Greetings, 3905ers!

Lots of awards and lots of other things to talk about today. First, we'll get the boring stuff out of the way – me.

This week features both **my birthday** and **my Awards Secretary anniversary** – 79th and 10th, respectively. I'm happy to have gotten this far in both life and in the Club, and happy that the 3905 Century Club has been in my life for about a baker's dozen years now. You all have made the Awards Secretary job a delight for me. I'll reward you by making you put up with me for at least another five years, assuming I don't get fired in the meantime!

Other, more important news concerns our **forthcoming fee increase**, approved by the Board of Directors at last Saturday's meeting. I'll give you some details after the rather robust award listing.

Thanks to a rather industrious First Area member, we issued 69 certificates to eleven members in six areas. Additionally, a prominent Tenth Area member scored a huge progressive award. We also awarded a nice NCS distinction. Alas, no new members joined the celebration this week.

NEW MEMBER(S)

None.

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

DX AREA

CRAIG MCLOUGHLIN, VE3CMB (Master #57, DX Area Director, DX Area Awards Manager, Audit Committee), of Ottawa, ON, received two Baker's Dozen Certificates of Appreciation from AA1QW on 40M SSB, for his personal call sign (#3842) and for his club, VA3TUV (#3843). Thanks again for all those contacts on your great road trip, Craig!

FIRST CALL AREA

I won't keep you in suspense any longer. Our overachiever of the week is none other than BRIAN CHALOUX, AA1QW (Centurion Editor), of Portland, ME. Brian earned 45 awards this week. Let's run them down: Baker's Dozen Awards on 40M SSB with VE3CMB/VA3TUV (#3842), and VE3CMB (#3843), W6PNY (#3844), W8NET (#3845), W8NET/NNOPE (#3848), K9DBB (#3850), AI4K/AI7B (#3852), AI4K (#3854), WN1F/W100 (#3855), and WN1F (#3857); on 75M SSB with W8NET (#3846), W8NET/NNOPE (#3847), K9DBB (#3849), AI4K/AI7B (#3851), AI4K (#3853), WN1F/W100 (#3856), and WN1F (#3858). Roaming Master Tracker Awards at Level 12 with AA1NA (#67), VE3CMB (#68), W6PNY (#69), W8NET (#70), and WN1F (#71); endorsed **WAS-YL Award** #283 on 40M SSB to Levels 40 and 45; earned two additional WAS General Awards on 40M SSB (#1516 and #1517, his second and third); earned WAS-Caps Award #588 on 40M SSB at Level 35; Clint Wise Portable Award #8 at Level 20 on 40M SSB; Clint Wise Portable Award #4 at Level 20 on 75M SSB; WAS-YL Award # 272 at Level 35 on 75M SSB; WAS General Award #1453 on 75M SSB (his second); 2,000 Point Award #257 on 75M SSB; Poker Player Award #180 on 75M SSB; and 12 Work 30 Awards (#258-283). Congratulations to Brian on a humongous week, and special thanks to Kal, N1ABY, Brian's AAM, who processed this gigantic collection of awards! Good going, guys!

DAVID FEENEY, WN1F (Master #73), of Scarborough, ME, received five **Baker's Dozen Certificates of Appreciation**: on 40M SSB, from KO4LEM (#3841), from AA1QW for W10O (#3855), and for WN1F (#3857); on 75M SSB from AA1QW for W10O (#3856), and for WN1F (#3858). Thanks for your road contacts, David!

SECOND CALL AREA

None.

THIRD CALL AREA

None.

FOURTH CALL AREA

ALAN LONGWORTH, KO4LEM, of Canton, GA, earned two awards on 40M SSB: Dictionary Award #70 and Baker's Dozen Award #3841 with WN1F. Congratulations, Alan!

DAVID YARBROUGH, AI4K (*DX Bureau Co-Mgr.*), of Atoka, TN, received four **Baker's Dozen Certificates of Appreciation** from AA1QW: on 40M SSB, for AI7B (#3852) and for AI4K (#3854); on 75M SSB, for AI7B (#3851) and for AI4K (#3853). Thanks for all your Eyeball trip contacts, Dave!

DEBBIE YARBROUGH, K9DBB (DX Bureau Co-Mgr.), of Atoka, TN, received two **Baker's Dozen Certificates of Appreciation** from AA1QW: on 40M SSB #3850, and on 75M SSB (#3849). Thank you, too, for all those Eyeball trip contacts, Debbie!

FIFTH CALL AREA

MARK MCCLELLAN, W5LPZ, of Ocean Springs, MS, earned NCS Journeyman Award #177, representing at least 50 nets run. Thanks so much for stepping up and volunteering, Mark!

SIXTH CALL AREA

None.

SEVENTH CALL AREA

None.

EIGHTH CALL AREA

GENE MARSH, W8NET (Master #47, *Eighth Area Director, Former Eyeball Host*), of Kent, OH, received four of AA1QW's explosion **of Baker's Dozen Certificates of Appreciation**: on 40M SSB, for W8NET (#3845) and for NNOPE (#3848); and on 75M SSB, for W8NET (#3846) and for NNOPE (#3847). Thanks for the great road work, Gene!

NINTH CALL AREA

None.

TENTH CALL AREA

DAVID CRAWFORD, KOKSI, of Blue Rapids, KS, earned two awards: **100-Point Award** #3246 on 75M SSB, and **Work 30 Award** #257. Congratulations, David!

JAY WIELAND, NOPUI (Master #25, Tenth Area Assistant Director), of St. Peter, MN, earned 25,000-Point Award #6 on 40M SSB. Wow! Good going, Jay!

MAC MCCRACKEN, W6PNY (Master #84, Tenth Area Awards Manager, 2026 Eyeball Host), of Grand Forks, ND, received Baker's Dozen Certificate of Appreciation #3844 from AA1QW on 40M SSB. Thanks for the road contacts, Mac!

That's it for awards this week. Now, for some important news.

AWARDS FEE INCREASE AS OF MARCH 1, 2026

With costs rising and Awards fees having not seen an increase since 2006, the Board of Directors approved a fee hike to be implemented on March 1, 2026, the beginning of the Club's next fiscal year. Along with the fee increase comes a policy change regarding Baker's Dozen Certificates of Appreciation. First, the fees as of March 1, 2026:

Printed awards, endorsements, and reprints: \$6 (\$1 discount for senior or disabled members)

All PDF Awards: \$4 (no discounts)

All Baker's Dozen Certificates of Appreciation will be sent via email as PDFs. Recipients may request paper reprints at the full fee stated above.

In anticipation of this change, if you are currently receiving printed Baker's Dozen Certificates of Appreciation and wish to receive them via email, please contact me (ae4nt@mrbig.com). I'll be glad to accommodate you. Remember that after March 1, you'll automatically be getting the BD CoAs via email.

We posted a FAQ about the new fees on the <u>Club Website</u>. If you have any questions, please look there first. If questions remain, please contact your area director or yours truly.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben - AE4NT Awards Secretary