 20:00 CST (May 14, 2017, at 01:00 UTC) called to order by Roger Callewaert, W9ROG, Board Chairman.

1. Roll Call:

BOD Attendance: 1-KC1AU, 2-N2XTT, 3-N/P, 4-AE4NT, 5-AG5T, 6-W6LJK, 7-WB7ASC, 8- KG8WL, 9-W9ROG, 10-WB0PYF, DX-VE3CMB, President—N/P, Vice President – K1YAG

2. Approval of April 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes

Chairman **Roger, W9ROG** requested approval of the Minutes from the April 8, 2017 BOD meeting. Second by **Bill, K1YAG**, No Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT – Approve, 3: N3WD – N/P, 4: AE4NT - Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK – Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Approve, 8: KG8WL - Abstain, 9: W9ROG – Approve, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H – N/P, Vice President: K1YAG – Approve

April 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes Approved: Yes-10, No-0, Abstain-1, Not Present-2.

May Board of Directors Meeting, continued

4. Approval of April 2017 Financials

Chairman **Roger, W9ROG** requested approval of the February 2017 Financials. Second by **Bill, K1YAG**, No Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT – Approve, 3: N3WD – N/P, 4: AE4NT – Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK – Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Approve, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG – Approve, 10: WBOPYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H – N/P, Vice President: K1YAG – Approve.

April 2017 Financial Report Approved: Approve-11, Disapprove-0, Abstain-0, Not present- 2.

5. Committee Reports:

Discussion/Comments: No reports were presented.

6. Old Business:

Last month, Dwight, WF4H presented **Motion 04_2017_08** as follows: Move that liability insurance be purchased to cover any formal functions the club may sponsor; i.e., Eyeball, Hamcation etc.

Discussion/Comments:

Due to his illness, **Dwight, WF4H** was not able to provide the cost estimates needed to go forward with this motion. **Ralph, KG8WL** moved that the motion be tabled; seconded by **Peter, N2XTT**. Board president **Roger, W9ROG** asked for a roll call vote on the motion to table.

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT – Approve, 3: N3WD – N/P, 4: AE4NT – Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK – Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Approve, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG – Approve, 10: WBOPYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H – N/P, Vice President: K1YAG – Approve. Motion to table **Motion 04_2017_08** Approved: Approve-11, Disapprove-0, Abstain-0, N/P-2

7. New Business:

Roger, W9ROG presented **Motion 05_2017_09**. Move that the club set up a booth at the Peoria hamfest starting with the September 16/17 session. Second by **Ralph, KG8WL**.

Discussion: This motion will be tabled per the normal protocol until the June BOD meeting. There was much agreement that the club needs to develop a general policy on hamfest participation instead of treating each one individually.

Bill, K1YAG has an invitation to represent the club at the next Huntsville hamfest for no cost. The overall topic of club participation in hamfests will be discussed at the June BOD meeting.

8. **Motion for adjournment:** Ben, AE4NT made a motion to adjourn, Second by George, W6LJK. No Discussion or Objections

Chairman **Roger, W9ROG** adjourned the meeting at 20:34 CST (01:34 UTC).





Awards Listing
March 16, 2017 to May 15, 2017

If you are on this list, thank a Net Control Operator!

Without a Net Control Operator and their relay stations, these awards would not have been possible.



20 Meter SSB 100 Point

WF4H	1	20	Dwight A. Greenberg	04/09/2017
AA0HF	2	20	Eric J. Johnson	04/19/2017
AA0ZP	3	20	Frank J. Taylor	04/27/2017
K1YAG	4	20	William R. Wallace	04/30/2017

20 Meter RTTY Beat The Clock

AA0HF	1	20	Eric J. Johnson	03/22/2017
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160 Meter SSB Beat The Clock

AA0HF	31	160	Eric J. Johnson	03/21/2017
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20 Meter CW 100 Point

AA0HF	84	20	Eric J. Johnson	03/27/2017
N0SJ	85	20	James A. Fahy	04/03/2017

20 Meter PSK 100 Point

KM9U	91	20	Charles W. Barnett II	04/12/2017
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20 Meter RTTY 100 Point

KM9U	87	20	Charles W. Barnett II	04/12/2017
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40 Meter PSK 100 Point

KM9U	101	40	Charles W. Barnett II	04/12/2017
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40 Meter SSB 100 Point

N5XJT	2939	40	Joe B. Taylor	04/01/2017
NJ8G	2940	40	Walter C. Reinert	04/13/2017

40 Meter SSB 500 Point

AA0AE	182	40	David M. Stewart	04/11/2017
WK1J	183	40	Richard J. Powell	05/07/2017

40 Meter SSB 1000 Point

AA0AE	598	40	David M. Stewart	04/26/2017
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40 Meter SSB 2000 Point

AF6MV	308	40	Michael J. Vranisky, Jr.	03/17/2017
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40 Meter SSB 5000 Point

KC9YY	78	40	David L. Southern	04/04/2017
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40 Meter SSB Nomad

K1YAG	234	40	William R. Wallace	04/18/2017
K1YAG	234	40	William R. Wallace	03/17/2017



Awards Listing

March 16, 2017 to May 15, 2017



75 Meter SSB 100 Point

N9BFI 3114 75 William P. Hildebrand 04/26/2017

75 Meter SSB 3000 Point

AA0HF 92 75 Eric J. Johnson 03/19/2017

75 Meter SSB Nite Owl

K9EA 402 75 Daniel F. Michnay 03/30/2017

75 Meter SSB Nomad

K1YAG 171 75 William R. Wallace 04/09/2017

AA0AE 175 75 David M. Stewart 04/13/2017

AA0AE 175 75 David M. Stewart 04/12/2017

75 Meter SSB Prefix

AA0HF 22 75 Eric J. Johnson 03/18/2017

80 Meter CW 100 Point

N1RNJ 170 80 Gary R. Sheridan, Jr. 04/23/2017

KG8WL 171 80 Ralph A. Mitchell 04/28/2017

80 Meter RTTY 100 Point

KG7BAN 96 80 Lee Kanon 04/13/2017

Bakers Dozen

NC8I 2946 40 Robert E. Berquist, Jr. 03/31/2017

KM9U 2947 40 Charles W. Barnett II 04/12/2017

Bakers Dozen Cert of Appreciation

K1YAG 2946 40 William R. Wallace 03/31/2017

W3BS 2947 40 Bernard "Buddy" M. Spiegel 04/12/2017

Certificate Hunters 40 and 75 SSB

AE4NT 604 75 Benjamin I. Goldfarb 05/09/2017

Millennium Award

AA0HF 59 Mix Eric J. Johnson 03/24/2017

National Park - Tourist

WB7AS
C 24 Ronald L. Seese 03/17/2017

Net Controllers Expert

K5GEB 111 Gary E. Brewer 04/06/2017

Net Controllers Journeyman

K9GWS 148 Gary W. Slagle 05/06/2017

WAS Caps 40 and 75 SSB

KM9U 563 40 Charles W. Barnett II 03/28/2017

WAS YL 40 and 75 SSB

K0HNM 116 40 Larry C. Snyder 04/04/2017

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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