



# The 3905 Century Club Telegraph

## March 2022 Issue

A 3905 Century Club Monthly Newsletter

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## Welcome!

Welcome to the March 2022 issue of the 3905 Century Club Telegraph.

The Eyeball 2022 dates have changed. See the update below.

The 3905 Century Club January 2022 QSO Party has ended. See Fred's final write up of the event in this issue.

Remember the time "springs forward" on March 13. Keep an eye on the net schedules posted on the website for any updates to net times.

We are always looking for article ideas and contributions. As Kirk would say—The Telegraph would not be the same without your articles! - Please send articles or suggestion for articles to:

[k7qhu@outlook.com](mailto:k7qhu@outlook.com).



## 3905 Century Club Eyeball 2022 Update!

The dates of the 2022 Eyeball have changed. The 2022 Eyeball will now be held July 28 thru July 31 2022. The change was due to Gene graciously conceding the August dates to the Football Hall of Fame Induction as they needed all the rooms they could get and the room prices were becoming outrageous. Check the website for details. Remember, all roads lead to Kent Ohio during the week of the eyeball!



# Dean's Column

## Notes from the President

By Dean Davis, N7XG



It seems like 2022 is off to a fast start and can hardly believe it is already March. What comes this month is that we have 2 new Area Directors, Eric Johnson AA0HF (10<sup>th</sup> area) and Gary Slagle K9GWS (4<sup>th</sup> area). Also happening is our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event which is also off to a quick start. I must imagine that the workload for our bureau managers has increased.

Starting March 1<sup>st</sup> the club has started using its new NCS Calendar software hosted on the club website. This software was specifically designed by club members for the club and based on suggestions by our Net Control stations, we will continue to enhance the software. One idea that was suggested was a print function on the Calendar web page that the goal was for members to print a calendar of only the nets that were scheduled for them for a given net. I would also like to thank Rick WB5FDP for providing his version of the calendar over the past years.

This past month the club lost another member Ray Meyers, WB0PYF and that has created a vacancy in the "Century Club Cares Chairman". If you or know some that would be interested, please drop me an email at [dean@alpinesoft.com](mailto:dean@alpinesoft.com).

## ZOOM

Just a reminder that the club has a standing Zoom video conference every Wednesday at 1:30 Pacific time. From time to time, we have members presenting material and also have open Q&A discussions on many topics. More information can be found on the club's website.

## Switch to Standard Time

We make the switch from Daylight Saving Time to Standard Time on March 13th. On the following page there is a table showing the impact to our net starting times.

Net	Standard	Daylight
40m SSB EN	00:00	00:00
75m SSB EN	03:00	02:00
160M SSB EN	04:00	04:00
40m SSB LN	05:00	04:00
75m SSB LN	06:00	05:00
160m SSB LLN	06:00	06:00
20m SSB SAT	17:00	17:00
20m SSB SUN	19:00	19:00
40m CW LN	04:00	04:00
160m CW Late	05:00	04:00
20m CW	21:30	21:30
160m CW Early	03:00	03:00
80m CW	04:00	04:00
40m CW Early	02:00	02:00
80m CW Early	03:00	03:00
20m PSK	19:00	19:00
40m PSK	03:00	02:00
80m PSK	04:00	03:00
20m RTTY	21:00	21:00
40m RTTY	03:00	02:00
80m RTTY	04:00	03:00

**This table shows UTC (Zulu) Net Start**

**From the Telegraph Publisher and Editor**

I am sometimes UTC challenged, so I used Dean's table to create a supplemental table that translates UTC net start times into Daylight Saving local time. Note this table does not apply to most of Arizona and Hawaii as they do not participate in Daylight Saving Time. The table is on the next page.

The conversion from UTC to EDT is as follows:

<b>Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)</b>	<b>UTC - 4 hours = EDT</b>
<b>Central Daylight Time (CDT)</b>	<b>UTC - 5 hours = CDT</b>
<b>Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)</b>	<b>UTC - 6 hours = MDT</b>
<b>Pacific Daylight Time (PST)</b>	<b>UTC - 7 hours = PDT</b>

Net Name	UTC Time	Eastern Time	Central Time	Mountain Time	Pacific Time
40m SSB Early Net	00:00	8:00PM	7:00PM	6:00PM	5:00PM
75m SSB Early Net	02:00	10:00PM	9:00PM	8:00PM	7:00PM
160m SSB Early Net	04:00	12:00AM	11:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM
40m SSB Late Net	04:00	12:00AM	11:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM
75m SSB Late Net	05:00	1:00AM	12:00AM	11:00PM	10:00PM
160m SSB Late Net	06:00	2:00AM	1:00AM	12:00AM	11:00PM
20m SSB Saturday Net	17:00	1:00PM	12:00PM	11:00AM	10:00AM
20m SSB Sunday Net	19:00	3:00PM	2:00PM	1:00PM	12:00PM
40m CW Late Net	04:00	12:00AM	11:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM
160m CW Late Net	04:00	12:00AM	11:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM
20m CW Net	21:30	5:30PM	4:30PM	3:30PM	2:30PM
160m CW Early Net	03:00	11:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM	8:00PM
80m CW Net	04:00	12:00AM	11:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM
40m CW Early Net	02:00	10:00PM	9:00PM	8:00PM	7:00PM
80m CW Early Net	03:00	11:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM	8:00PM
20m PSK Net	19:00	3:00PM	2:00PM	1:00PM	12:00PM
40m PSK Net	02:00	10:00PM	9:00PM	8:00PM	7:00PM
80m PSK Net	03:00	11:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM	8:00PM
20m RTTY Net	21:00	5:00PM	4:00PM	3:00PM	2:00PM
40m RTTY Net	02:00	10:00PM	9:00PM	8:00PM	7:00PM
80m RTTY Net	03:00	11:00PM	10:00PM	9:00PM	8:00PM

# Ben's Column

## Notes from the Awards Secretary

By Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT



“Relaxing on a white, sandy beach at an undisclosed location in the Caribbean.” That’s how *Telegraph* Publisher Steve, K7QHU, would have made excuses for my missing this month’s column. However, I merely reached nearby Cocoa Beach (where instead of Mai-Tais I had a couple of Yuenglings), so here I am, hard against Steve’s deadline, hoping to get this in under the wire.



So, what to write about? I’m typically pushing our progressive awards system and our Master’s Degree, the crown jewels among awards. If you are in the Club for the long haul, you will certainly want to focus on these challenging awards. However,

this month, I mention them only in passing as I am here to write about the Awards Committee and its unique collection of characters.

I, **Ben, AE4NT**, live in Longwood, Florida, and I have chaired that committee since 2016, but I am the least well qualified of the committeemen, lacking several key awards for the Master’s. I have been with the Club about nine years, I served as Fourth Area Director from 2017 to 2022, and I was awarded the KD3FM Annual Service Award in 2020. I lead the discussions and moderate the ideas of some great awards minds. So much for me. Who are the other members of the Awards Committee (sometimes known as Four Great Masters and Me)? In alphabetical order, they are:



**David Feeney, WN1F, Master #73**, our most recent appointee, joined the Committee in 2020. He lives in Scarborough, Maine, and he has been a Club member since 1995. Having served stints as a Net Coordinator and Club Secretary, David brings a stolid Down East perspective to our discussions. He holds the unique distinction of cranking out twenty-five awards in April and May of 2020 to achieve his Master’s Degree, which he could have earned long ago had he taken the time to organize his huge gunny sack full of QSL cards along the way. Life and career diverted him from that

chore, but with the help of Don Chinnery, WU9T (SK), it all came together during the Pandemic Year of 2020!

**Kirk Frazier, AA1NA, Master #74**. A veterinarian by profession, Kirk hails from Hattiesburg, Mississippi, and can be characterized as a calm overachiever. Earning his Club membership in 2015, Kirk has shown that he can shoulder a heavy load. He joined the Committee in 2019, was Eyeball Host in 2020 and 2021, and has been Fifth Area Awards Manager since 2019. Kirk was awarded the KD3FM Annual Service Award in 2021. Quite a résumé, and his calm demeanor balances out my crankiness.







**Jimmy Richardson, N5OHL, Master #17**, from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Kirk's predecessor as Fifth Area Awards Manager, retired in 2018 after diligently performing in that capacity for twenty-one years. Jim has also hosted the 2007 Eyeball in Guthrie, OK and is a current member of the Presidential Advisory Committee. He holds the distinction of being the first to apply for and receive our Old-Timers Award, which he has earned through his thirty-two years of membership, having joined the 3905 Century Club in 1990. This is his second stint on the Awards Committee, on which he has most recently served since 2016.

While some members wind down their award-seeking efforts when they earn the Master's Degree, Jim has pressed on, achieving 17,000 points on 40M SSB and 12,000 points on 75M SSB. He is a prolific DXer as well. Jim earned the KD3FM Annual Service award twice, in 2005 and in 2019.

**Peter Summers, N2XTT, Master #6**, from Little Falls, New Jersey, is our elder statesman, although he does not yet qualify for the Old-Timers Award because he has been a Club member since only 1994. (The Old-Timers Award requires thirty years of membership, so Peter and David will qualify in a couple of years). Peter has a long history with the Awards Committee, having served as its chair from 1995 to 2002 and as a member from 2011 to 2015 and again, since 2016. Peter has been Second Area Director since 1994. He is also Trustee of the K4CCN Club call sign, and he chaired the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Committee back in 2002-2003. Peter was awarded the KD3FM Annual Service Award in 2004.



Anyone who has checked into our nets will be familiar with Peter intoning the callsign "Norway Two X-Ray Tango Tango", as he is on there just about all the time. He will be the first to tell you that you cannot make the contacts you need for awards if you do not show up for the nets. The proof is in the pudding, as Peter has an awards record that would stretch to the moon and back, featuring record-setting performance in progressive awards: 45,000 points on 40M SSB and 22,000 points on 75M SSB. These point totals might never be eclipsed.

Peter is *de facto* graphic designer on the Awards Committee. He has produced a veritable plethora of certificates that have become treasured wallpaper for many members. (He owes me two right now, so get on with it, Peter!). Peter also provides an old-timers perspective via his long experience with the club and its awards, as well as his canny, Joisey humor.

I wish to thank these fine, accomplished gentlemen for their faithful and competent service to the Awards Committee. Serving with them has been among the greatest pleasures of my time with the 3905 Century Club.

Here's hoping that all of you are making steady progress toward earning the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award(s)! Until next month, may the propagation gods be with you and Good DX!

73,

Ben – AE4NT  
Awards Secretary

The below article first appeared in the March 1, 2002 issue (Volume 2002, Issue 1) of The Centurion newsletter. What better way to celebrate our 45th Anniversary then with a look at the founding of the 3905 Century Club through the eyes of the club's founder. I found this a fascinating read!

## 1977 to 2002—25 YEARS OF CONTACTS

The Beginning of the 3905 Century Club, Inc.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the 3905 Century Club. There is no better way to start off this special edition of the Centurion than with an article by W9HG—Harold

Gould—the Charter President of the 3905 Century Club, Inc.



### Memory Lane

By Harold Gould,

W9HG

Howie W9HG

**I**n the beginning it started with the Bicentennial Net where I spent many a night as net control from my then QTH Foxboro, Mass. I was K1HHN then and using the call of AA1HHN. The object of the net was to give as many hams as possible during that one year using special call signs a chance at all 50 states. This was not impossible as there were regular check-ins from Alaska and Hawaii and we operated 7 nights a week.

W4GDY Bob Massie from Mobile, AL and Gene Dinsmore WA4WCG from Tallahassee, FL were the respective President and Secretary of the net.

I don't know what happened to Bob but Gene is AA4US now and is a 3905 club member who participated as net control and was instrumental in getting the RTTY nets going.

Then in August 76 my company offered me a position in Atlanta and I moved down south with a brand new Dodge Station Wagon, a wife and 3 boys.

Soon as possible I sent a note to the FCC engineer in charge in Atlanta that I was operating portable 4. I was always one who respected my license and did not want any glitches to happen. In those days the FCC was boss and you did what the rules said.

It was also a fact that you had to change your call sign then to the call area you were in and since I was leaving New England for Georgia I needed a 4 call. It was also a fact that the FCC dropped that requirement in 1977 a couple of months later, but since I was operating in September 76 from my new QTH I came under the old rules.

I remember in October receiving my new call of W4NVF and I was really happy because I always wanted a call with a W in the prefix.

I always volunteered for net control on Friday and Saturday nights on the Bicentennial net, so the Friday evening it came for my turn I read the preamble, said my call and all I remember hearing was Bob W4GDY with his usual big signal come on frequency and say, "WAIT A MINUTE! I HEAR A FAMILIAR VOICE BUT THE CALL DOES NOT FIT, IS THAT YOU HOWIE?" Yes, its me Bob. "WELL FOLKS THIS IS IT—THE SOUTH HAS BEEN INVADED BY YANKEES AND ITS NOT VERY FUNNY HOWIE".

Thus started the legend of the W4 NOT VERY FUNNY era, which stuck with me for many years to come.

December of 1976 the Bicentennial Net came to a close and in February 77 a bunch of regulars were hanging out on 3905 complaining about no activity and this inspired me to come up with a suggestion.

I said we could keep something going here if you are all interested?

Tell us more Howie they cried.

I said, first lets see how many we have on frequency so we took a roll call and we did it by call area. The bands were pretty good in 77 so we had good coverage to all areas including 6 and 7 land. We counted up and agreed that we had 100 hams on frequency.

Then it hit me and I said OK guys we have a chance to get something going with this crowd, and I think a good name for our club would be 3905 Century Club which coincides with our 100 here any other suggestions? There did not appear to be any—so we continued on.

I said we need a Treasurer to agree to take donations and set up an account. “I WILL” said Dick WA1FWO in Norwich, CT, that is great, Dick. Now how about a Secretary to keep a member list?

“I WILL” said Charlie Cook WD8DIV in Parma, Ohio and so we started the club. Both Dick and Charlie put in many hours during those early months as we built up a system of names and funds to support the certificates.

We also had to set a cut off date for Charter Membership which we were reluctant to do but found it necessary. Our original 100 Charter Members turned out to be 120 or so by the time we closed the doors and counted.

Everyone agreed that I should be the Charter President and I asked Mike Harshman K3HPG (now deceased) to be VP and he agreed.

Getting the club started was no problem but getting an activity program was the biggest challenge we faced. We had daily on the air discussions about how we should do this and the very first thing I wanted solved was establishing recognition to all of us becoming a genuine member and that Charter members would always have perpetual status.

The plan was to make it easy and not difficult to become a member and so I proposed the first certificate starting with the 100 points.

The very first 100-point certificate was going to be a problem as I knew for sure that if I got it or someone else in the network who was well known got it there would always be a question of favoritism involved.

Before we issued the number 1 certificate on 75 meters I asked everyone to be patient and to look for a good candidate. Word got back that we indeed had a candidate who was well liked by all but was suffering with an incurable disease.

I will hold this in confidence to the family and will not mention his name or call sign although many years have passed since his passing. He is posted on the web site if you want to see who it was.



After the problem of the number 1 certificate was out of the way we soon had to face what to do for activity for those who now had nothing else to work for. I put that task to Charlie Cook and Dick Rainville and a few others after seeing the need for another certificate.

This evolved into the 500 point certificate and finally a 1000 point certificate which is where I left off in having anything to do with the awards program. I really wanted a simple reward program and stopped my input at the 1000 level and let others build on it as they wished.

Most of the time spent in 1977 by others and myself was spent on building the foundation of the club so it would be sound and lasting. Much of my time was spent, especially my weekends as net control with an Old Faithful Ray, K8IWC from Detroit. The only net we had running was on 75 meters and we were averaging up to 200 check-ins each on Friday and Saturday evenings.

All this activity brought out the worst in the 75 meter bad bunch who hung around 3902, who continually harassed us and did their best to disrupt our operations. We started a policy then and I hope it still is alive that no one from the club would get involved with them and we would just wait it out.

Meanwhile Tom Bowers WD4CQY (deceased) was given the task of being our first residence agent after establishing the club as being incorporated in Florida.

He also was part of the original team to set up the constitution and bylaws.

We incorporated in Florida and at the close of 1977 we set up our Directors and candidates for President and VP. I found myself running alone as no one wanted to run for the office. Mike K3HPG (deceased) ran for VP with no opposition. I said at that time that I would only run one term as I had spent one year as being Charter President and two years would be enough.

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So 40 meters started and the number one certificate holder became Ray WA4SGP. A few words about Ray, he without a doubt turned out to be one of the strongest supporters of the club in his probably being the longest term Secretary the club ever had. Another supporter long dedicated to the club was Bill WA2ZYM out of Troy NY—he handled lots of different duties and remained active for a very long time.

The club started with the concept of being a place on the 75 meter band where anyone could be recognized without begging for a chance to say hello.

The band was notoriously known for being closed to all but those who had a frequency established, and to find an open frequency was pretty much a miracle. Further, they were so nasty that you had to block your ears if you tuned up on them accidentally.

We offered many a ham an opportunity to be part of a group who wanted to swap QSL cards and to let them have a new state in their quest for a WAS certificate.

When I reflect back over the past 25 years it is with the remembrance of the so many dedicated people who made it their priority to see the club make it.

Without the support of all these people—past and present—the club would not be around today to welcome other new hams to an experience of our hobby that there is a place you can check in and be a part of, and that your station is important to all on frequency who are listening to make a contact with your station which is important to them in their quest for more certificates, or more importantly how you the individual operator feels at home.

Along the same lines are those who take on responsibility of the club like KD3O Jim who keeps the club at a high tech level providing us with the channels to knowledge with the web site and daily reminders by email, Jim has been with the club since its beginning—serving as net control and many other functions; the editor of the Centurion presently Bill K4SGF another long time supporter who served in many capacities including VP, the as hard to find as hens teeth net controls, who provide continuous service in their combined efforts to keep the club operating each and every night.

Think about it, in 25 years the net has never shut down except for a rare occasion to respect a national disaster or information session in the months with 31 days.

The latter was a great move to prevent the first call area from receiving 2 consecutive nights in call area selection and gives the newcomer or regular a chance to ask questions about the club and its operations.

I can not close without saying that the principles of the 3905 Century Club remain today as they did 25 years ago.

We can be proud of our past and present operations even though sometimes it gets tangled with misunderstanding and premature speculations from certain individuals that join us, we all basically want to help each other and to remain part of a group that responds to the needs of others.

This simple but easy approach has lasted for 25 years and with dedicated participation from around the world the 3905 Century club will live forever in the hearts, minds and souls of those who respect the humanities and for what they exist for.

Thanks to Bill K4SGF for asking me to write this and to those who I have forgotten in my foggy memory banks of 25 years ago I say this — You are all a part of my memory of the many happy times and few sad times we had over the years and your contributions are part of history now long to be remembered by those who have come after you.

73

Howie W9HG

The first ever 3905 Century Club QSO Party is in the books! Here is an inside look on how Fred K1UU orchestrated the contest. If you hear Fred on the air, be sure to congratulate him for running a successful event!



## The 3905 Century Club QSO Party Wrap-up

By Fred Caswell, Jr K1UU

The first 3905 Century Club QSO Party (QP) is in the books. Thanks to all who participated and to those who provided “check logs”. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did!

The overall top 3 finishers were:

**First Centurion: WN1F David Feeney of Maine with 33,630 points**

QSO Points: 590, Multipliers: 57

David’s strategy was to take advantage of opportunities to maximize his score. He operated fixed and mobile. He operated from four states. He was on SSB, PSK, CW and RTTY nets. He showed up on both early and late nets. He was on nets every day except one – for a total of 54 nets. Impressive strategy and results David! You now have a target on your back!

**Second Centurion: K7QHU Steve Davis of Florida with 22,880 points**

QSO Points: 440, Multipliers: 52

Steve came on strong at the end of the QSO Party. He averaged 4 nets per day for the last 10 days of the contest! He checked into 82 nets! He also worked all the various modes along with early and late nets.

**Third Centurion: N0PUI Jay Weiland of Minnesota with 17,493 points**

QSO Points: 343, Multipliers: 51

Jay earned this impressive score by “keeping his butt in the chair”. He checked into 98 nets – by far the most of any participant!

**In the Call Areas, the Area Centurions were:**

1-land: WN1F David Feeney of Maine 33,630 points

2-land: W2TI Foster Bass of New York with 1,248 points

3-land: N3WD Bill Dobson of Maryland with 3,630 points

4-land: K7QHU Steve Davis of Florida with 22,880 points

5-land: N5WGA Chuck Ammons of Oklahoma with 11,340 points

7-land: N7XG Dean Davis of Oregon with 16,450 points

10-land: N0PUI Jay Weiland of Minnesota with 17,493 points

## Legionnaires

36 stations participated in the QSO Party, and each was awarded the coveted Legionnaire Certificate. 9 Stations provided check logs and were thanked for their service.



## Some statistics

There were 36 participants who submitted logs and 9 check logs. The logs contained 5,672 contacts.

During the one-month QP time-period 231 nets were scheduled. 191 were held and 40, mostly CW nets, were not held. Now is the time for all of us to step up and get those nets going again!

670 unique callsigns checked into the nets during the QP. 390 of the unique callsigns only checked into one net during the month. We need to get these folks to come back and join us!

## What did I do with all those logs?

At the end of the QP, I loaded every log received into the database. Each log went through a cleanup process to remove contacts that were outside the QP time period and to remove those pesky OMISS and HHH contacts. The database then checked to make sure all the needed data is in the ADI file. This was a challenge because we each log our contacts a little differently and we use a variety of logging programs that create ADI files differently. If your ADI file was missing data, I wrote an email to you to ask for you to submit a new file that includes the missing information.

Each day during the QP, I downloaded the check-in lists from the prior day and stored them in the database. After all the logs and check-in lists were in the database, both stations involved in each QSO were compared to the check-in lists. Only 58 QSOs out of 5,672 (1%) had one or both callsigns that were not listed in the appropriate check-in list. I reviewed many of these contacts and they were entirely logging errors - not attempts by anyone to inflate their scores. We are an excellent and honorable group!

Once the logs were compared to the check-in lists, each QSO was looked at to see if it was a duplicate QSO. Of the 5,672 contacts, 250 contacts (4.4%) were "Dupes". Who had the most dupes? Who was our "Super Duper"? Sorry, that's classified.

For 2,083 of the 5,672 QSOs (37%), I received both logs for the QSO. Each QSO was checked to see if it matched “the other” log. 116 QSOs of 2,083 (5.6%) did not match and were mostly logging errors. Remember, your logging error deducts points from the other guy’s score too!

After all the number crunching was done, the database rolled up all the scores into the Leader Board that you can see on the Club website. The database also generated the score sheets and contact lists for each participant. I emailed the leader board, score sheets, contact lists and certificates to each participant and check log provider.

### What’s next?

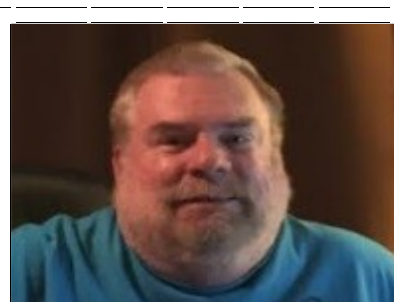
I personally hope we can do this again in 2023! I’d also like to know what you think... did you participate? If not, why? Is there something that needs to be improved? What changes would you like to see? Feel free to voice your thoughts on the reflectors or, if you’d prefer, simply send me an email.

That’s it for now from QP HQ. Thanks again!

Fred K1UU

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**There’s a New Club on the nets and it’s all about having fun! Marty gives us the inside scoop on how the club was formed.**



### **How the WE4FUN Club Came About** **By Marty Blaise, AG5T**

Back towards the end of 2020 there were four of us in the 3905 Century Club who “just kept showing up” on the 75 meter SSB late net. Sometimes the four of us, Jeff McCulloch K4JEL, “Yukon” John Reisenauer Jr KL7JR, Michael

“Sammy” Samulenas KB1XP and Marty Blaise AG5T were the ONLY ones on the late net other than net control! And K4JEL and AG5T were net controls. One or two of us would make a funny comment on AIM in Netlogger that all the “amigos” were there again. We kept up the fun with the amigo comments on AIM for several months and then I came up with the idea that the four of us form a club. The other three amigos agreed.

All four of us researched how to form a club and started thinking about a club name. First off, a club requires at least four members and requires minutes from a meeting. Signatures were needed for the application, and it was decided that AG5T would be the trustee. Signatures were scanned and emailed to me so I could finish processing the necessary requirements to apply for a club.

*A club station license* allows members of an amateur radio club to have a station operating under a club call sign. The license is granted only to the trustee of the club.

To be granted a club station license, a club must have: a name, a document of organization, management, a primary purpose devoted to amateur service activities consistent with the FCC rules, at least four persons, a license trustee designated by an officer of the club and the Trustee must hold an amateur service operator license grant.

A club may apply for a club station license grant by filing with a Club Station Call Sign Administrator (CSCSA), an amateur radio organization that has agreed to provide voluntary, uncompensated and unreimbursed services for processing applications. - I worked to complete all these items, checking with the others and developing all documents as we processed step by step. We also selected the name as the Four Amigos Ham Radio Club. *Then we waited.*

A couple of weeks later the club was approved and we received the club call sign KI5SWQ (because the trustee was in the fifth call area and this was the next sequential call to be issued). We did not care much for that call so we then applied for a vanity call sign. (I tried thinking of phonetics for the KI5 call but was not having much luck) I spent a lot of time searching for interesting calls – I considered AB1XYZ and a few others. But all of us like WE4FUN (we four fun amigos) so we applied for that, and I put AB1XYZ as a second choice. Then we waited and waited and waited. Just for fun sometime, go to [www.qrz.com](http://www.qrz.com) and try to enter funny call signs like AL0HA and you will be amazed at all the clubs calls like AC1UB (a club) and AD0RK (a dork), AK1SS (a kiss) etc.

Vanity call processing took 18 days and we FINALLY received WE4FUN on December 31, 2021. We had already been working on a QSL card design and now we had the final piece – the call sign we wanted! Here is our QSL card:



8611 Twisting Vine, Houston TX 77040 C/O Marty Blaise - AG5T			
Fixed / Mob / Portable : _____			
<b>WE4FUN - 4 Amigos ARC</b>			
Op:KB1XP	<input type="radio"/>		
K4JEL	<input type="radio"/>		
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## Some notes about the club and our operations

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I noticed the call sign provides a couple opportunities. It is a WE prefix that is not too common and the word FUN could be used in the dictionary award. So it could be used for WE1, WE2, etc depending on the call area.

Who gets the call sign??? Since there were four of us, we decided to do one week each for the January QSO Party. I had a granddaughter pick blindly and in order, she pulled out KB1XP, K4JEL, KL7JR and AG5T, so each of us operated portable except for me since I am the trustee, so I had WE4FUN fixed in Texas. Sounds like we had many happy operators that were able to work the club. I kept hearing people say, "I want to work some fun." I think Sammy said he had something like 70 contacts as WE4FUN/P Connecticut.

For 3905 CC nets – this is a no card requested club. One of the four of us will send you a club card. All four of us are good in the bureau. And we'll send direct to the directs.

Here is the information on our three level certificates.

### *The Four Amigos certificates - you can earn by making contacts with us!*

#### **Level 1: Beginner Amigo**

Work all four of the Amigos when they are on the air with the WE4FUN club call, on ONE band.

#### **Level 2: Intermediate Fun**

Work all four of the Amigos and WE4FUN on TWO bands.

#### **Level 3: Golden Sombrero**

Work at least three of the Amigos and WE4FUN on THREE bands. Two of these will need to be on a LATE net. Late nets are 160, 75 and 40 meters.

Submission will be on the honor system. To apply for a certificate, send your contact log to Marty Blaise, AG5T, 8611 Twisting Vine Lane, Houston, Texas 77040. If you have any questions, email [martingblaise@gmail.com](mailto:martingblaise@gmail.com).

We are also considering a "mobile/portable" certificate.

*Note: if you are considering forming a club like we did, remember you first must get the sequential call sign before you can apply for the vanity call.*

Here is a peek at the certificate.



The “Four Amigos” and WE4FUN are looking forward to working you on the nets!

73,  
Marty AG5T

Here is an update on KL7JR’s and KU1V’s planned trip to the north and possibly the far north! Be sure to monitor the reflectors for updates on the trip.

## Latest Update Just Received as We Go To Press!

Mike and I hit the road for Hot Springs NP on Mar. 24.

6-8 week long adventure starts 25th. Will use 160m EFHW when going portable. At least a dozen NP planned and hopefully Canada and Alaska!

73- John KL7JR

## ...More on KU1V and KL7JR Northbound in March

In the February issue of TELEGRAPH Mike and I announced our plans to head for the north country. After much discussion, the south route was chosen because there were more National Parks and states to invade before reaching the Canadian border! On March 26<sup>th</sup> we will activate hot Springs National Park in AR. Next, we’ll head to TX for Guadalupe NP then north to a Candy Store of National Parks as Mike described it! Four Corners is a must stop for us- AZ, NM, CO and UT! Imagine 4 different states at one shot! Yellowstone NP occupies 3 states (MT, ID and WY) which we’ll also visit.

Stay tuned, a ton of FUN is coming including new states for **WE4FUN** and a new “amigo award” in the making! Alaska is still planned and we’ll know more as we near the Canadian border. British Columbia and Alberta are on our radar as a minimum. Special event station **K2Z**, clubs **K7ICE** and **K8ICE** will be used as well.

In conclusion, our talented CCN videographer Sammy KB1XP, one-fourth of the “4 amigos pack”, will create a video of our epic adventure! Remember to put the state and NP name on your outgoing cards for our awards. Any/all Bakers Dozen award applications are appreciated!

**73 de Yukon John, KL7JR and Aviator Mike, KU1V**



And now a look at the Icemobile’s antenna setup!

## KL7JR’s Icemobile IV

Since most of our motor home is fiberglass it’s a real challenge to install any kind of antenna. I’ve used Hamsticks off the hitch but that entailed more hardware (long mast, hitch receiver etc.) to lug around. I tried a mag mount off the hood that didn’t work very well. Then I decided to mount a short mast off the mirrors. It actually worked quite well during a couple of nets. I used one mirror mount and my MFJ-1699 vertical that works 6-80m by simply moving a jumper wire to each band. It’s similar to the Australian Outbacker vertical made years ago but a lot cheaper!



I took a 3/4” 90 degree EMT elbow and fastened it to each mirror. Now with the verticals mounted on a 3 ft long piece of 1/2” EMT conduit, the mast just slips into the elbow.

I let a couple ground radials droop ground on each antenna for good measure. The MFJ-1699 (mini-size) will be used for 75m and we'll be able to switch to 20m easily. My MFJ-mini 40m Hamstick will be dedicated to 40m. Both short antennas chosen for ease of storage when travelling.



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Changing antennas from band to band is easily done from the inside the RV near the operating position. No more going outside to switch antennas.



## March 2022 Contests

Contests in March that could impact net operations:

- ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, 0000Z, Mar 5 to 2400Z, Mar 6
- SARL Field Day Contest , 0800Z, Mar 12 to 1000Z, Mar 13
- BARTG HF RTTY Contest, 0200Z, Mar 19 to 0159Z, Mar 21
- CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB , 0000Z, Mar 26 to 2359Z, Mar 27



## Upcoming Events in March, 2022

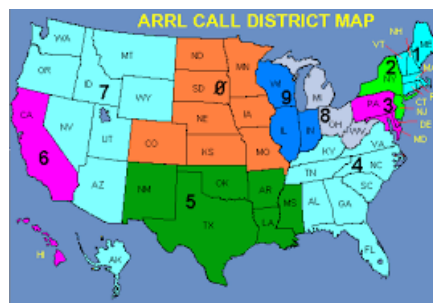
Note: Regular Board Meetings are always held on the second Saturday of each month, local time at 9PM Eastern, 8PM Central, 7PM Mountain, 6PM Pacific.

- 3905CCN Board Meeting: Saturday March 12, 2022
- Weekly Zoom Meeting on Wednesdays at 01:30pm Pacific Time. Check your email for the Zoom log-in information

## Road Trips!

### KU1V and KL7JR Northbound in March

See the article starting on page 16 for the latest update on John's and Mike's epic journey!



## 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.

**KL7JR has the following gear for sale and offers  
20% off for a cash deal!**

Heil Pro Set with Kenwood cord...new price \$150...ship for \$100. About 10 years old.

Astron SS 30 amp power supply...new price \$180...ship for \$100. Also 10 years old.

MFJ 434B voice keyer (never used), works on all rigs...new price \$230...ship for \$175.

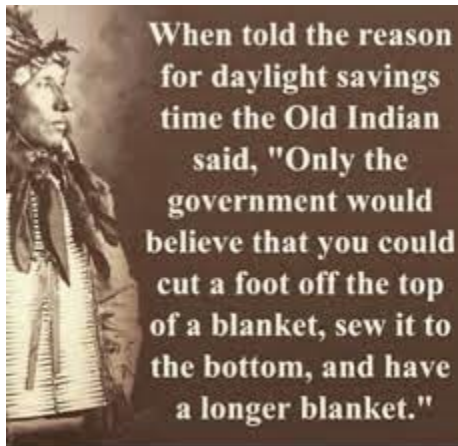
John [KL7JR@gmail.com](mailto:KL7JR@gmail.com)





## The End - Exit with a Smile!

Alas! It's that time of the year when we "Spring Forward". The change to Daylight Saving time is somewhat controversial. Here are some thoughts on Daylight Saving time from around the internet.



I don't mind going back to daylight saving time. With inflation, the hour will be the only thing I've saved all year.

Victor Borge

One of the ways the telegraph changed us as humans was it gave us a new sense of what time it is. It gave us an understanding of simultaneity. It gave us the ability to synchronize clocks from one place to another. It made it possible for the world to have standard time and time zones and then Daylight Saving Time and then after that jetlag. All of that is due to the telegraph because, before that, the time was whatever it was wherever you were. - James Gleick

I don't really care how time is reckoned so long as there is some agreement about it, but I object to being told that I am saving daylight when my reason tells me that I am doing nothing of the kind. I even object to the implication that I am wasting something valuable if I stay in bed after the sun has risen. As an admirer of moonlight I resent the bossy insistence of those who want to reduce my time for enjoying it.— Robertson Davies

