



The 3905 Century Club Telegraph

A 3905 Century Club Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to the August 2021 issue of the 3905 Century Club Telegraph.

The summer doldrums are upon us, now that the 2021 Eyeball has come and gone. This issue is a little thin as folks are taking vacations, are under the weather or just generally exhibiting symptoms of the “dog days of summer”



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

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Eyeball 2021 Has Come and Gone. We Mississippi it Already!

Eyeball 2021 has ended after a successful run from July 14th thru July 18th. Hats off to Kirk AA1NA for all the hard work he put into making sure the 2021 Eyeball was a rousing success!

Thanks to Rusty Kirkpatrick (WU2T), Marty Blaise (AG5T) and Yukon John (KL7JR) for posting 2021 Eyeball photos on the club website. Be sure to check them out!

All eyes are now turning towards the summer of 2022 and wondering who will host the 2022 Eyeball. Read Dean's column for a clue!



Dean's Column

Notes from the President

By Dean Davis, N7XG

Well after almost 2 years we finally had our annual Eyeball and despite being hit by COVID, Kirk (AA1NA) did a fine job. Stay tuned. I would encourage everyone to give him at least the 2 thumbs up if not more.



Plans are already underway for the 2023 eyeball in Ohio and the board should be taking a first good look at the August board meeting

My recovery is going slow, and I am making progress. Not quite ready for any 10k runs. Just a little tip to everyone who is over 75 "DON'T BREAK YOUR LEG" (way over-rated).

Due to my slow recovery the Net Pilot vote was postponed until the August Board meeting. We are having a little problem with the Net Scripts and hope to get this resolved in early August. As I have said before most people are supportive of the new format and are definitely getting more calls in less time. We are also seeing more new people interested in the club.

Despite being the summer and some of our volunteers are out on vacation the IT group continues to make good progress with the new website and the data associated with membership data. We have decided that we will not roll out the new website until it is completely done.

Finally, for all those 20m SSB folks I would ask all of you to be patient while the Net Coordinator can find us a stable frequency. We have had some issues with another club recently that is causing issues, not to mention QRM. Anyway, Gary will get it figured out.

If you are looking for warmer weather, I would suggest a trip to Oregon this summer. Last month we hit 114 and it was a real bruiser. Also, if you come don't forget to bring a good supply of masks that can filter smoke and ash as it is starting to get bad.

That's all for now. Dean N7XG

Ben's Column

Notes from the Awards Secretary

By Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT

Ben is on vacation and his column will resume next month. In the meantime, listen for Ben on the nets. Ben was last heard mobile in Illinois!

Stay safe on the road Ben!



August Contests

Contests in August that could impact net operations:

North American QSO Party, **CW** 1800Z, Aug 7 to 0559Z, Aug 8

WAE DX Contest, **CW** 0000Z, Aug 14 to 2359Z, Aug 15

SARTG WW **RTTY** Contest 0000Z-0800Z, Aug 21 and
1600Z-2400Z, Aug 21 and
0800Z-1600Z, Aug 22

North American QSO Party, **SSB** 1800Z, Aug 21 to 0559Z, Aug 22



Upcoming Events and Special Nets in August, 2021

Note: Regular Board Meetings are always held on the second Saturday of each month, 9 Eastern, 8 Central, 7 Mountain, 6 Pacific.

Upcoming Events:

- 3905CCN Board Meeting: Saturday August 14, 2021.

Special Nets:

No Special Nets have been submitted to the newsletter this month.

Speaking of DX

Marty (AG5T) has been working behind the scenes inviting DX stations to check into our nets. Marty gives us a peek at how he handles the language barrier.



How to practice your Spanish (and invite DX stations) and other languages - Marty AG5T

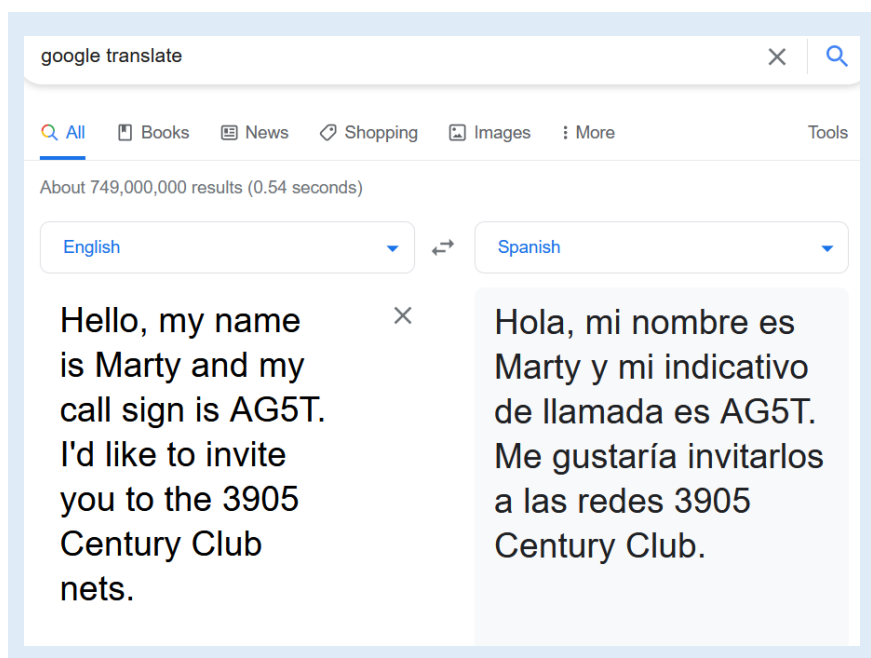
I've used an internet function called Google Translate to invite DX stations. Here's how I do it.

I first type the paragraph in English such as the following:

Hello, my name is Marty and my call sign is AG5T. I'd like to invite you to the 3905 Century Club nets.

You will see two sides. Select English on the left and let's say Spanish, on the right.

Enter the English paragraph and then watch as it shows up in Spanish on the right. **HOWEVER**, we need to do one more step. We need to check in reverse!



Copy and paste the Spanish side and move it to the left side. Change the language to Spanish. You will then need to change the right side to English. Read the English carefully as it might contain "broken" English or incorrect phrases. The ham radio word for "net" is redes in Spanish, but translates as networks in English. You may have to do some trial and error but most of the phrasing will be translated pretty close. As for "networks" I simply replace the word redes on the Spanish side with the word net and it will show up as "net" on the English. Most Spanish speaking hams know what the word "net" means.

Play around with it and you'll start figuring out certain words you can change. You can also try translating single words as a test.

Road Trips!

There were no road trips submitted for this edition of the Telegraph.

With that said, members may be taking spontaneous day trips or weekend trips! Be sure to check the nets for these unplanned trips! You may be able to snag a contact with that state you really need or that elusive 13th contact to complete a “Bakers Dozen”.



Remember, if you do have the luxury of planning a trip, please let the readers of the Telegraph know by submitting your agenda!

Club Stations on the Move!

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

No notifications about hosting a club station or special event were received this month.

Cheat Sheet to Help Interpret the Solar Indexes.

See the cheat sheet in the box on the left. Thanks to AL (VK4BL). Below is a “Three Day SFI and A-Index Forecast from dx.qsl.net.

Date	SFI	A-index
01 Aug	74	12
02 Aug	72	8
03 Aug	72	5

Looks like the A-Index is headed in the right direction, but the SFI not so much!

Cheat notes (for the non readers)

The A index [LOW is GOOD]

- 1 to 6 best
- 7 to 9 is OK
- 11 or more not so good

K index [LOW is GOOD]

- 0 or 1 best
- 2 is OK
- 3 or more not so good
- 5 is really terrible

SFI index [HIGH is GOOD]

- 70 not good
- 80 good
- 90 better
- 100+ best

Thanks to AL (VK4BL)

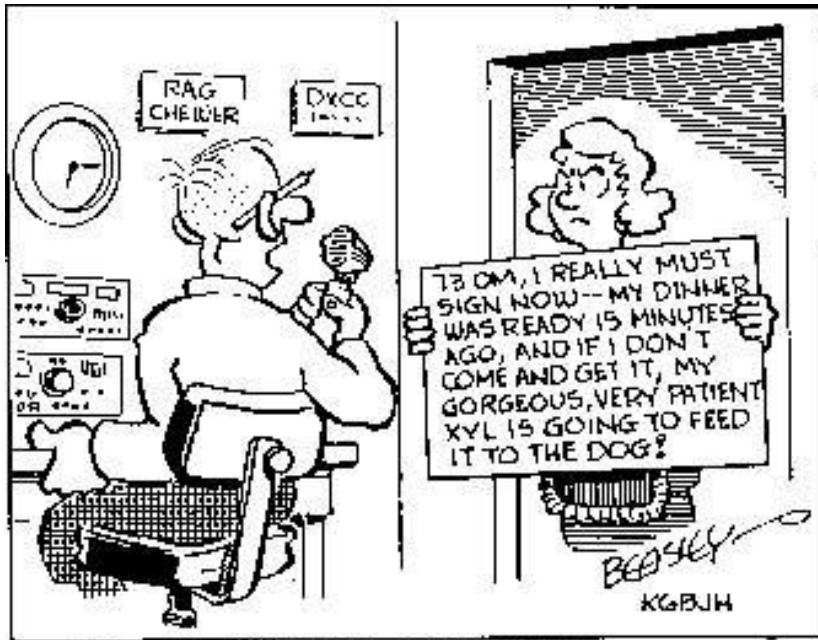
CLASSIFIED ADS

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.



No Classified Ads Placed This Month!

The End - Exit with a Smile!



-TB O.M., I REALLY MUST SIGN NOW-----

