



# The 3905 Century Club Telegraph

## A 3905 Century Club Monthly Newsletter

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the May 2021 issue of the 3905 Century Club Telegraph. You may have noticed the newsletter now has a name. This is to differentiate it from the Centurion. The Telegraph is intended to report club news and events in a timely manner. This issue has several new features. A classified section where members can buy, sell, or trade ham equipment. Also a section of upcoming road trips planned by members. As always, we are looking for article ideas and contributions. Please send ideas to [k7qhu@outlook.com](mailto:k7qhu@outlook.com).



## Eyeball 2021 is a Go!

Get to Mississippi! The 3905 Century Club Annual Eyeball is an in-person event this year! Our gathering was canceled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but as the case numbers wane and more folks are getting vaccinated, let's get together!

The 2021 Eyeball will be held July 14 – 18, 2021 at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville, MS. This venue offers a hotel, RV sites, a restaurant, meeting rooms, a waterfront setting among tall pine trees plus an antenna friendly environment! Also, Louisville is located near Starkville, MS - home of MFJ Enterprises and Mr. Martin Jue, K5FLU. MFJ is offering tours for interested 3905 CCN members of the MFJ plant as well as their Cushcraft, Hygain and Ameritron facilities. The tours will be Thursday morning, July 15. We will caravan from Lake Tiak O'Khata to MFJ. Mr. Richard Stubbs will be our guide through the world's largest manufacturer of ham radio products. Following our tour, MFJ is hosting lunch for us there before our return to the Eyeball site.



Thursday evening will begin the Eyeball in earnest as we have Mississippi Mobile night! Participants will enjoy the usual 3905 Century Club 40M and 75 M SSB nets from the shores of Lake Tiak O'Khata. Traditional Mississippi sweet tea and cornbread with the fixings will be available (as will other beverages and finger foods) with as many mobile stations as want to operate. There will be plenty of opportunity for all to operate, whether or not you brought your mobile rig.

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### Eyeball 2021 is a Go Continued:

After breakfast Friday, July 16 the famous Eyeball Special Nets begin! Four stations will be setup for these QRP nets on 20M, 40M, 75M and 80M on SSB, CW and RTTY. The nets will take a break for lunch and continue into the afternoon. The first banquet takes place Friday evening with Mr. Martin Jue, K5FLU as our guest speaker. His story of growing up in the Mississippi delta and the humble beginnings of MFJ Enterprises is truly inspiring when considering the impact their products have on amateur radio worldwide! Following the banquet, Mississippi portable night (MS/P) begins on the regularly scheduled 3905 CCN 40M and 75M SSB nets.



Saturday, July 17, the Mobile Shootout contest begins! Mr. Doug Camp, K5BAK has graciously offered his private turf airstrip, providing the needed uninterrupted straight line to measure mobile signals. Ben, AE4NT and Dwight, WF4H will be the Mobile Shootout ringmasters as all that wish to compete for Top Gun recognition or simply measure their mobile signal strength can do so. It's been awhile since the Mobile Shootout has been held. In fact, we expect Tom Bates, AA1NZ to be on hand to critique and encourage the event he developed for the club many years ago.

While the folks are at the mobile shootout, the featured event for out YLs and any that aren't at the shootout, our Eyeball hostesses will offer a Mississippi Winetasting at Lake Tiak O'Khata. A flight of wines from local wineries will be offered for our guests' enological edification and enjoyment!



For the teetotalers, Lake Tiak O'Khata offers a waterfront to cool off or tan on their beach with a beverage of their choice or enjoy a stroll beneath the towering pine trees there.

Saturday afternoon is an opportunity to finish up the Eyeball Special Nets before our club's Annual Membership meeting and in-person Board of Directors Meeting. Presidential awards will be given out by club president Dean Davis, N7XG and the Mobile Shootout Masters will announce the morning's results. Raffles, Grand prizes and door prizes will also take place. The entire group is invited to be in the memorable 3905 Century Club Eyeball photos of the whole group and one of the attending Master's Degree award holders.

Another banquet follows! Attendees will enjoy supper at the Lake Tiak O'Khata banquet room featuring great food, fellowship and a toast to our newest Masters.



Sunday morning July 18, will be breakfast at Lake Tiak O'Khata's restaurant and fond farewells before packing up and heading back home.

Returning Eyeball attendees and those there for the first time will attest to the fun an Eyeball is! The week leading up to and following the Eyeball is great chance for new states, capitals, tripoints, state lines, etc to come to the usual nets as Eyeballers make their way. The chance to visit, meet the voices heard on our nets and enjoy a new state is the real highlight of the 3905 Century Club Eyeball. A great group of people having a great time!

Very best 73 from MS!

Kirk Frazier, AA1NA

2021 Eyeball Coordinator

Photos Courtesy of Lake Tiak O'Khata

## Dean's Column

### Notes from the President

By Dean Davis, N7XG



Springtime finally came here in Oregon and everything is in bloom and my poor nose is suffering a bit. We are being told that rain is in the forecast and that we will also be having a water shortage this year. Thank goodness I kept the water containers from 2019 when our water was contaminated.

The net pilot project got underway on April 1st with several glitches that we have had to solve along the way. I would like to say that I am very proud to have a team of net Controllers, and net Control Stations that are providing good in site to what is going on with our nets and providing good feedback with suggestions for solutions. I think we are all trying to figure out our comfort levels with this new (at least for the time being) norm is. I have only gotten a couple of complaints that people did not like getting 2 calls.

The 2020 Eyeball is in high gear and if you are planning on going I would suggest you get registered. This will allow Kirk to further plan the activities he has in store for us and perhaps some surprises. I am working with Kirk with the planning of nets to be held during the eyeball. Also there is a buzz in the air that the club will be having some sort of activity over the summer that will be fun and rewarding but, yes, it is still a secret and I can't tell you about it.

I would like to ask all members that if they have issues with NetLogger to get in contact with AA0HF, Eric Johnson so that he can coordinate them with the NetLogger Folks.

And finally I have word that our Telegram editor is going through a rough patch, and I mean a rough one. Seems like the temperature is still cool enough and he is not able to use his pool. Lets all send out our prayers to Steve.

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Dean

## Ben's Column

### Notes from the Awards Secretary

By Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT

**H**ere we are on the cusp of May, already! Spring is a time of renewal with several exciting changes coming to the club both Net Operations and Awards.

### Net Procedure Change Trial

If you have not checked into our nets for a while, you will see a difference next time you do. President **Dean, N7XG**, and Vice President **Bob, KN4EUK**, along with our excellent team of Net Coordinators have worked together to update and streamline net procedures, which are currently in a trial on our SSB nets. Give it a shot!

### 2021 Eyeball Forthcoming

Please mark your calendars, make your reservations, and plan to attend the 2021 Eyeball gathering in Louisville, MS, on July 14-18. We will have something for everyone: nets, a mobile antenna shoot-out, banquets, awards, door prizes, and lots of camaraderie with your fellow club members.

**Dwight, WF4H**, and I will be running the mobile antenna shootout this year. We have had two years to prepare for it, so it better be good! For reasons beyond our control, we did not have shootouts in 2019 or 2020. This year, Eyeball Host **Kirk, AA1NA**, has reserved a private airport for our exclusive use on the morning of July 17, so this is going to be fun!

Please see the club website for more details and for on-line registration for the Eyeball and the Shootout.

### Meet the Awards Committee

While I chair the Awards Committee, I am low man on the totem pole. I am privileged to serve with four holders of the Master's Degree, the Club's most prestigious award. Our two most recent Masters, **Kirk, AA1NA** (Master #74), and **David, WN1F** (Master #73), bring new ideas to the committee, while long-time Masters **Peter, N2XTT** (Master #6), and **Jim, N5OHL** (Master #17) provide experience, grounding, and stability. Meanwhile, non-Master **Ben, AE4NT**, blows a lot of wind and tries to keep things moving forward. Working with these distinguished individuals is a wonderful treat.

### New Old-Timer Award

Your Awards Committee is always working to enhance award opportunities. Thanks to an idea from **Jim, N5OHL**, we have created an Old-Timer Award, which the Board approved for implementation starting May 1. The award honors members in good standing who have been with the Club at least thirty years since their first 100-point award was issued. It is not an automatic designation – in other words, you will have to take the step of initiating an application like our other awards, with one big exception – it is free! The purpose of this program is to honor our long-time, loyal members and provide a new category with which to make contacts for future awards. Awards will be serially numbered, so jump on it quickly and you will get a good, low number!

Space does not permit an elaborate presentation here. A more robust announcement and a web page devoted to the program will have been produced by the time you read this.

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## New Members in April

As of the time I am writing this, we have added eight new members during the month: **N5WGA, WA0YMC, KF5IVJ, N2SFT, N4YFH, N5KB, K9DBB, and AI4K**. Congratulations to all and welcome to our Club!

Please see our website for more information about our excellent collection of awards!

*In future months I will continue to keep you abreast of current developments on the awards front. In the meanwhile, stay healthy and good DX!*

## May Contests

### Contests in May that could impact net operations:

- **ARI International DX Contest 1200Z, May 1 to 1159Z, May 2**
- **CQ-M International DX Contest 1200Z, May 8 to 1159Z, May 9**
- **VOLTA WW RTTY Contest—1200Z May 8 to 1200Z May 9**



## Upcoming Events and Special Nets in April, 2021

### Special Nets:

- **May 8<sup>th</sup>: VE Day: All veterans receive 2 calls per round.**
- **May 27<sup>th</sup>: Rodeo Night: Make as many calls as you can in two minutes.**

Note, running a special net is at the discretion of the NCS.

Stations need to identify eligibility when checking in.

**ALL DATES FOR THE ABOVE NETS ARE LOCAL!**

### Upcoming Events:

- **3905CCN Board Meeting: Saturday May 8, 2021.**
- **2021 Eyeball Louisville, MS, July 14 –18, 2001**

## Road Trips!

This is where you can get the scoop on upcoming member road trips.

### KL7JR

**J**ohn KL7JR is planning a cross country trip in the late May – July timeframe. Below is the information John has provided:



### KL7JR Road Trip May 30-July 30

Claire and I are heading for Pasco, WA with several stops along the way for mobile or portable operating from:

MO, MS (tentative), Tri-point (SD, IA and MN), ND cap plus other ND spots, MB, SK, MT, AB, Glacier National Park (MT), ID and WA border, maybe BC (?), WY plus a few more states including another tri-point (OK, KS & CO) in route to Eyeball 2021 then home. Some stops are 1 night only and entrance to Canada may not be allowed due to covid. We will spend 2 weeks in WA (June 13- July 1) before heading to WY.

Will have a few clubs and special event calls (KL7JR celebrating 43 years on HF!) along. All clubs except KL7RST and 1x1's are NCN (1x1 Special Event calls are issued for USA only.) New club K8ICE (replaces N1RAC) will debut. K7ICE is the "Ice Machine" and K8ICE is "Mrs. Ice Machine", hi hi! I'll QSL via CCN buro or with your SASE. Hope to work you then.

73, "Yukon John" KL7JR

## Clubs on the Move!

If you are hosting a club, this is the place to let members know!

**J**ohn, WN0P will be hosting the club call KP2JR/p (thanks to KL7JR for making it available) for the first 3 weeks in May. John is planning on getting on as many nets as he can. Hats off to John for hosting a 2x2 call! Folks looking to finish out their 100pt awards should listen up for KP2JR/p South Dakota! John frequents the Digital and CW Nets as well as the SSB nets.



## Speaking of Road Trips

### TX-LA-AR tripoint – Marty Blaise, AG5T

If you are interested in going to this tripoint, I think you will be pleased with the location. The city of Atlanta, Texas is not far from the location and has three motels.

The actual tripoint is a small concrete three-sided marker under a tree. However, there is plenty of parking space close to the marker. I operated mobile on 40 and 75 there and noise was minimal.

There is not much in the area except for a liquor store just over the line in Louisiana. It does get quite a bit of activity though as you would expect.

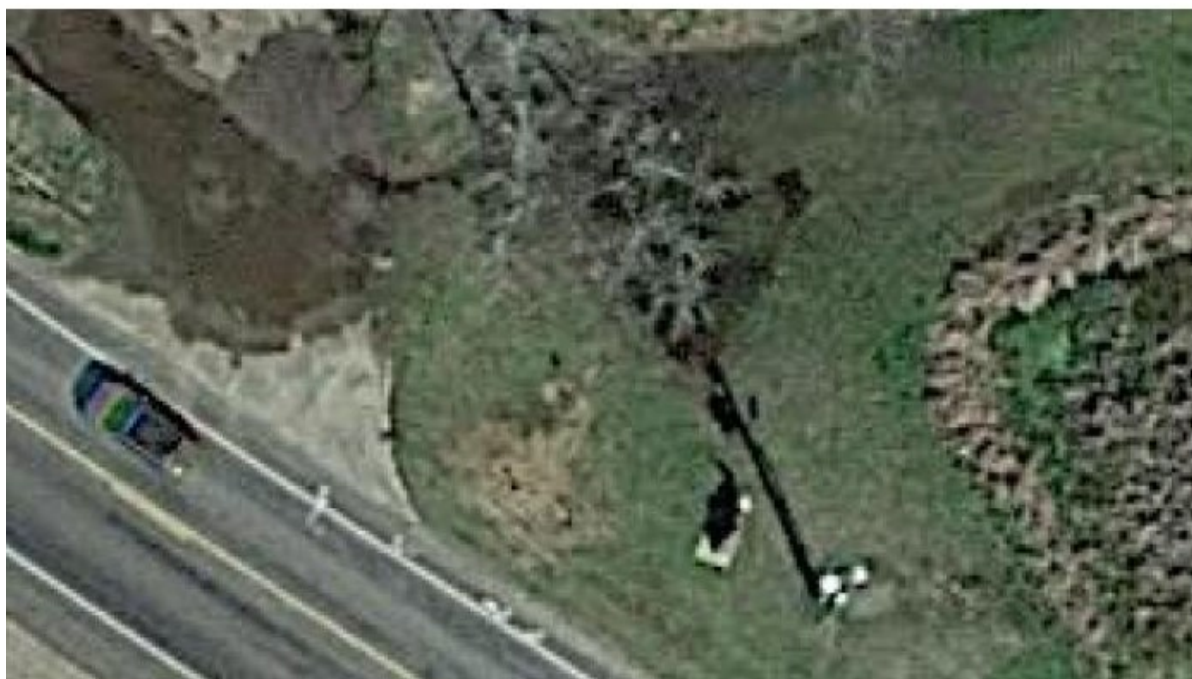
When I went to change antennas, the night sky was absolutely incredible including the Milky Way.

To get to this tripoint:

- From Atlanta, Texas take State Highway 77 east for about 17 miles to the tripoint.
- From Louisiana, take State Highway 1 north from Rodessa about 10 miles to the tripoint. Note: I did not see any motels listed in Rodessa. Closest is in Vivian, LA.
- From Arkansas, it will take a series of back roads. Use something like [maps.google.com](https://www.google.com/maps) and plan accordingly. No motels in this part of Arkansas as it's very rural, although if you don't mind driving a bit, you could try Texarkana for lodging.



TX-LA-AR Tripoint Marker



Aerial View of the TX-LA-AR Tripoint

# CLASSIFIED ADS

This section is for members who would like to sell, swap, or purchase ham gear. If you would like to list your equipment here, please send the information to [k7qhu@outlook.com](mailto:k7qhu@outlook.com). The deadline for ads is the 25th of the month.



## FOR SALE: KENWOOD TS-870

I have for sale a Kenwood TS-870 HF Transceiver S/N 20800043 with the matching Power Supply PS-52 S/N 20700009.

The Transceiver has the following options installed: SO-2 TCXO, DRU-3A Digital recording Unit, and VS-2 Voice synthesizer. Also included is the Original Hand Microphone (Never Used) the Power Cord, and the Original Manual. The radio operates as it should, Full Power, with one exception. When received new the 28.5 to 28.6 (Approximate) segment of the Ten Meter band would cause the display to blank out. I never had this repaired as I don't operate in that portion of the band. Probably a faulty diode or capacitor. There is one small scratch on the case top. Reason for selling, I am downsizing due to shack space and this radio is in excess of my needs. No Returns. This radio will be double boxed in the original carton. The Power Supply will ship separately in a double box well packed. I will not consider any trades. Asking Price is \$900.00 delivered insured to the Lower 48 States. I will not ship internationally. If picked up locally, I will remove actual shipping charges from the price. I will ship next business day after Check Clears.



Preferred Payment, Bank Check or Personal Check. All inquires should be made to my email address on QRZ.

Robert, W4RHB

## FOR SALE: ANY TONE DMR DUAL BAND RADIO WITH APRS AND BLUE TOOTH. MODEL 878UV-PLUS

Up graded antenna. Purchased this HT and decided not to go DMR.

Never really used. More pictures available.

Asking \$205

All inquires should be made to my email address on QRZ.

Mike, KU1V



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**For Sale: Instant Signal Improvement!**

**US Tower MA550 freestanding 55' crank-up tubular tower**

**MARB550C rotor base**

**MAF550 raising fixture**

**M-10 top mast**

**102A electric hoisting winch**

**T2X tail twister rotator**

**Telex/Hy-Gain EX-14 Explorer tri-bander with included 30 and 40 Meter kits (can only use either one at a time) making it a quad-bander**

All original manuals, instructions, and engineering calculations.

Everything is working order and new cost in 1987 was \$3,000. So, I'm expecting around \$1,700. I prefer to accept offers from CC Members first.

See one pic of it on my QRZ.com listing, and I have other close-ups I can send if interested. E-mail Tom, AA1NZ at: [tbates@metrocast.net](mailto:tbates@metrocast.net)



**The End - Exit with a smile!**

This has been a fun issue to put together. I appreciate all the input I have received. Please keep in mind that if you are planning a road trip, are hosting a new (to you) club for a limited time, you have ham equipment to sell or trade or looking to buy, or a story that would interest members, send the details to [k7qhu@outlook.com](mailto:k7qhu@outlook.com) to have it published in the newsletter. See you next month!



**Thanks to Steve, N6RSH for submitting this photo!**