



The 3905 Century Club Telegraph

A 3905 Century Club Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to the June 2021 issue of the 3905 Century Club Telegraph. As the 2021 Eyeball approaches, I think everyone is looking forward to Eyeball week. There will be numerous chances to work the members who are traveling to, traveling from and staying at the Eyeball site. See Ben's Column for a "heads up" on a "2021 Eyeball Award."

We are always looking for article ideas and contributions. Please send articles or suggestion for articles to:

k7qhu@outlook.com.



Eyeball 2021 is Quickly Approaching!

Update from Kirk, AA1NA

The big event is getting closer! If you haven't already, sign up for and get to Eyeball 2021 at Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville, MS!

The dates are July 14 - 18, 2021.

There are a number of activities for all 3905ers!

- Registration/arrival/setup - Wednesday afternoon
- MS/M tailgate party - Wednesday evening
- MFJ Tours - Thursday morning
- Special Nets - Thursday afternoon
- MS/P party - Thursday evening
- Special Nets - Friday morning



- More Special Nets - Friday afternoon
- Guest Speaker Banquet - Mr. Martin Jue, K5FLU Friday supper
- Operator's choice - MS/M or MS/P for regular 3905 CCN nets - Friday evening
- Mobile Shootout - Saturday morning
- Catchup Special Nets - Saturday afternoon
- Group pictures - All attendees, All attendees w/ masks, Master's Degree award holders
- July Board of Director's meeting
- Annual Membership Meeting - Presidential awards, raffle prizes, door prizes
- Members Banquet - Saturday supper
- MS/M or MS/P regular 3905 CCN nets - Saturday evening
- Farewell breakfast - Sunday morning

Mississippi



If you have an interest in going, talk with someone who has been to one! They are a tremendous amount of fun and an opportunity to make contacts on nets that have in recent years had their most check-ins ever! Folks have been heard to say there is a lot of laughter and even more contacts!

You're cordially invited!

Kirk, AA1NA

If you are attending the EyeBall, please consider writing an article about your trip and submitting it to the Telegraph for publication!

Dean's Column

Notes from the President

By Dean Davis, N7XG

Our president is on the injured reserve list this month recovering from surgery after breaking his leg in an accident. Here is wishing Dean a quick recovery! To help cheer Dean up, I submit the following:



I tried to lie to my x-ray tech about my broken leg, but he could see right through me... and then I didn't have a leg to stand on.

What do you call a dinosaur with a broken leg? An Owmi-legisaur!

Dean is directing a movie about his broken leg. It has a stellar supporting cast!

Dean told his doctor that he broke his leg in two places. The doctor said "quit going to those places"!



HOPE YOU ARE BACK TO 100 PERCENT HEALTH SOON! THE TELEGRAPH MISSES YOU.

Ben's Column

Notes from the Awards Secretary

By Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT

Summer is just around the corner and along with it we have seen a broad-based easing of Covid-19 restrictions. Time to dust off that mobile rig and hit the road and check into some nets! The 3905 Century Club offers a broad variety of awards for working both from and to mobile stations.

Mobile Awards

The **Clint Wise Mobile Award** recognizes a mobile operator for making at least five contacts each from a minimum of twenty states. The **Nomad Award** also rewards mobile operation, but instead of requiring a minimum number of states, it assigns points values to contacts, and it is theoretically possible to earn it by operating mobile in a single



state or province. The **Baker's Dozen Award** recognizes operators who contact a specific mobile operator in thirteen states or provinces. The **Reginald Fessenden Award** is like the Clint Wise Mobile Award, but it applies to provinces and territories in Canada, with requirements tailored to suit the fewer number of such entities.

While those listed above are the most popular mobile awards, we have additional awards for mobiles and those who work them. Examples are the **National Parks Award**, **Roaming Master Award**, **Tri-Point Award**, **High Point Award**, **Low Point Award**, and **Oldest Towns Award**, along with specialty variants such as **WAS – Same Station Mobile**.

A new **Eyeball Week Award** was approved by the Board of Directors last year, but never was implemented due to Covid-19. For this award, one accumulates points by contacting stations heading to the Eyeball gathering, or by mobile operators heading to the eyeball contacting others on the nets. The Eyeball this year is in Louisville, MS, July 14-18. Look for an announcement of the award in the next couple weeks.

All in all, it should be a bang-up mobile season (no pun intended), given all the pent-up demand.

Awards Highlights for May

Speaking of the **Clint Wise Mobile Award**, one of our highlights for May was the road trip of **Mike Rush, KU1V**, and his earning the Clint Wise at Level 48 on 40M SSB. Mike has just two more states to go – you guessed it, Alaska and Hawaii. Mike says those will take some extra planning, but it sounds to me like that planning might already be underway. Upon approval of Level 48, the applicant gets a free plaque, with endorsement plates available for 49 and 50. Upon reaching 50, the awardee will be forever announced on our nets as "Roadrunner." We thank Mike for his excellent mobile operation!

Another stupendous accomplishment in May was **Dick Harting, W2RCH**, earning some astronomical levels of progressive awards. Dick had recently earned 14,000 on 40M SSB, but this month he outdid himself by earning 15,000 through 20,000. Wow! Big congratulations to Dick and a tip of the hat to his area awards manager, **Clay Statmore, WA2JIM**, who scrutinized the thousands of QSL cards required to earn these point levels.

In case you're wondering, the all-time leader in progressive awards is **Peter Summers, N2XTT**, whose current high water mark is 45,000 points on 40M SSB. Peter also is atop the heap on 75M SSB, with 22,000 points.

New Old-Timer Award

Last month, we told you about our newest award, the Old-Timer designation whose only requirements are that the applicant must have been a member in good standing for at least thirty years. I had forecast that we would issue a dozen or so right off the bat. However, my expectations were exceeded by fifty percent. By the end of May, we had issued 18 Old-Timer Awards!

New Members in May

As of the time I am writing this, we have added two new members in May, both in One-Land: **Abel Da Silva, KE1AF**, and **Jason Andrews, W1SFS**. Congratulations and welcome to our Club!

Please see the club 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 June that could impact net operations:

- 10-10 int. Open Season PSK Contest: 0000Z, Jun 5 to 2400Z, Jun 6
- DigiFest: 0400Z-1200Z, Jun 5 and 2000Z, Jun 5 to 0400Z, Jun 6 and 1200Z-2000Z, Jun 6
- ARRL Field Day: 1800Z, Jun 26 to 2100Z, Jun 27



Upcoming Events and Special Nets in April, 2021

Upcoming Events:

- 3905CCN Board Meeting: Saturday June 12, 2021.
- 2021 Eyeball Louisville, MS, July 14 –18, 2001

Special Nets:

No Special Nets have been submitted to the newsletter for June.

Speaking of Contests

Thanks to "Yukon John" KL7JR for submitting this article.

KL7RA- Alaska's Premier Contest Station

Richard Strand, the original KL7RA, operated the premiere Multi-Operator, Multi-Transmitter contest station in Alaska/Zone 1 for nearly 40 years. His station was originally in Fairbanks, then in Two Rivers, and finally at its present location on the Kenai Peninsula in Nikiski. He was a mentor to many contesters, friend to even more, and a storyteller (some even true) par excellence. The earlier station lives on as the home of Leon Ledlow, N1TX, who hosts the Two Rivers Radio Club KL2R station there. Rich passed away too young at the age of 68 in November 2015. We wanted his legacy to live on, and knew that if it didn't, KL7/Zone 1 was unlikely to have an operation of that scale happen again. Stephen Bloom, KL7SB, arranged to lease and eventually buy the property and asked Wigi Tozzi, KL0R, who operated with Rich for 30 years, to manage operations.

We plan to participate in most major contests. Ops will use their own callsigns for Single-Op efforts, and we'll bring back Rich's call for our Multi-Op team.

If you need Alaska on HF just email them and they will try to make it happen. They are easy to work in contests under mild pileups, hi hi! When I lived in Anchorage in 1990-1994, KL7Y (SK 1998) was the premier contest station in Wasilla. I had the pleasure of operating there a couple of times. What a wonderful experience I had.

73, "Yukon John" KL7JR

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The “DX” Part of “Worked all States and DX Awards Net

Marty, AG5T Has been diligently working to invite DX stations to our nets. His efforts are appreciated by all members. Thanks Marty! Here is his story.

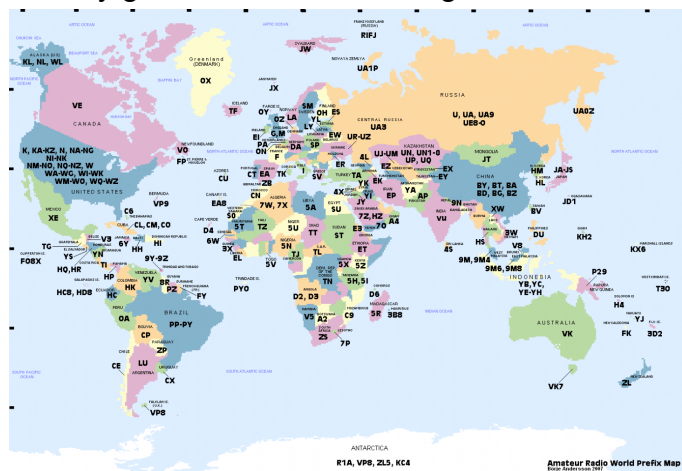
Inviting DX to the Century Club nets – Marty Blaise, AG5T

For the past several months, I've been sending invitations to individual DX stations and DX club stations to join the Century Club nets. My goal was and is to bring more DX to the nets. I try to invite more DX stations at least every week.

I first began with inviting stations that could operate on our frequencies. For example, all Caribbean countries and Central American countries can operate on 3.902 a frequency commonly used on 75 meter ssb nets. So I started by inviting from that area. There are more than 25 DXCC entities in the Caribbean. That is one of the first things I learned – lots of DX south of the United States.

Several criteria are used in the process of inviting DX stations:

- Using DX summit to see what DX stations are operating during 3905 CC net hours.
- Inviting DX I may have worked on a different net (such as worked them on 40 and invited them to 75 etc.)
- Inviting DX back to our nets. I look through the net compilation list on WB5FDP's web site and scan nets for DX call signs. Then use qrz.com to find their email address.
- I also use DX summit to filter down activity by country and band. For example, I can set up a filter for 6Y Jamaica and see the call signs from that country and what band they have been on and at what time. I can even filter more by selecting phone and 40 meters to narrow it down more.
- I put together an invitation paragraph that I email to DX stations. I have learned what countries speak English and those who speak Spanish and French. I translated my paragraph into those languages. When I send to Nicaragua, for example, I'll send English and Spanish.
- For a personal touch, I send individual emails to each station and include their first name in the text of the email. It takes a lot of time to do it this way. I could send bcc: to lots of stations, but it's likely to be tagged as spam that way.
- I also let the station know if they need more information to go to the club web site or they can email me.



Some of the recent DX that have checked into our nets include these countries:

- Anguilla
- Guantanamo Bay
- Cuba
- Cayman Islands
- Dominican Republic
- Montserrat
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Belize
- Nicaragua



And sometimes there are DX stations that

I did not invite, but do check into a net - such as Italy and others on the 20 meter SSB nets. I have expanded my invitations to many other areas, countries, continents etc. I still have a lot to learn in this process, but I'm doing this to try and help everyone get these contacts.

Marty, AG5T

Road Trips!

KL7JR ROAD TRIP 2021

I will pack a pair of TS-570D's, a couple of Hustler verticals including my 60-year-old 10-80m Webster Bandspanner (the original screw driver antenna!) and a 10-80m end fed wire. Mobile/portable SSB itinerary is as follows (my new states/calls in yellow). Please favor me by applying for a Bakers Dozen award (application attached) should you have 13 of my mob/port QSLs (I have already done 9 states), and I'll get a free certificate in return. Thanks!



- May 25/28...SC KL7JR K8ICE N7J...FIXED/MOBILE/PORTABLE
- May 30...AL KL7JR K8ICE K1Z...MOBILE
- June 1...MO KL7JR K8ICE K1Z...MOBILE
- June 2/3...Tri Point SD, IA and MN KL7JR K8ICE K1Z...MOBILE
- June 4/5...ND State Cap KL7JR KL7RST K1Z...PORTABLE (+ 20m net)

- June 6/7...International Peace Garden, ND and Manitoba border (VE4 doable via back road!) ..KL7JR VE8AU...MOBILE
- June 8/9...ND and MT KL7JR KL7RST K1Z...MOBILE
- June 10...Glacier National Park- MT KL7JR KP2JR K1Z...MOBILE
- June 11...Glacier National Park- MT KL7JR KP2JR K8J...PORTABLE
- June 12...ID and WA border KL7JR VE8AU K8J...MOBILE (+ 20m net)
- June 13/25...WA (various) and OR KL7JR NH7DX K8J...MOB/PORT (+20m net)
- June 26/July 8...ID, MT& WY KL7JR K8ICE N4Z...MOB/PORT (+20m net)
- July 9...Tri Point CO, OK and KS KL7JR K8ICE N4Z...MOBILE
- July 10...Tri Point CO, OK and KS KL7JR K8ICE N5A...MOBILE (+20m net)
- July 13/16...MS Eyeball 2021 KL7JR NH7DX N5A...PORTABLE
- July 17-...SC KL7JR N5A...MOBILE/PORTABLE/FIXED (+20m net)

Note: Dates are “real time” and may vary a day either way. Canada is still enforcing quarantine for visitors but a “back road” at International Peace Garden (ND/MB border) may be doable for our purposes (?). Look for K1Z, K8J, N4Z, N5A (1x1's are NCN) and new club K8ICE (NCN) during the trip. KL7JR and KL7RST are card requested. I will QSL via CCN buro.

CU then.

73 de “Yukon John” KL7JR

Here is the inside scoop on Yukon John's mobile antenna for the trip

Webster Bandspanner vertical on a mag mount.

My 60-year-old Webster Bandspanner (10, 15, 20, 40 and 80m), father of the modern-day screw driver antenna, on a tri-mag mount. Only the frame, fenders and hood of my motor home are metal so getting a good ground plane was a struggle. I tried many other antennas but this one tuned the best on 20, 40 and 75m! I was disappointed with my Hustler resonators. Note the



jumper cables grounded to the frame up front. Under the hood I added a ground strap from fender to hood to frame. If I added a couple of bungee cords or mounted an antenna connector directly to the hood this set up would be road worthy. This vertical provided thousands of contacts for me in Alaska and the Yukon over the years!



Webster Bandspanner on the hitch.



I'm testing which antenna mount works the best. Didn't have many choices, hi hi! Pictured is a 1.5 inch angle iron by 3 foot long bolted to the hitch (less ball). I also grounded the mast to the frame. With more permanent supporting this hitch mount with antenna would also be road worthy.



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. The deadline for ads is the 25th of the month.

FOR SALE
HAM GEAR

No Classified Ads Placed This Month!

But all is not lost! Peter, N2XTT advises that the Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club (FLARC) Ham-fest is to be held on Saturday, June 5, 2021 in Fair Lawn, NJ.

See <http://hamfest.FairLawnARC.org> for additional information.

The End - Exit with a Smile!

This has been a another 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 are looking to buy, or a story that would interest members, please send the details to k7qhu@outlook.com to have it published in the newsletter.

It would be nice to have a Technical Corner in the newsletter. If you can contribute a technical article (with photos if possible) that would be great. Antenna projects, homebrew projects, repair projects, "how to" articles would all be welcome.

I am also hoping for articles from members about your trip and stay at the Eyeball.

Now for the smile!

Two elderly hams had been friends for many decades. Over the years they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures on the ham bands. Lately, their activities have been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards. One day they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me.....I know we've been friends for a long time.....but I just can't think of your name and your call.! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember them. Please tell me what they are." His friend glared at him. For at least three minutes he just stared and glared at the gray haired old man.. Finally he said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Thanks to N4UJW for the smile!

73 All!

