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In 2001 the Board Directors created a new award in honor of Carole Hetzler, **KD3FM**, the long-time manager of the 75 meter QSL Bureau. The award is designed to recognize those members of the 3905 Century Club that have gone far beyond the call in providing service, leadership and support to the Club. Each year the award is opened for nominations from among the membership. The nominations are reviewed by the Club President, selections made and the final candidates are presented to the Board in a closed session for approval.

This year, in 2002, a total of three people were selected as recipients of the **KD3FM Service Award** and their presentations were made at the 2002 Eyeball in New Jersey. Their stories follow below.

K D 3 O



Jimmy Fisher

Jim KD3O is one of the original Charter Signers of the club and has served as secretary, BOD member, Awards Secretary and a host of other offices—probably holding the record for offices held.

Today Jim serves the club as the official Historian and the Web Master for the club web site.

Thanks Jim for everything you do.

N J 3 V



John O'Keeffe

John fills one of the most important positions in the Club as the Awards Secretary.

Most all of us have a wall or two of certificates signed by John as he is responsible for issuance of club awards and has been for many years.

Rarely heard on the nets and treated like rare DX when he is there, the contribution he makes to our club is vital and well appreciated by all.

W 1 B M L



Earl Smith

Earl W1BML is the long time mainstay of the 75 Meter SSB Early Net, acting as a frequent Net Control and always as one of the strongest and most helpful relay stations.

Earl is also the author of BMLLog, a net logging program in use throughout the club and particularly useful for Net Control Stations.

Earl also serves as the Alternate 1st Area Director.

Congratulations to Masters Degree # 12—AAØZP—Frank Taylor

At a special meeting of the 3905 Century Club Board of Directors held during a 40 meter net on May 13th, the club awarded Masters Degree Certificate Number 12 to one of the real gentlemen of our club.

Frank Taylor, AAØZP became the 12th person in our club to reach the highest award our club has to offer.



Frank has served the club for many years as President, Past President and is currently on his second term as the 10th Area Director.

He also is frequently the moderator for Question and Answer nights on the nets and is a consistent and strong relay on all of our club nets.

Frank lives in Bellevue, Nebraska and holds an Extra Class Amateur license. Congratulations Frank!

WMØF — Yaesu FT100D Installation Photos in 2002 Ford Ranger

Kevin—WMØF—has a couple new toys. One is his king-cab Ford Ranger and here is his installation of a Yaesu FT-100D.



This is the chassis mounting. The truck is an extended cab Ford Ranger. The extended cab comes complete with a couple of nearly worthless fold down rear seats. I removed the seat behind the driver, and installed the FT100D chassis using the seat mounting bolts.

In order to use the seat mounting bolts and the standard FT100 mounting bracket, I had to first mount the bracket on a 6x18 steel plate. I then bolted the steel plate to the truck using the existing bolts from the removed seat.

The ATAS antenna coax comes in from the rear in this view, but the light in the corner is not so good.

Seen also here is a Yaesu DC line filter, which I have in line with the DC supply from the battery. Also seen are the control head, mic, and speaker wires. Finally, the VHF coax coming from the front of the truck.

Also of note.... I have installed a braided ground strap from the FT100 bracket mounting screw to the bolt on the frame chassis. I also burnished off the anodization on the screw to get a good electrical connection to the FT100 chassis.



Here is the control head placement. I used a steel strap to mount the control head to the front console of the Ranger. This is a great location for me, as you can rest your arm on the console and easily control the radio. The only disadvantage is that you

have to take your eyes off the road for more complex operations, but I still prefer this since most of the time I am just tuning around. As I am getting used to the radio, I can make a lot of changes without even looking down.

The separation kit has a mounting cradle for the control head. I mounted the cradle to a steel strap which I found at the hardware store. This steel strap was supposed to be a mounting strap for a common drain downspout. A little trimming and a couple of bends later, it was a perfect mount for the control head. I have a magnetic mic mount bracket on the side.



A view of the ATAS mount, with the tail-gate

closed. The Firestick mount fits nicely in the gap and the coax curls over the top and into the fender in an existing hole a couple inches below.

Kevin WMØF

Operating on Solar Power by K8BR

As many of you already know, I have been using solar power for all of my Century Club contacts, for over a year now, with 100% results.

No downtime, always ready to go. We have had three grid power outages in that period, the shortest outage lasted 2 1/2 hours and the longest, a little over 6 hours. (A company from Scotland owns Utah Power)

During each grid outage, I powered up my outside lights to let everyone know I still had power. One outage came just a few days before last Christmas, and while the whole city was black for 6 hours, my yard decorations were shining bright.

Not a wise use of solar power, but I was gloating over it and people were stopping and asking questions.

N3GAD, another Century Clubber has several solar and wind items for sale from his perch high in the New Mexico mountains. He has 75, 85 and 95 watt solar panels for sale, along with a 403 wind machine, a Trace inverter, a C-40 controller and a propane fridge, all at good prices. For info contact Chris, N3GAD at.... solarman@netmdc.com.

Consider starting out by just powering your basic 100 watt rig on solar at 12 volts. With the short transmit cycles of the Century Club and long periods of just listening, a small system might surprise you. If you're just a weekender, then a smaller solar panel can still do the job and get you back to full charge by the next weekend.

In addition, you get the pleasure of seeing the sun work for you and maybe save a tiny bit on your power bill.

Is it cost effective to switch? No, pure and simple. I could buy a whole lot of power for what I have invested in my small size system. (My six 100 watt panels can give about 3.6 KW per day, average).

What I'm doing to help out is a satisfaction to which no price can be attached. And its fun!

Use your web browser and search for solar power, solar systems, solar cells and wind power too. There's lots of free info if you look. You'll find web sites that will direct you to even more places.

I'm always on solar when I'm on the Century Club. Next time you hear me, listen close. You can't tell the difference, but I feel it every time. Hope to hear you on solar power someday too!

73's Brian, K8BR
Utah

Scott—NA7SS—Silent Key

As reported by Lynnette KD7BVO on June 20th 2002.

It is my deep regret to let you all know that this morning at about 2:30 Mountain Time, Scott—NA7SS— became a Silent Key. He was with his wife Cathy.

As you may recall, Scott's cancer had come back and he was hospitalized where the doctors had found that the cancer had spread to his liver, lungs, and bones.

He was sent home so Cathy could be with him whenever he woke up because, as she said, he was asking for her each time he woke up.



I'm sure you will all join with me in sending our condolences to Cathy and to Scott's family.

Editors Note: Scott has been one of those people that brought us, not only many states on the road, but many real pleasures in talking with and meeting him.

Many of us will remember Scott as much more than a contact on the radio. He was our friend.

Scott is missed by all of us.

Has The Century Club Changed In 25 Years? K8BR—Brian

Note: Another in a series of articles from folks here at the beginning.

Way back in about the middle of 1976, I was a peppy 35 years old, already a ham of 10 years and just beginning to gather QSL cards for my Worked All States. A friend, WA8LWB, had heard a net on 75 meters where you could check in and work other stations who were also trying to get their WAS or other awards. I listened for a few nights to see how the net was going and finally checked in to what was called The Bi-Centennial Worked All States Net.

When asked to write about my experience with the club, I thought, "How does one remember events from so long ago, about something that you never thought you would still be doing and talking about 25 years later".

The Bi-Centennial Worked All States Net was the predecessor to The Century Club, and the place where I earned my first amateur radio award, the Bi-Centennial Worked All States Award.

That oversized BWAS Award as we called it, still graces the wall over my operating desk, along with my ARRL BWAS #3154, WAC and WAS, my Extra Ticket and an array of four clocks showing various world times. All my other awards hang together on another wall behind me.

That BWAS from the net, was made in the days before computers did much of our art work and was a very good effort. A colored flowing and waving flag went side to side, top to bottom, with an image of George Washington beside an astronaut's helmet. My call at that time was WA8VHG but we used a special prefix for the Bi-Centennial so my on the air call was AA8VHG.

Bob Massie, AC4GDY, was club President and Gene Densmore, AA4WCG, was club Secretary and their signatures graced the bottom of that grand award.

A net checkin at that time often

took an hour or more but worse, if you checked in near the end of the list, your wait was often another 2 hours or more, 3 hours total, quite a wait to make 1 or 2 contacts. But wait we did, with all the hoped for results.

At the time I was running a old tube type Hallicrafters Transceiver with its separate power supply. I was checked into the net one evening, waiting to make my call to an Alaska station when smoke billowed forth from the power supply amid the sound of popping fuses.

Saying a few appropriate words, I grabbed the tools and opened the power supply. The choke supplying the plate voltage to the finals had taken leave of this world just when Alaska was there. A few quick checks showed no other problems, but what to do about that choke? Some quick thinking and I simply put a jumper wire in place of the choke. Soon with new fuses and a flip of the switch and the reassuring glow of the filaments, a voltage check showed me about 100 volts over the plate rating of the finals but those 6146's were pretty good tubes. I shut the rig off and turned it on every few minutes to see what number the net was on.

After many on/off cycles it came my turn. KL7IUS, Carole, (remember old timers?) came back to my call with a 2 X 2, not what everyone wants to hear, but a good contact none-the-less. Carole was Alaska for many back then and her confirming QSL card followed shortly and I still have it 26 years later. No QSL bureau's in the beginning, everything went direct.

As always the QSL card is the reason the net is there. Not only do they show proof of our contacts, but now later, they provide a sort of historical research tool.

Hams back then took pride in exchanging data on rigs and antennas. Over the years Century Club QSL cards tend to show this part of the

contact less and less.

Also in 1976, postage was only 13 cents. I do not have one single QSL from that year that was hand or home made. Now a large percentage of QSL's are home made on computers and many look as good as you can buy.

For me, it wasn't until March of 1984 that I applied for my 1st 100 point award, #1192. Since the award bug hadn't bitten me yet, I just had fun collecting and giving out cards for the next few years. I made out my application for the 75 meter 500 point and 1 K award, then stuck them both in my file. Wonder if anyone still has my old cards with WA8VHG or AA8VHG?

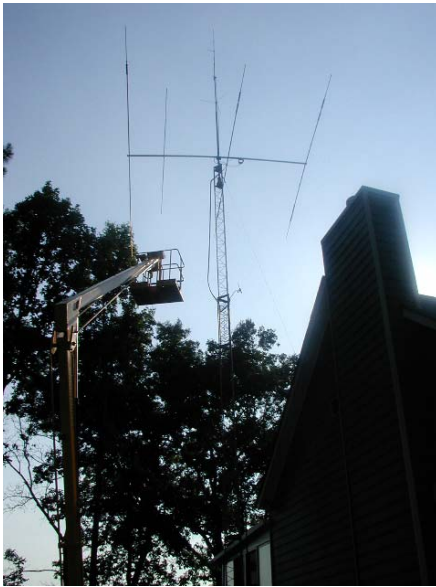
Now, the bug has finally bitten. Mel, KK7SR is now the 7th area awards manager and I've wondered what he thought about this strange guy, when I submitted my 75 meter 1 K application with all those old, yellowing and worn cards from so long ago.

Sorry Mel, but I've finally seen what the fun is all about. I'm tormenting Mel with application upon application and also seeing why the club has reached 25 years and why so many others and myself are still here. Sometimes we drift away for a while and then drift back. Just as in the beginning, the star attraction is those QSL cards.

In this day when the internet reigns, there's still one thing that is the same today as it was 25 years ago. That's the thrill of opening an envelope and finding a handwritten card from that last place you needed for your newest award. No computer service can ever quite replace that.

So Bill, when you asked me to write about how the Century Club has changed in 25 years, it hasn't. There may be more awards, newer rigs, new modes and new faces, but one thing is always the same, the final word, the final reason. It's Cards! Send me the cards! May the Century Club live another 25 years!

Tower Work In Style—WD5BJQ



Following is a summary of Keith's tower project.

I guess it would have been better if someone would have taken these pictures with me up in the bucket, but this is the best I could do.

My neighbor got home late, and it did not look like a good time to ask her to do this. She was rushing to cut her grass, and is going out of town.

So, here they are without me, but you should get the general idea.

This is the only way to do tower work.

It was so hot today (96), I lifted myself up as high as it would go, and sat

there and drank a Pepsi.

I did have a few yellow jackets that had an interest in me, but I shot a few down with some bug spray that I brought with me in the bucket. They looked like dive bombers going down



FCC Scores Another for The Good Guys

A Florida Citizens Band enthusiast accused of jamming Amateur Radio operations and transmitting without a license was convicted in federal court June 19 on eight misdemeanor counts. William Flippo of Jupiter was found guilty of four counts of operating without a license and four counts of deliberate and malicious interference.

Federal District Court Judge Daniel T.K. Hurley noted that, while the charges were misdemeanors, it was important that the amateur airwaves be free of interference in the event of an emergency. He ordered that Flippo remain in custody and undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

The prosecutor in the case, Neil Karabdil, credited members of the Amateur Radio community with

bringing Flippo to justice. The list included ARRL 1999 ARRL International Humanitarian Award winner Ed Petzolt, K1LNC, who helped the FCC gather evidence in the case; Bert Morschi, AG4BV; Palm Beach County Emergency Coordinator Dave Messenger, N4QPM; and Chuck Mulligan, N4SDW.

"This is a very good day for Amateur Radio, and a very good day for justice," Petzolt said following the trial. Petzolt cited local amateurs and the efforts of the FCC, including Special Counsel for Enforcement Riley Hollingsworth "and everyone else who kept the faith," for helping to bring the case to a conclusion.

Following up on the amateurs' complaints, personnel from the

FCC's Tampa District Office visited the Jupiter area at least twice in 1999 and reported tracking the offending signals to Flippo's residence. Federal authorities arrested Flippo in July 2000. The defendant already faces a \$20,000 fine levied in 1999 for unlicensed operation, willful and malicious interference to Amateur Radio communications, and failure to let the FCC inspect his radio equipment.

Hurley said he was worried that Flippo might not return to court for his sentencing hearing and ordered him returned to jail. Flippo reportedly hung his head after the jury returned a guilty verdict on the second count. He had no comment for a reporter as he was led back to jail. He faces \$80,000 in fines plus jail time of 8 years.

Meeting Members—AD5IT—Jimmy in Mississippi

Well to begin with I am 44 years young and have been a ham since 1985. I started in Ham radio when you could take your novice test from a general which is what I did. I upgraded to tech which later became tech plus and for several years I just worked vhf and uhf, amassing about 250 grid squares between 2 and 6 meters.

I was also one of the 1296 pioneers when it was first home brew equipment. I upgraded to general 2 years ago and up to extra last year. I decided on a whim to change the call sign when I noticed how hard it was for folks to understand and repeat my call so that's the real reason for the call sign change.



**AD5IT Mobile shown above.
Note the Hamstick on the back
deck.**

I have been in law enforcement since 1993. and really enjoy the work. Some of my hobbies include flying, (private pilot) computers, and working on electronics. I am also a Sci-Fi nut according to my wife anyway.

I met my wife (27 yoa) while on patrol she was sitting outside the ambulance service and as I drove past, I thought hmmm - I like what I see I think I will go back and introduce



myself to this one.

I drove up rolled down my window and said "Hi I am Jimmy Miller would you like to get married".

She said "not no but hell no". A year later she was asking me when are we going to get married. Funny but true....

Missy is a paramedic and a great one at that, I would not want anyone else working on me but I think she would freak out if she had to.

We now have a 2-year-old boy and he will be 3 in June. We also learned that we are going to be expecting another one in December. So it looks like another 2 years of diapers and pull-ups hi hi.

To tell you about my boss is a whole new story. I had asked if I could have a CB in the vehicle to which he said sure—so when I approached him about putting the 706 in the car he was a little bit concerned.

But when he saw it he approved

and always asks whom I talked to lately.

My patrol car has more gizmos than most to say the least, I have a high band radio, a low band radio, siren, light bar control panel, hands free cell phone and laptop computer which is on the blink now.

And, of course, the 706 mounted on the dash of the car.

The antenna system is a Hamstick and I have 5 different bands I can operate on—from 80 to 10 Meters. I also run a tuner inside the car to get rid of those nasty SWR'S .

The home QTH is Grenada, Mississippi and we have lived here for about 3 years after we both transferred from Greenwood, Mississippi due to work.



Missy and Her Ambulance

We really have not missed the old hometown. Missy is from Brandon, Mississippi so when ever we go down there I try and take the 706 so I can work the state cap for the guys on the net.

Thanks and 73

Jimmy

W8NOT—Years with the same Callsign

Back in April I worked Ken W8NOT on the 75 meter early net. Solid signal and a 59 contact.

What makes this contact a little unusual is that when I received his card confirming the contact, Ken had enclosed a neat picture of both his shack and himself.

What makes it even better is that Ken is 90 years young and has been a ham—with the same call sign—for 67 years.



We all know I can't go 67 days without an urge to make a call sign change, but this gentleman has held

on to his for a loooong time.



Above is Ken's shack with his new Quadra amplifier.

A 1993 COMBO from MAUI—N5OHL and Dad

It was December of 1993 on the island of Maui.

How many of you will remember making a contact with the Father-Son combination of KB5MRU and H5OHL?

Recently my wife found this long-lost picture of Fred KB5MRU (my Father—now a Silent Key) and me, N5OHL.



Fred is the one with the Santa hat and I'm the one with the funny eyes.

While there, we stayed at a bed and breakfast called Sea-Q, hosted by Donna and Terry Clayton (KH6SQ).

Not only did we show up on the 40 and 75 meter nets, it was also during the ARRL 10 meter contest.

Using my call, Dad and I took turns operating the beam antenna on 10 meters from Maui.

We made over 350 contacts taking top honors in the Pacific Division.

That's not too shabby for a couple tourists on vacation.

Jim N5OHL

W6VY — On The Road Again by WM4SG

W6VY—Bob Dorchuck has been on the road from his home in California for a few weeks now, on his way to Dayton.

His trip so far has had him operating either mobile (in the car shown here) or portable in their mobile home across several states including Oklahoma, Arkansas and Georgia.

While Bob and wife were visiting their daughter in Georgia, I had the pleasure of visiting with Bob



over lunch at the end of my dirt road.

It was a very enjoyable two hours and Bob is an interesting guy. He also got to eat Gumbo for the first time so we'll see if Bob comes back.

From here Bob goes to Dayton and then back home across the Northern states, through the Dakotas and Montana. Always a pleasure to hear Bob on the nets.

Fanciful Phonetics, or Standardization ?

by NT4Z

Ham's are generally creative people. Whether building equipment, crafting new antenna's, or operating radios; they tend to come up with neat ways of doing things.

In the case of operating, one can hear all sorts of nifty ways in which Hams give their call signs. Particularly the suffixes to their calls.

Consider Al in Louisiana (K5HKG), the "Hong Kong Gorrilla," or Ron in Delaware (N3EQK) with "No Three Elephants Quietly Kiss", or Mike in West Virginia (WD8BTI) the "Big Tall Indian," or Tom in Tennessee (WB4RYR) with "Run Yankee Run" - or is that Run You Rebel?

These are all great gimmicks and serve well as memory joggers, especially for Net Control Stations.

But are they helpful in conveying the call sign during rough periods of communications?

It 's doubtful, since the recipient is usually expecting letters, or alphabet phonetics.

Hams are also pretty good at geography; and one hears Tokyo, Zanzibar, Washington, London, Japan, Norway, Yokohama ad infinitum, as substitutes for the phonetic alphabet.

Listen to these and you will more likely hear requests for repeats.

What then is the answer? A little history of the phonetics of communications may be in order:

The Navy's 1940 Bluejacket's Manual gives the phonetic alphabet along with its Morse code and signal flag equivalents as:

Afirm Baker Cast Dog Easy Fox George Hypo Int Jig King Love Mike Negat Option Prep Queen Roger Sail Tare Unit Victor William X-ray Yoke Zed.

It was important for sailors to commit these to memory, since communications and ship maneuvering was done with Signal Flags, Semaphore, wigwag, flashing light and even - radio.

The modern communicator will readily see a number of problems with these phonetics. For example: the words negat, afirm and roger had other meanings as pro words - negative, affirmative and received.

In addition, many of the single syllable words were too short to be understandably articulated.

Not much later, as voice communications became more widespread in the fleet, the phonetic language was changed as follows:

Able Baker Charlie Dog Easy Fox How Item Jig King Love Mike Nancy Oboe Peter Queen Roger Sail Tare Uncle Victor William X-ray Yoke Zebra.

This version served us well during most of World War II . But it was evident that as international communications became more and more important, the phonetics needed to be improved in order to make them more easily recognized as substitutes for letters in any language.

It was in the fifties, after a great deal of study, that our present phonetic alphabet was devised.

The study was a scientific effort dealing with linguistics,

which included the production, physical nature and perception of speech sounds; or which phonetic words can be most easily articulated and recognized by speakers of any language.

The number of words with two or more syllables was noticeably increased and common foreign language words were added to come up with the following:

Alpha Bravo Charlie Delta Echo Foxtrot Golf Hotel India Juliet Kilo Lima Mike November Oscar Papa Quebec Romeo Sierra Tango Uniform Victor Whiskey X-ray Yankee Zulu.

The ARRL Operating Manual (Fifth Edition) gives a Spanish Phonetic Alphabet, which is a Spanish language list of geographic names that are easily recognized by Spanish speakers -as long as they are properly pronounced.

These are not recommended, because of the difficulty of pronunciation and the ability of most Spanish speakers to recognize standard phonetics and articulate them in response. Remember, the new phonetics were scientifically designed with that as a goal.

So a good approach to phonetics , one that will improve your QSL rate and increase the rapidity of contacts on our nets by an immense amount, is to stick to the ITU recommended phonetics appearing in the reference section of the ARRL Handbook.

These are the same phonetics shown in the latter alphabet above.

- 73 Hugh NT4Z

Saturday Night Live by KB3GN

Hi All: Time to "SOAP BOX" ??

I finally got a ticket in '79 having spent most of my (then) 51 years in electronics. I was Elmered into the Century Club by Bill, W A 3 Z M Y (S K) as we both had kids in the same scout troop.

He taught me to take a list like net control does and to use it. He also initiated the idea of a Nomad Award as he was a great mobile operator. He taught me to sign mobile with location every transmission, State for CC and County for County Hunting. Yes, I still get too many wrong cards - but I know I didn't contribute to it.

When we operated in his shack, he pointed out good Net Control practices. He got me HOOKED! It sure has been fun!

He also had a great sense of humor. When we ran Annapolis mobile he was asked if we were a combo. His reply was that the

adoption papers hadn't arrived yet and neither of us carried a purse!

He was intolerant of phonetics, but used W A 3 Zed M Y for his ID. I missed the session when someone mentioned Zed was a phonetic.

He also panned the phantom 22-also 22 contacts and initiated the NO RELAY concept some still use today. Integrity was a word he used often.

WA2MYZ was president when Bill wrote to all the Hams with combos of M, Y, & Z in there calls and got them to check into the net all the same night! Glad I was not NC that night!

He also subbed for the Awards Manager when he was ill and conned me into helping him check awards. That is NOT an easy task. Make sure the card you send (or submit for an award) is correct.

It sure helps when all use One

Sided QSL Cards. Figure how many flips to a 1K award! Or how long to check a Nite Owl award looking for CCLN.

I have visited Bureau Managers operations and that is an impressive task. They can't be given enough credit!!!

Be thankful for the volunteers who add so much to the enjoyment of our HOBBY and take care of them.

The reason for the Subject Line is that back then the 40M Late Net only ran on Saturday Nights (local) and had no time limits. I was NC and had fine relays. We held the frequency till the sun came up and The RV Net guys ran us off the frequency.

That's why I hold 40M DX award #1. Enjoy yourself and.....

.....DON'T BE PART OF THE PROBLEM.

73, George, KB3GN

Hat-Antenna? Yep!

Picture by WD5BJQ

You can see some pretty strange things at Dayton, this being a guy who is into antennas on his hard hat. The really good news is that this is **NOT** one of our members.



Good Things For The Over 50 Among Us

Yippee! Good Things about over 50

- 1) Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- 2) In hostage situations, you are likely to be released first.
- 3) No one expects you to run into a burning building.
- 4) People call at 9:00 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"
- 5) People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- 6) There's nothing left to learn the hard way.
- 7) Things you buy now probably won't wear out.
- 8) You can eat dinner at 4:00 PM
- 9) You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.

10) You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

11) You have a party and neighbors don't even realize it.

12) You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

13) You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.

14) You sing along with elevator music.

15) Your eyes won't get much worse.

16) Your investments in health insurance is finally starting to pay off.

17) Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

April Awards by NJ3V

75 Meters

100 point

2428 K4CWR	2329 AL1F
2430 WJ7Z	2431 AB0MV
2432 AE0Q	2433 N4LHW

500 Point Endorsement N8ISY

8,000 point #11 AA9ZB

Alphabet 336 W0KRE
337 WA0SMQ

Bakers Dozen #1065 KD7OGR

Bakers Mobile Endorsement
WW7AS

Nite Owl

231 W8UY	232 AA0ZP
233 N9BC	234 NJ2LH

Numbers Racket

#80 AA0ZP 81 NJ2LH

Poker Player

#40 KD8QQ 41 K4RWS

Prefix #6 KD8QQ

VIP #660 K8BR

W/VE endorsement K8BR

40 Meters

100 point

#2170 KW7RF	2171 K2SBV
2172 AG5AT	2173 W3KLF
2174 N4ZNH	2175 K6MMC
2176 KC0IFW	2177 KO6TW
2178 AB0MV	2179 AE0Q

500 point endorsement K8BR

2,000 point #180 WJ7Z

6,000 point #32 K7MFG

9,000 point #19 W7LXR

10,000 point #18 W7LXR

11,000 point

Alphabet

#333 KF9UJ	#11 W7LXR
335 W8WKG	334 K0WJ
	338 WJ7Z

Bakers Dozen

#1067-68 WJ7Z	1069-73 W3KMA
1074 N9KNJ	1075-6 WM4SG
1077 N2XTT	

Bakers Mobile endorsement

W8ABC	
NA7SS	K0MRC (2)
K8MZA	KD7KHC
VE6TG	WL7K
N8MFB	W4CKT

Certificate Hunter

#320 KF9UJ 321 NN6E

200 point endorsement W1SYZ

Journeyman

#37 N5OHL 38 K9TWV

Nite Owl

#212 KL7OR

Numbers Racket

#103 WJ7Z	
104 AB0JH	105 AA0ZP

Poker Players

#38 W0KRE 39 AA0ZP

25th Anniversary

#4 WM9H	
5 W6BUM	6 KD8QQ
7 W1SYZ	8 N5OHL

VIP

#657 K0HNM

WAS

#845 NN6E

WAS Capitals

#459 N9KNJ

W/VE endorsement

K0HNM K8BR

CW 40 Net

100 point

#102 WA3I

CW 80 Net

100 point

#52 K4KXO	53 KG7Q
WAS	#1 K1DWI

160 Meters

100 point

#299 AD6ZJ	300 KB0HAZ
301 W6BUM	302 KG7Q

Bakers Dozen

#1066 W0KRE 1078 KE4DYG

Bakers Mobile endorsement
KG4NBL(2)

Nite Owl

#17 K8BR

Latest Alias

K4SGF now WM4SG

RTTY 20 Meters

100 point	#29 KG7Q
27 KA9DZM	28 AC7KP

RTTY 80 Meters

100 point	
#22 KK2M	21 K0WJ

PSK 20 Meters

100 point #16 AL1F

WAS

#1 N2XTT 2 NJ2LH

PSK 80 Meters

100 point	
#3 K2SBV	4 NJ2LH

NCS Award

Jim N5OHL
Phil VE3OII
Mike W9MIK

Journeyman NCS

Joel N5LXI

Expert NCS

Maynard AA9ZF

KK2M Needs Help On A QRN Problem

Hum...Hum...Hum...

AC hum? No. DC hum? No. Audio hum? No again. Well then, what hum are we talking about?

Here I am sitting at the radio, computer on and trying to work that mobile in Utah. Nothing unusual here. I have been on the Century Club nets since 1980 and have spent many of my evenings downstairs, sitting in front of the rig, waiting my turn for a call on the CCN.

“What!” I yell to a calling XYL. “What” again I yell. Still can’t hear my XYL yelling to me from upstairs.

Now you need to know, I have been married to the same women for 35 years, have been a ham since 1957 (45 years) and other than holidays and special events, my wife didn’t care what I was doing to my radios downstairs.

“What” I yelled again. Oh, I may as well go upstairs and see what the fuss is about. As I round the door to the family room, I see my wife sitting there with this strange look on her face.

“What’s up” I ask. Somehow before she even answers I feel I won’t like it and I’m in trouble.

Husbands always know these things. “Can’t you hear it?” she says. “Hear what?”

To save you the agony, my wife proceeds to tell me of this strange hum that is driving her nuts (thought that already happened), a hum she claims I am causing.

For weeks I have been trying to find this mysterious hum, which I have to admit I have never heard. First she said it was the ham set. Then the computer. Thus, oh boy, she laid the law down and would not “allow” me to operate anymore since it bothers her.

After 35 years! First, to try and determine what this hum was, I shut the computer down. Nope, still there she claims. Then I shut the rig down.

I come upstairs and she says the hum went away! So I told her I was going downstairs just to do some paperwork. Got downstairs and she said no problems.

Now that’s strange.

After a bit, I turned the rig on without telling her and a minute later she is yelling downstairs about “what did you do, the buzz/hum is killing me”. Oh boy.

I am now at the stage where I “rent” time. I am allowed about three hours a week operating time, which I need to confirm with her at the beginning of the week.

Now doesn’t that sound like fun? This all might sound humorous but the story is true.

Being a CW Dxer and a CCN member for years, this buzz/hum is now killing me and I don’t even hear it!

As of early April, I still have no conclusion yet on what the noise is or what I am going to do with it. I have run about every test I can and the only time she claims the noise goes away is when I come upstairs.

Thus my operating time becomes very limited. I would love any suggestions. The one about getting rid of the XYL has merit, but I’m used to her cooking!

Art KK2M

Ambroome@yahoo.com

Tired Of Those “Tiny” QSL Cards?

As we get a little older, it gets harder to read some the tiny QSL cards that show up today.

Well, worry not. According to Gene WN9AWX—our Manager of the 75 Meter and Digital Bureaus, someone has come up with a solution with a new card designed for us older folks with failing eyesight.



Billy—KB9ZHG—recently sent this card to Gene, verifying a contact they had made. You can get an idea of the size by comparing it to the desk mic to the right.

Opens up a whole new world of possibilities for the Awards Managers, huh?

Meeting Members—N5OHL Jim in the Oklahoma Capital

Editors Note: Meet Jim N5OHL from Oklahoma. Jim is the 5th Area Awards Manager and a regular contributor to the Centurion.

Soon after getting my first amateur radio license in 1989, I became very interested in HF radio running a Kenwood TS-520 and a home made 40-meter dipole on CW. At that time I did not have a computer so the best way to study Morse Code and upgrade was to make CW contacts on-the-air. I tried to make at least one contact on CW every day.



N5OHL In His Early Shack

I really wanted to upgrade to general so I could use that microphone. Three months later I had my General class and the next year Extra class.

My first night on the Century Club was in November of 1989 on 40 meters. Carol N5GAP was my first contact. Joe K5FNS and Lynn KB5GVR were also some of my first contacts.

I soon became a regular on the Century Club phone nets earning 100-point number 1281 on 40 SSB and 1721 on 75 SSB.

Now I have a 100-point certificate on every net except 80 PSK. I only need a couple more cards to get that one.

On 40 meters SSB I have my 6000 point (#30) and on 75 SSB my 3000 point (#55). Some other club awards that I am very proud of are the Poker Players on both 40 and 75 meters, and the DX award on 40 meters.

I am now two awards short of the Masters Degree; (DX on 75 and Late Net on 75). Since 1997 I have served as the 5th Area Awards Manager. I have been on the Club Awards Committee since 2001. I am also an ARRL awards manager.

My current station includes a Kenwood TS-850, Ameritron 811H amp, a classic 1967 Heathkit SB-101 transceiver, Dentron Super Tuner Plus, an MFJ QRP cub (40M) and a Tuna Tin 2 QRP 40M CW rig.

My antennas include a Cushcraft A3S for 10-15-20, Carolina Windom for 40 and 80, inverted "L" for 160.

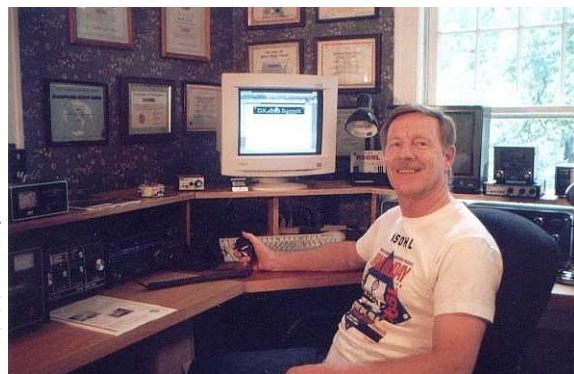
I also run HF mobile in my Ford pick-up truck with an ICOM IC-706mkIIg. Believe it or not I have operated mobile/portable in 20 states on the Century Club. I have attended seven eyeballs (TN, AR, IL, WY, VT, OK, IA).

My local club is the Edmond Amateur Radio Society (EARS). I was President in 1998 and remain active with Field Day and other club events.

In 1990 I earned my worked all states and in 1992 DXCC using only homebrew antennas and 100 watts. I now have 254 confirmed DX countries and 5-Band Worked All States (WAS).

Around 1990 my Dad Fred got interested too and got his license with call KB5MRU. He was very active on the nets up until his death in 1998. We had many evenings operating combo in Dallas on the nets.

Together we made several eyeballs including TN, AR, IL, WY, VT and OK. Another highlight that some of you may remember were the two trips we made to Hawaii operating both 40 and 75 meters from Maui.



N5OHL In His Shack Today

I have been married to Linda N5OJP for 28 years.

We have three children now all grown up and living in other states. Paul KB5KPL (age 28) lives and works in Denton, Texas.

Both Paul and Linda have a Tech Plus license.

Jenny (age 26) is an elementary school teacher in Houston Texas.

Our youngest at age 21 is Emily. She is now in her fourth year at Loyola University in New Orleans. I tried my best to get the two girls into amateur radio but they were not interested.

73 Jim N5OHL
Oklahoma City OK

Dayton 2002

The Dayton Hamvention is always popular with 3905CCN members and this year was no exception.



In this first picture, courtesy of K0WJ, seven of our intrepid members meet on Friday. In the one below, they meet again on Saturday, this time picking up AA9ZB and KS9WI.



Also at Dayton was Keith, WD5BJQ with some other hams from Gateway Computers.

Keith furnished some additional pictures from his visit.

First, to the right, it would appear that some people will do anything to pick up stuff in the tailgate area. Here you can see that someone has put a sign on their kid, letting him forage for free stuff. Well, if it works.



Speaking of the tailgate area—the picture to the right above here shows what we are all used to at Hamfests, the outdoor area. Kind of like—Where do you start?

Well, if you are considering building your own android, perhaps here.



Above is a picture of Keith—WD5BJQ holding on to the tower. Look for pictures of Keith's tower project elsewhere in this issue of the Centurion.

Looks like all had a good time.



AD7DB and N7JY On The Road

Hi Everyone,

Just a quick note thanking the MANY people we made net contacts on during our road trip. I don't have the log here right now to give you totals, but we averaged around a dozen contacts apiece each night we were on, and one night got nearly 20.



AD7DB and N7JY At Vail Pass in Colorado—And Yes, it was cold!

We operated mobile, 50W, from the following states: CA, UT, CO, KS, IA, IL, MO, OK, TX, NM, AZ. That's 11 states, so sometime we're going to have to travel to NV and some other states so you folks can make a Bakers Dozen on us. I believe a few of you did get us in all those states.



Dave AD7DB At "Ham" Highway U.S. 73

It was fun becoming "wanted stations" during this time. Several nights there, various people would ask if "that traveling combo" was checked in. And the night we were "The Kansas Cap Combo" (a new musical group?) was great.



N7JY at the house where Jesse James was shot

IA was a bust. I tried the Early net and only got a few contacts from it, and the late net was plagued with tons of noise and I couldn't even hear the NCS, so we didn't check into the late net there.



In Keokuk Iowa, preparing to Cross the Mississippi

That was for 5/7/02, did we have a solar flare or something going on?

We operated from the state capitals of MO, KS, and OK, and one night we did a state line at TX/NM.



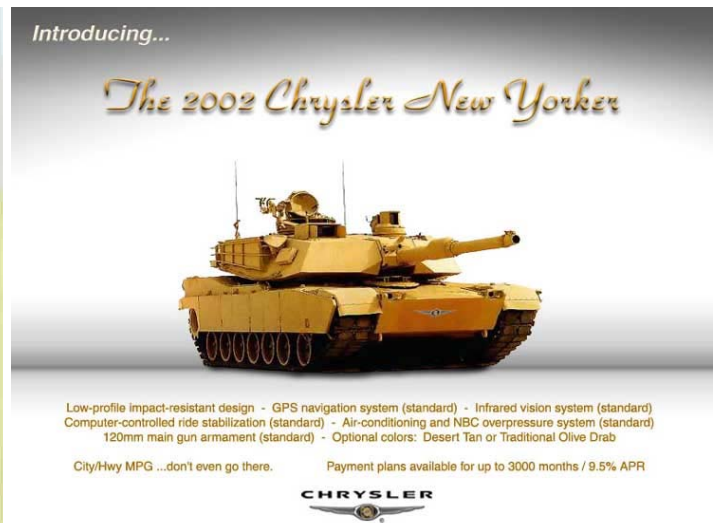
AD7DB East of the Mississippi for the first time.

Your QSL cards WILL go out shortly. N7JY wants to make a custom card to send out for the trip. I told him he's got one week to do it, and I'll look it over when I see him on Memorial Day weekend, and if it looks OK we'll do that. Otherwise, I'll use some of my own regular cactus cards and the others will be more like the generic cards I designed for the 3905 club contacts (you folks who have my green QSL cards know the one I mean).

Our first field test of our mobile setup was on the 4/28 net and then the trip started a week later. I want to get cards out, but if the design John wants to do looks good then I think it'll be worth waiting a little longer for.

73 de Dave AD7DB

Warm and Fuzzy Feelings



The Internet Just Keeps Getting Stranger Everyday

Note: At times we all get weird emails from people on the web looking for some kind of help or donation. I have to admit, this one goes over the edge of reality. Maybe.

Hello,
If you are a time traveler or alien and or in possession of government or alien

technology I need your help! My entire life and health has been messed with by evil beings! If you have access to the carbon copy replica model #50 3000 series, the dimensional warp, temporal reversion or something similar please reply! I simply need the safest method of transferring my consciousness to my younger self with my current mind/memory. I need an advanced time trav-

eler to work with who can help me, I would prefer someone with access to teleportation as well as a variety different types of time travel. This is not a joke! I am serious! Please send a separate email to me at: Dragonball03@aol.com if you can help! Thanks—29

Yep, they're everywhere.

K4BZD—Ed in Belize

Ed Faber, K4BZD was able to operate from Corazal, Belize (V31) on a couple of evenings in May. Ed was in Belize on a short term mission trip to do some electrical work at a mission home and church in San Marcisco.

Ed also visited several schools and talked with teachers and students interested in electronics. While there he worked 16 hours a day in 97 degree heat and no air conditioning.

Ed was with a team of four others including his wife and a doctor. All were able to witness and share with many of the people of Belize.

Ed says, "we took 6 suitcases of medical supplies and several hundred pairs of new shoes. It was a real blessing to serve in this manner. Our efforts were arranged through The Mission to the World Organization and the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC."

ED couldn't take a radio but was fortunate to find an old Swan 350 tube radio at the medical center associated with his mission effort.

He threw a 50 ft piece of wire out the window and tuned the radio by ear. He had no way to verify the swr or tune the antenna, so if you heard

Ed on the net, you were lucky.

Ed says, be patient on the QSL cards, it's going to take a few weeks to reply. Please put both reports on the cards as he was not logging.

ED will be making a similar trip to Lima and Cusco, Peru in October.

If you have any questions about Ed's mission work or operating your radio out of the country, you may contact him at...

JoyceandEd@prodigy.net.

N3DUH—Harmonic of N3WD

Recently Bill N3WD checked into one of our nets with a new combo member—his daughter Patricia—call sign N3DUH.

Patricia was first licensed at 10 as a tech. She passed the code last year and on her spring break decided to get her general.

She studied for 4 days and passed. Her mom is also licensed and passed her extra when Patricia passed her general.

They can't get mom on the HF bands but they're trying. They would be one heck of a combo for poker players.

Mom's call is K3DUH. Yes Bill is living with two official DUH's. They actually selected the calls. Bill is considering whether he will put in for W3DUH for a while and they could all check in as the DUH family.

Patricia has also been on the Greater Baltimore Hamboree & Computerfest / ARRL Maryland State Convention committee for 7



years. She has done more work than most of the club members.

Patricia also is a member of the national junior honor society and worked actively to get her girl scout troop their communications badges.

She is also active in RACES. Also

Patricia won the Maryland/DC QSO party technician category two years ago.

She was the youngest to ever win a category in the QSO Party (she is 13).

Last year she helped the club W3FT to defend the club title and this year she plans to help us compete.

Last November Patricia spent 4 hours helping the club work on the antennas on the 40 foot tower.

The club rented a bucket truck and with the weight limits 2 adults could not get in. We needed 4 hands so Patricia volunteered to go up.

It ended up she was the bucket driver and was the only person NOT to hit the tower with the bucket.

Short Takes

KG4NBL (Gene) sent Nadine—WAØSMQ a note when K7NZ was in Hawaii.

It seems that when Gene was on his boat off the Florida Keys, he heard Fred and the Longitude and Latitude Readings at the time were 39.04. Pretty unusual, huh?

How **NOT** to test solar power panels. Recently Keith WD5BJQ was looking for information on the use of solar panels. Here is the advice given him by Tom AA1NZ. Your message brought back a mem-

ory related to solar panels. I was testing a pair of 24 volt units not long ago. My high quality VOM was nearby, but being in my usual "damn the anchors" mode, I decided to test for output using the tip of my tongue (a method I frequently use on 9V batteries).

KA-Whapppp!!! Wow, the open circuit (unloaded) voltage of that 24 volt panel was about 90 volts. Just a tidbit in case you are a tongue tester, too..

Charter Member Cheryl

WA2DKC became a grandmother for the first time on June 5th. Congratulations!

Mobile?
Portable?
Airborne?

Perhaps a
fear of
high wa-
ter.



QSL's—THEN AND NOW by K8BR es AD5IT

Throughout time as people met others they often exchanged tokens such as salt, bread, or other small gifts as a sign of welcome or friendship. At about the time of the American Civil War, it was popular to exchange a "Carte-de-Visite" when making a visit to friends or neighbors. The Carte-de-Visite was a card mounted photograph of the presenter and was typically 2.5 X 4 inches in size. The Carte-de-Visite would be displayed in the parlor for all other visitors to see. After about 1890, "Cabinet Cards" became popular and were typically 4.25 X 6.5 inches in size. All these cards would usually contain the presenters name and a brief note or message. In the days before radio, people collected these cards and often stored them in albums to show others.

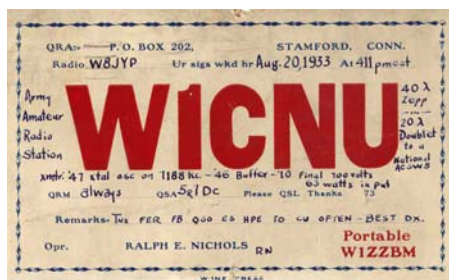
In about 1900, the Postal Service introduced a "Post Card" and the stage was set to bring together the Carte-de-Visite, the post card and a recent discovery, radio.

In 1912, the U. S. Government began licensing Amateur Radio operators. The new amateurs needed to "confirm" their contacts and it was only natural to bring all three ideas together in the form of a "QSL." In 1914 The American Radio Relay League was founded. By the middle 1920's, QSL'ing was the thing to do and continues to this day.

Our examples of QSL's from the 1930's were found at an auction by a friend, Ralph Moorehead of Jackson, Michigan. These cards were sent to W8JYP who also lived in Jackson, Michigan.

The card from W1CNU, dated Aug 20, 1933, at 4:11 PM, EST, shows that Ralph Nichols, of Stamford, CT., apparently an RN in the Army, was using a three tube transmitter using a 47 crystal oscillator, a 46 buffer and a 10 final with 700 volts giving him 63 watts input. His receiver was a National SW5. He transmitted on 7.188 on 40 meters

with a Zepp for an antenna. He sent a 57 report with a DC tone.



While somewhat cluttered looking, W1CNU reported all the necessary elements for a good contact.

The card from W9OXA, Jack Jacobowitz of Streator, Illinois, on January 20, 1935, at 10:10 AM CST, worked W8JYP and gave

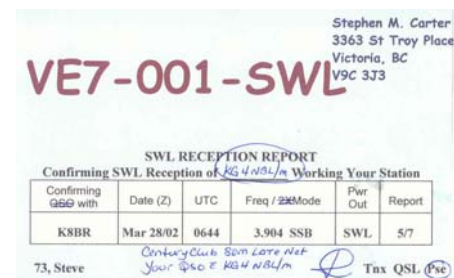


him a 549 report for their 40 meter contact. Jack was using a 4 tube transmitter with a 47 oscillator, 10 buffer, and a pair of 10's to give him 140 watts. His two tube receiver was a 77 detector and a 37 AF amplifier. Again, this card contains all the necessary elements to confirm a good contact. Except for the equipment used, neither card would be out of place in the modern world.



Even in the 1930's SWL'ing was probably as great or greater than now. The card from the W9 SWL

was dated April 5, 1934, when he sent his report of 58 on 7 MC to W8JYP. Put that card along side one I received from the VE7-001-SWL in Victoria, BC, Canada, March 28, 2002 from EQSL. Only the method of delivery was different.



Moving ahead to today, the card of KB7TTO is a good card and has all the important information but it is noted that no equipment is mentioned. In fact many of today's QSL's have dropped this bit of information that really helps to make us all a little bit more human.



Instead of just showing the minimum info, why not show a little bit of ourselves. WA2JIM shows himself at the wheel of a sailing boat, K7NZ shows off his monster Rhododendrons, W6BUM uses his computer to good advantage with a world map, awards, flags and a humorous drawing of the "BUM". Many use photos of their operating desk and equipment, such as N8DSG. Cards can be an expression of our other personal interests but plain, bare bones cards, serve just as well to confirm the contact.

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QSL's—Now & Then (Continued from Page 17)

Following is some of the items you might want to consider for your own QSL.

* Notes an item that must be included on all cards. Note that the ARRL does not require a signal report on cards.

1. Station worked *
2. Month/Day/Year *
3. Time *
4. Band and or frequency, possibly both *
5. Confirm that is was a 2 way contact and the 2 way mode *
6. Signal report (both reports preferred) *
7. The State of the worked station
8. Was it QRP and if so what the QRP power was
9. Was the station fixed, portable or mobile.
10. In our case, was it an early or late net.
11. Mention the Century Club or CC or 3905 CC
12. Space for a personal comment is nice
13. Make sure to include your own address & state
14. Include your own station status. Fixed/portable/mobile. If not marked it is assumed that you were operating as a fixed station.

Here's some do and don'ts. Make sure you include on the card, any 100 point numbers you have, wild card numbers, VIP points or positions you may hold in the club. Other award numbers are optional.

Time for a couple of no no's.

This is very important. Never, ever, cross out something or make changes on a card.

If you make an error, toss the card and start over. Never change colors of ink when making out a card. Awards people have no way of knowing who made the cross out or changes and have to reject those cards. Some put many items on a card then cross

out the items that don't apply. That looks messy and nobody knows who did the marking. Use a check box or line, then put your checks or x's there. Check boxes or lines should always follow the items to be noted.

Now, why should I put all this stuff on my card? Well, you don't have to but, many may be working for awards such as worked all states mobile or worked all states QRP, then this additional information is required on the card for the contact to be valid.

Why spend all the time working stations if you don't put down the simple basics they will need or worse yet, delay QSL'ing until you forget what you did. As soon as you complete the contact, send the card. The other station needs your card now or they wouldn't have called you, so don't wait a few weeks or more, send it now. For myself, when I let off the mike button after a contact, I begin making out the card. In less than a minute it's done. One card or 20, the next morning it's in the mail.

The reason for the Century Club being here is to make contacts and exchange cards. Your card may be single or double sided, commercial or home made, but a little extra thought will help everyone out. Some don't like double sided cards but if you think ahead, they're fine. Just put all your award and contact info on one side.

Reserve the other side for your favorite picture or call letter design or personal data that is always the same. Ask yourself this. Is it easy for the recipient or awards manager to find, read and understand? Even after time, will it be easy to understand what the contact was? Is the card so small that it's easy to loose? Is it so big it has to be folded to fit a standard envelope?

Think of the person on the other end handling the cards such as the

bureaus. Can they store it easy? Remember, standard size is 3.5 X 5.5 inches. Standard card files are that size too. Its easy to do and it helps everyone down the line. Any sub size card that arrives in my mail box, is quickly fixed onto a standard 3.5 X 5.5 blank card. Extra work, but it prevents loss.

We have shown that QSL'ing has remained basically the same throughout the years and with a little extra effort we can make the sending and receiving of QSL's that last little touch, the lasting special token and memory, of the contact on the air.

Concluding Comments of Jimmy Miller (AD5IT)

Along with Brian, I think that we as Amateur Radio Operators should think back to our founding Amateurs and give a attaboy to those pioneers who blazed the path for us to enjoy this great hobby.

I for one think back to the early days of lying on the floor, the family all huddled around the battery operated radio, listening to the fire-side comments of the President, the war in the Pacific and the growing amateur ranks.

Whenever I see a card from on of the pioneers, I think what was it like in those days you could not go down to the Radio Shack and get that replacement tube or that trusty transistor. A lot of times it came down to designing and making your own item that you needed.

I guess what I am really trying to say is, lets honor the pioneers and remember what they did that we might have this hobby today. Lets start making it fun again. Lets start watering at the mouth thinking about the card that's coming from some person mobiling down a highway or the person who just completed his first kit. Lets put the excitement back into expecting that Charter Members QSL card any day. (Continued on Page 21)

May Awards by NJ3V

75 Meters

100 point

#2434 WDØFYF 2335 KN6DQ
2436 AGØM 2437 K5HKG
2438 WBØWHM

500 point endorsement

K4CWR WD8CNM
KE4VIS N4LHW

1,000 point

#407 K8BR 408 N3WD

2,000 point #143 AAØZP

4,000 point #39 K7MFG

11,000 point #4 KB1VU

Alphabet

#338 N3WD 339 K4RWS
340 KD4IN 341 WMØF
342 WA2PQE

Bakers Dozen

#1080 K4RWS 1082 WMØF

Bakers Mobile endorsement

NØAOP K7NZ

Certificate Hunter

#322 N3WD 324 K9TWV
326 K4RWS

DX

#62 K4RWS

Nite Owl

#235 N3WD 236 K4RWS
237 WA2JIM 238 WØMLM

Numbers Racket #82 K4RWS

Poker Player

#42 N5OHL 43 VE3DZR

VIP

#663 WK5R

WAS

#850 WA2PQE

WAS/YL

#104 K4RWS

WAS Same Station Mobile #2

WAØSMQ

40 Meters

100 point

#2180 AD7DB 2181 WDØFYF
2182 NØNUQ 2183 KG6CXR
2184 AGØM 2185 WA2PQE
2186 K5HKG 2187 N7WEJ
2188 N4LHW

1,000 point #422 KA9DZM

3,000 point #90 W1SYZ

Bakers Dozen

#1079 K8BR 1081 K8BR
1083-5 W3KMA

Bakers Mobile endorsement

N8MFB NA7SS VE6TG
KBØOKS K7NZ

Call Area

(5) #290 WA2STH
(7) 291 WA2STH
(0) 292 WA2STH
(1) 293 K8BR (4) 294 K8BR
(5) 295 K8BR (6) 296 K8BR
(7) 297 K8BR (8) 298 K8BR
(9) 299 K8BR (0) 300 K8BR

Certificate Hunter

#323 N3WD 325 AAØZP

Nite Owl #213 ABØJH

Nomad

#120 N9KNJ 121 AD6ZJ

Numbers Racket

#106 WA2STH

Prefix

#13 WA2JIM 14 KC5BFK

25th Anniversary

#9 WA3SYR 10 KK2M
11 ABØJH

VIP

#662 N3WD 664 N9KNJ

WAS

#848 WD4AON 849 KB5WCZ

CW 80 Net

100 point #54 WMØF

160 Meters

100 point #303 K5HKG

Nite Owl #18 K7MFG

Call Sign Changes

KF6FZV now AA6HB
WM9H now WN9AWX

RTTY 40 Meters

100 point

#66 AC7KP 67 WMØF

PSK 20 Meters

100 point #17 AA3FC

PSK 40 Meters

100 point

#19 ABØJH 20 AD6ZJ

Masters Degree

Frank Taylor AAØZP

Journeyman NCS

Nadine WAØSMQ

Expert NCS

Jim N8RYD

Awards As I See It by Jim N5OHL

Some of the 3905 Century Club awards have the words “all contacts must be on the same band”.

You will also see at the top left of some applications “Band ____”. What does this mean? Many years ago when the club first started it was easy because we only had two SSB nets. For awards you could not mix the 40-meter “band” with cards from the 75-meter “band”.

Things have obviously changed as the club now has separate nets for SSB, CW, RTTY, and PSK. The original writers of the club awards are not lawyers or legal writers. Certainly they could not have foreseen so many nets and different operating modes.

One thing for sure is the intent of the original writers was that each award must be “net specific”. All contacts for any award must be from the same net. For example on the basic 100-point award you cannot mix 40 meter SSB cards with 40 meter CW cards or 40 meter PSK cards. A lawyer might argue that they are on the same “band” but it will not work for the Century Club.

As the awards committee goes through a revision or update to an award application you will see that “Band ____” has now been replaced with “Band ____ Mode ____”. Another way to look at this is the “40 meter phone band” is different from the “40 meter CW band” is different from the “40 meter PSK band”, etc.

So if you see the word “band” you should realize that it means “net” or “band/mode”. I suggest that throw out all old award forms. Get the latest award applications before doing any award. Eventually all of the award applications will be changed to “Band ____ Mode ____” or “Band/

Mode”. A few club awards do require cards from more than one net or “band”. Follow the specific rules for these awards.

What is the most difficult award that the club offers? Many will say it is the Poker Players Award. So far only 42 Poker Player certificates have been earned. You really must earn this one. It takes a long time to work enough stations to come up with just the right combination of call signs.

I will not go into details on the award but it is based on poker hands such as a straight or four-of-a-kind. If you hear people on the nets with unusual call sign suffixes like “ABC” or “BBB”, work them. Also work every 2x1 call that you hear on the nets because you will need these too.

One of the features of this award is the “Deuces are Wild”. The original Poker Player award application listed which awards could be used for a #2 “deuce” wild card. But after many years it became apparent that a change was needed because most of the holders of the much-needed #2 were either a silent key or no longer active with the club nets. For example the #2 100-point on 40 SSB is K3TYW (SK) and on 75 SSB K3HPG (SK).

Spencer K0AFY was active many years on the nets and holds #2 on both 40 SSB and 75 SSB on the 1K and higher progressive series. He passed away a couple years ago but search your old cards for K0AFY. One could easily see that we would reach a point that no wild cards would be available anymore.

So after much debate and several

e-mails among members of the awards committee a NEW POKER PLAYERS application has been approved by the Century Club Board.

The new revised Poker Player award application now allows two “Deuces” wild cards from any 3905 Century Club award. Certificate numbers allowed now are the single digit number 2 or any certificate number that ends with “02” or “22”. Examples would be certificate numbers 2, 22, 102, 122, 202, 302, or 1402, 1522, 1602, etc.

You still only get to use two “deuces” wild cards but now you can probably find them in your card collection. Some examples of numbers that are NOT good would be 12, 32, 472, 692, etc. Again the number must be the single digit 2 or a number ending with “02” or “22”.

Also available on the Poker Players is the option to use one Super Wild card from one of our Master’s Degree holders. It does not have to be the #2, which is Bob KC1NA. As the application says, ALL cards must be from the same band and mode including optional wild cards and super wild card. In other words you cannot mix cards from different nets.

Who has a number two certificate? Take a look at the club web page awards area for certificate lists. This is a tough award, be prepared to make little piles of cards all over your shack. What I did was to take all my cards and sort them by call sign suffix rather than by state. What a mess I had all over the shack!

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Awards As I See It (Continued from Page 20)

Here are a few interesting facts about the Poker Players. In 25 years the club has had only 42 certificates issued. Two thirds are on 40 SSB and the other one third on 75 SSB.

Only five people have done it on both 40 and 75: KI5RN, N2XTT, W0MYZ, KK2M, and me – N5OHL. No one has ever done a Poker Players on any other net than 40 or 75 phone. Who will be the first on 160 meters or CW or PSK?

Recently I noticed that Gordon K7MFG, in addition to earning Masters Degree holder # 11, is also listed as earning the Journeyman award. I was surprised to see a rather low certificate number of only 36. This is not a new award; it goes way back many years almost to the very beginning of the club. Why such a low number? As an awards manager for many years, I have never seen a Journeyman award application cross my desk.

So I decided to take a closer look at this award. At first glance it reminds me of the 1000 point progressive award but the similarity is only that. The Journeyman is a stand-alone award. It has nothing to do with any other award. It is not even required on the Master's. I did what I tell everyone else to do on awards: "Read the rules." They say you must come up with a total of 500 points.

- 5 different prefixes in each of 25 states @ 3 pts = 375 pts.
- 15 different DX countries @ 5 pts = 75 pts.
- 10 contacts on the band opposite the one used on this application @ 5 pts = 50 pts. (Example: 10 contacts on 40 meters - others on 80)

I can see now why so few have earned this award. A total of 15 different DX countries are required! This is almost like getting the DX award (which is required on the Master's).

Also note that the 500 points has nothing to do with the progressive series award. The wording of "opposite band" contacts tells me that this award almost certainly dates from the early days of the club when 40 SSB and 75 SSB were the only nets.

Since I had already earned the DX award on 40 meters I decided to dig out my cards and see if I could get the Journeyman. One more item of interest on this award is the rule that no call can be used more than once. So the use of mobiles and portables in multiple states is out on this one. This turned out to be more difficult than I thought. I used only home fixed stations but in the end I managed to get the right cards together.

Obviously award managers cannot check their own cards. Guess who gets that honor? The 5th Area Director gets to check my awards. Jim N5UJB always does a great job.

I turned in what I thought was a good one this time and he still found one duplicate prefix. So if you have enough DX countries you might want to look at the Journeyman award.

I still get questions from newcomers about the 100-point award. Yes—I know the form has only 10 blanks in each category but that does not mean you are restricted to only 10.

The rules say you may use any one category or combination of categories for the 100 points.

That means YES you can use more than 10 "2-letter" calls. Use the blanks in the next column and note "2-letter" for those calls.

At 10 points each, the best way to go is to use 10 state capitol contacts. But it is sometimes tough to get that many capitols. I have never seen anyone get a 100 point with all "YL's" or all "Combos".

Anyone want to try that one?

Good Luck on your awards,

Jim N5OHL

QSL's—Now & Then (Continued from Page 18)

Start putting a little note of thanks in with each QSL you fill out. I know the person who receives it, will really be excited, just as I am on each and every card I get.

As a last note, there are many programs available for making QSL cards and each one I have seen, has a place for a comment, lets start using it. One of the best cards I have

ever received is not from an amateur but is from a short wave listener.

It was hand written and contained a very special note of my signal report and how he enjoyed listening to the 3905 Century Club late at night. Remember we're not the only ones who hear each other.

As a last comment, when working a mobile station, I would say that

75% are not logging and as such, if you don't get a card from them, it may be that they worked 10-15 other hams and don't remember working you.

So don't expect a card if you don't send a QSL, reminding them that you worked.

Jimmy, AD5IT

JUNE AWARDS by NJ3V

75 Meters SSB

100 Point #2439 W6FUV
2440 KØMRC 2441 VE2RBB
2442 NS2X 2443 KB1CLC

500 Point Endorsement

KKØQ WL7K WAØSMQ

1,000 Point

#409 KKØQ 410 WAØSMQ

Alphabet #343 WA4BKW

Bakers Dozen

#1086 KE4DYG 1087 KE4VIS

Bakers Mobile Endorsement

KG4NBL(2)

Certificate Hunter

#327 VA2GLB

Journeyman #25 NJ2LH

Nite Owl #239 KN6DQ

Nomad #79 KØMRC

WAS

852 KE4VIS 855 WA3SYR

CW 40 Meters Net

100 point

#103 AD6ZJ 104 K4KXO

40 Meters SSB

100 point

2189 W7FLA 2190 N4UPX
2191 VE2RBB 2192 W6FUV
2193 KGØDX 2194 KM4SA
2195 N1OMS 2196 AB9DF
2197 WA5YNE 2198 W5KWB
2199 NØSJ 2200 KE4DYG

500 Point Endorsement

N9KNJ N4ZNH

1,000 point

#423 K8BR

2,000 point

#181 AG4DO

3,000 point

#91 K9TWV

6,000 point

#33 W5IL

11,000 point

#12 KB5GVR

15,000 point

#2 N2XTT

Bakers Dozen

#1088-89 W3KMA

1090-92 N9KNJ 1093-94 AG4DO

1095-96 WA4BKW 1097 W3KMA

Bakers Mobile #135 KG4LDL

Bakers Mobile endorsement

N0AOP (2) KC5BFK

KG4NBL(2) W9JAY (2)

W8FSJ WB8ABC

Call Area (4) #301 KC5BFK

Call Notice May 9, and the NPRM is expected to be released soon. A comment deadline will be announced as soon as it's available.

The FCC said the new 5-MHz band would help amateurs "better match their choice of frequency to existing propagation conditions."

The band, if approved, would be the first new amateur HF allocation since World Administrative Radio Conference 1979 gave amateurs the so-called "WARC Bands."

Nite Owl

#214 K9TWV

Nomad

Poker

25th Anniversary #12 KA2WQR

13 N2XTT

VIP

WAS

#854 KA5QOF 856 KCØIFW

WAS Capitals #460 W8WKG

50 state endorsement

K9TWV WØMYZ

WAS Same Station 50 St Endors.

WØMYZ

160 Meters

100 point

#304 KK5ZB 305 KD5BED

WAS

Call Sign Changes

WAØJYC now KKØQ

PSK 80 Meters

100 point #5 W5IL 6 KP4WS

NCS Appreciation Certificate

John W6BUM

New Ham Band? Maybe. Someday.

There may be good news for ham radio! The FCC has proposed going along with requests for a new domestic (US-only), secondary HF allocation at 5.25 to 5.4 MHz.

The FCC also is ready to permit operation on a 136-kHz "sliver band" in the low-frequency (LF) region.

The FCC voted unanimously May 2 to adopt the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in ET Docket 02-98. The Commission released a Pub-

lic Notice May 9, and the NPRM is expected to be released soon. A comment deadline will be announced as soon as it's available.

Assuming the 5-MHz band eventually is authorized, it could be a few years before it actually becomes available.

In comparisons with 80 and 40 meters, the test operation also showed the 60-meter band to be the most reliable of the three.

A new 150-kHz allocation at 5 MHz could relieve periodic overcrowding on 80 and 40.

3905 CENTURY CLUB EYEBALL 2002



Outstanding! Incredibly fun! Super! Delightful! Busy! Pick your own adjective, but all of these apply to

Eyeball 2002 in New Jersey.

WA2JIM—Clay—with the able help of daughter Rachael and many others did an outstanding job and everyone there had a great time.

From one excellent meal to another (would you believe Eggs Benedict for breakfast on Saturday?), to interesting speakers and presentations and a whole lot of eyeball visiting time, it was an annual meeting to remember for a long time.

Friday was a day of erecting antennas and getting stations ready for the nets, but there was still time for lots of visiting, renewing old friendships and making new ones.

Saturday's program started off (after the excellent breakfast) with the 1st annual Mobile Antenna Shoot-Out which proved to be fun, entertaining and educational all at the same time. Several of us were looking for new antennas for our mobile units after it was over.

Organized by Tom AA1NZ, assisted by Lon KØWH, the shoot-out had some interesting twists and the overall winner—with a score double that of the closest rating—was Lon KØWH with his massive antenna.

The 40 and 75 meter early nets were operated from the Eyeball site by K4CCN—our club station, with the assistance of many people. Several of the members attending took their mobile rigs to other locations and brought more states to the nets.

A likely record was set on Friday night when NT4Z took the original check-in list with 116 on the first round.

During the program on Saturday afternoon, several awards were made (found in this newsletter) and the KD3FM Service Awards were presented (cover story).

Also the Grand Prize Winner was drawn and announced during the program. The members who completed the 25th Anniversary Award were eligible for the drawing, won by Loren AD6ZJ. The prize is a trip to France and accommodations for a week's stay.

More stories will be in the next issue of the Centurion, but for now suffice it to say, it was a great Eye-ball. Start planning now for the 2003 Eyeball which will in the Eastern Kansas area hosted by 2003 Eyeball Coordinator Lon KØWH.

Also, there will be more pictures in the next issue from our "official" Century Club Photographer—Frank KO2Q.



The 40 Meter Station, being operated by Dave—KE9OI.



Left—WA2JIM Clay, our Eye-ball Host with Steve WK5S



Antenna Shoot-Out

From the left—Dave KE9OI, Bob KA9JAC, Steve WK5S and Shoot-Out Judge Tom AA1NZ



Miss Gladys WB2RWT

Eyeball 2002 Continued

Frank KO2Q, Lou AG4LB and Rufus



Gary—KA1J (Son of W1BML), Earl—W1BML and Frank—AAØZP



Ginger—WQ1N, Dave—WQ1H, and Ray AC6LU



Jay—W9JAY, Ron—W3QZ, Hugh—NT4Z and Dave—KE9OI



In the foreground from left—Lon KØWH (our Eyeball 2003 Host), Mike KØMRC and Larry N2OCW



**Many more pictures from Eyeball 2002
Coming in the October Issue of
The Centurion**

More Eyeball Pictures

From the left, Mike—KØMRC, Jay—W9JAY,
Lynn—XYL of K1EC and Conrad—K1EC



From left, Robin—KE3NR, Larry—N2OCW and
Debbie—Guest of N2OCW



Terry—WD4AON, Peter—N2XTT and Lon—
KØWJ—Trying out some PSK-31



Known to all as
“Uncle Milt”,
KBØOKS—relaxing in
the Pavilion.

Milt was joined by fel-
low 18-wheelers Mike
KØMRC and Jay
W9JAY



From the left , Garry—VA2GLB, Peter—
N2XTT, Elise from Ham Radio Works (our
3905CCN Official Outfitter) and Billy—AE9ZH



Peter—N2XTT, bring-
ing the morning pa-
pers.

The N8DXR Column

At least the bright side to this issue's column is that it was half written even before I started on it. *HOW*, you say? Answer is easy: Seems that the last edition needed some serious editing and the stuff the good Editor took out set me up with more than enough to go on.

And then I got *THIS* bit of wild and crazy news. . .

Back in the December issue (# 5 for last year, in case you lost your souvenirs), one of our missing members – AA8DP, Stephen in KY – was noted as one of the almost 100 MIA people found in our research, and the only one to not only hold a number on 160 meters but also declared missing even though his license had not yet expired! Thoughts at that point turned to his being a Silent Key, and then some funny data mixed with strange rumors which could not be confirmed absolutely popped up as to his having given up his license or something along that line...

Never knew just how right that was - for now we know for pure and sure that, frankly my dear, he has **damn** good reason for being missing! From an email sent by Jack/WMOG over at the Geratol net, edited to note the most salient points (the fact AA8DP had two Geratol #s is removed):

*One of our members was featured a couple of weeks ago on **America's Most Wanted** TV show. His name is Steve Anderson. His call was AA8DP. He "turned in" his license to the FCC about a year ago for illegally broadcasting his racial and government hate messages on the air. He is allegedly a member of the KKK* and the "Kentucky Militia" group.*

He is also a "gun nut" and when stopped by a deputy he fired his rifle and unloaded 30 rounds into the police car. His truck (camouflaged and has the logo of the "Kentucky Militia"

on it) was found with over 9,000 rounds of ammo in it. Anyway, he was a character, but nothing we talked about on the air made me believe he was into this kind of stuff.

*Asterisk added to inform first time readers the letters "KKK" does **NOT** in any way refer to something like the "Krispy Kreme Korps", got that?

If ex-A(bsolutely) A 8 D(umb) P(erson) has not been busted by the time you get this, you can check www.amw.com (the **America's Most Wanted** web site) for the rest of the dirt about (if not on *TOP* of) him, which is located in the April 13 and 20, 2002 programs in the series archives, picture included (hold your comments after seeing it).

And if YOU have any layers of dirt to add – especially any information whatsoever on his whereabouts, be it from something as simple and invigorating as hearing his dulcet tones on the air once more to (yeah, right) getting a fresh and autographed (postage due) QSL in the mail, the AMW folks provide happily 24 hours a day, seven days a week, the tools to write them directly so you can let them know what you know, in the privacy of your own home and computer, so that they then can pass your gift on to their friends who make a living seeking out their (and your) enemies.

Take them up on it, if you get the chance. You might be glad you did!

For our notes: Steve held a 3k on 40 meters and a 5k on 75 along with his 160 certificate – and he has been moved with Guinness-record speed to the Rusty Key file, quite appropriate given that's what it will take to get him out and back on the air. . . say, in about 35-50 years. . .

Now to get the rest of this column really out of the gate with requests on a couple of side projects that need information, starting with one dealing with several of our past Eyeballs...

In addition to updating the Cross Reference where needed, I have been researching our Eyeballs with the goal of developing a comprehensive page that can be used as a reference for those who want to host one. So far, I have laid out virtually all the basic data of these festivals (yet *another* big thank you to KD3O!!!), including the years where we held TWO eyeballs, one for the Eastern half of the country and one for the Western side, a rather neat practice that ended (bummer) in 1988.

I have found holes in the list, however; this is where you can help!

Does ANYONE know the towns/cities (or the nearest ones, which will do) where these three Eyeballs were held:

- 1987 Eyeball X East, sponsored by WA2ZYM (list shows Indiana only)
- 1988 Eyeball XI East, sponsored by N3FOC/WB2K (Northeast Pennsylvania is all that is listed)
- 1989 Eyeball XII, sponsored by NY9L/KE7IL (list shows Indiana only)

In case you were wondering about the other side of the counts: Eyeball X West was held in Williams, AZ (KD7XQ as host) and XI West took place in Arlington, TX (hosted by K5IUO and his YL, N5GAP – who is a Silent Key). As for one of the three missing locations, there may be a clue: The site for Eyeball XIII, hosted by NY9L in 1990, is listed in the records as Chesterton, IN. Does anyone know if the site used for that year was the same location as the 1989 one that remains in question?

Have tried to contact several of the calls for the three events above by emails but have come up a cropper each time. Looks like telephone contact will have to do unless those of you out there can help!

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N8DXR Column (Continued)

Peter/N2XTT has given a possible start on one of the three: He noted in a telephone call discussing Awards Committee business that the one for XI East in Pennsylvania was near the Scranton area. Anyone might have a more specific town, if I may ask?

Also, does anyone know the status/what became of KM4MK (ex N4GKP) who hosted Eyeball VIII East in 1985 at Maggie Valley, North Carolina? The databases I have access to no longer show his call as active, just wish to confirm if he is a Silent or Rusty key (and I HOPE it's the latter).

Sadly, I must inform you that KD8PT/Robert, the host of Eyeball VII in Parkersburg, West Virginia in 1984 was confirmed as one of the 15 Silent Keys I found during the Cross Reference update that was the focus of last issue's column. This means six of our past hosts are now where the DX is unlimited and QRM (and any lids behind it) is banished; those on this sad list with him and N5GAP are AE9W, K0AFY, AA1ME and K0LJ.

Also, one Eyeball – XVII in 1994 – was hosted by N9OZI, later found to be a Tech Plus (even with Basic certificate numbers on 40, 75 and 160 meters...now that's a nifty trick)! Sounds like a subject for a future column, I say. . .

In another set of research for another potential info page, the date of the first 160 meter LATE net, as well as the date the first 80 meter RTTY net was suspended (or, as is suspected, outright closed down for keeps) need to be established. I have determined all of the starting dates for each of our nets but these two, with this information to be used to ensure validity of QSL cards for our Award Managers' reference.

Club records and research show the first 160 meter Early net was held on January 1, 1984 but as yet there

is no firm information as to when the first *Late* net was held. I ask yet again: Might anyone out there have made a notation of any kind in their log books or QSLs somewhere?

As for the *first* 80 RTTY net, that one started on January 1, 1987 but I have no date as to when it was suspended/discontinued formally; this is what is needed most of all. The current 80 RTTY net began on May 13, 2000 and has been suspended per custom with the close of the winter season, as is done with the 80 meter CW and the 160 meter SSB net.

Now, on to the Power Rankings, those little beasties that we refer to with the help of the Cross Reference to see how close members among us are to the highest honor our club can offer. . .

No sooner do we get three stations out of the way in March than word comes down that Frank/AA0ZP has since nailed down Masters # 12! All he needed to not only get that honor but also join W4NNO and KI5RN as the only club presidents to hit the mountaintop was his 2k on 75 meters to move to the final plateau - so logic dictates that he already had all the other awards safe in hand. Right, Frank?

Not exactly, as he put it in an on-air interview; seems he had several awards, such as the Poker Player, DX and even the Certificate Hunter and Numbers Racket that he needed to fill out first. "I'd never really looked at those," he said. "I had been building up for the Poker Player and once I got that I felt that was the impetus to get the others."

And Frank has a great and simple (if not obvious) piece of advice for those of you seeking your own Super Wild Card number: "Listen, listen, listen," he said. "That's the best thing. Anytime when you check in and it seems like the same folks all over again, there may be that one station that checks in that you need and they

may be there for only an hour or two. That's when it makes all the difference."

This makes four Masters' honorees in less than two months, and six in only 14 months! So who is in line for # 13, you ask? Place yer bets:

- NJ2LH can still become the first club station to qualify with either the 75 meter Poker Player or the Net Controller award. As always, any argument *against* club Masters' holds no water; a station is a station and so on, got that right at last, peoples???
- N5OHL is less than 10 DX and the Nite Owl away on 75, but the Net Controller Award is his as of April, and the Poker Player as of May – which makes him the 6th to get that one on 40 and 75 meters. So what's special about that? This fact: The other five who did it – KI5RN, N2XTT, W0MYZ, KD8QQ and KK2M – got their Masters'!

Hot on their heels are KD3O and WK5S, who have all the required basic awards in hand but both of them need 1k and 2k awards on a single band. Jim needs his pair on 40 meters to become the first Charter Signer to make the top shelf while former prez Steve needs his duo on 75 meters; keep a close watch out for them and help them any way you can, folks.

Also, AA1NZ and AA4US still hold all the required Basic awards, but they yet do not have their 1k and 2k certificates (or any new RTTY/PSK net awards) on *any* bands, as has been the case since first reported.

Next comes those stations that need only one Basic award and, once again, this section has no changes.

These three still need only their 80 meter CW net certificate:

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Its purpose is to assist hams—both foreign and domestic—in obtaining Worked All States awards.

The club operates nets on SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK-31 modes on 20, 40, 75, 80, and 160 meters. In addition the club offers many fine certificates for contacts made on its nets.

For more information on the club nets and its operations send a business size S.A.S.E. to the club Information Officer, KB3PU, Jim (good in all callbooks for several years) or any answers you may need are likely to be available on the club web site.

N8DXR Column (Concluded from Page 27)

- WQ1H (Dave, just let me know when you get back this way)
- KA4BHL (I said Hello Clarence, NOT *Hello, Clarice!*...WEG)
- N8DXR (will be gunning for the winter season, if I live that long)

And K1DWI still needs his 40 meter RTTY basic award.

Finally, these stations need only the following Basic certificates to have worked 100 point awards on all our required nets (the new RTTY and PSK nets are not as yet counted toward the Masters' but should be very soon). Add AA3FC to this list after he picked up his 80 meter CW award in March, KG7Q after he got his 80 CW and 160 basic certificates in April and WMØF after he got his 80 CW and 40 RTTY in May:

160 SSB - K5YAA (hmmm.....have not heard any tornados in OK lately)

N1EM (via KV1J now, in case you still have not heard)

WMØF (sounds like a good PR effort is needed, inside gag)

40 RTTY - W2WW, WV2X, AA3FC, KG7Q, K8PG, WK9O

40 CW - W9VB (OK, where's that blood hound???)

80 CW - W1BYH, KE3ZZ, AC5SU, K6FO, W7DO, WN9AWX, KØWJ

As for stations in this section regarding their point needs for the very top level, that's still unchanged: WN9AWX (the former WM9H, until he looks/wises/sobers up) needs the 2k award on 75 meters, W9VB needs the 2k awards on 40 and 75, and W7DO needs his 1k and 2k on 75 meters. And our first two Masters' holders – AB6TX and KC1NA – still do not have their 80 CW awards! Memo to WK9O: Herb, looks like you *still* need to do some recruiting. . . or recruit a still, whichever works out for you and us. . . I prefer the latter, of course . . .

A great apology, as I saw it has made it into print the last two issues (see, we *need* a staff proof-reader): I listed N2BYM as still needing to get his 40 RTTY award.

Given he's been Silent Key quite a while, that would turn out to be a neat feat! Again, I apologize for any problems!

I'll hold off with the results of the biennial update of the 'ol Cross Reference, as I mentioned in my last column, so I can have something to work on after the Eyeball is over, you all have fun out there. Next issue will also feature the latest full list of our Missing in Action members as a result of the remainder of my research, and there is absolutely no need to worry about A(n) A(sinine) 8 D(ead) P(eckerhead) making that (or ANY) roster again (evil grin). . .

Wow, five pages of copy filled already. Never thought I'd say this, but all that work makes me want to go and watch the Fox network!

And to think: They once wanted to *cancel America's Most Wanted*???

Until the next time

N8DXR
Tom
In MI