

THE 3905 CENTURY CLUB

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CENTURION  
NEWSLETTER



**The 3905 Century Club 2025 Eyeball**

August 14-17

*Welcome*  
**to Guthrie, OK**

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**WELCOME TO SUMMER!**

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Welcome to June edition of the Centurion! Since this will be the last edition before the eyeball, I want to encourage everyone to consider making plans to attend the 2025 eyeball hosted by Clay WA6LBU in Guthrie, Oklahoma from August 14-17.

You can find all the details and registration information at:

<https://www.3905ccn.org/eyeball.php>

As always, please continue sending me your articles and suggestions to [aa1qw@startmail.com](mailto:aa1qw@startmail.com). The deadline for the next edition (September) will be August 20. I appreciate everyone's contributions and feedback.

73! -Brian, AA1QW



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



It seems to me that we are getting more and more new stations checking in on our nets with some of them only being licensed for a few months (yes, we did have a check in this week who had gotten license the day before and man was he green). I have put together some bullet points below that might help us understand some of the many challenges that new hams go through. I also think most of our NCS stations will help the new station when for example they give a “1x9” signal report.

New amateur radio operators face a range of challenges as they begin their journey in the hobby including our club. These challenges can hinder their ability to fully engage with amateur radio, especially when deepening their involvement beyond the initial licensing stage. Below are some of these challenges specific to new hams.

## **Navigating the Social Dynamics of the Ham Radio Community**

- Overcoming Information Overload and Evolving Technology
- Finding Time to Engage in the Hobby
- Navigating FCC Regulations and Licensing Progression
- Dealing with RF Noise and Urban Interference
- Building Confidence in Contests and Special Events
- Accessing Affordable Equipment
- Connecting with a Diverse Community



# FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

## Additional Challenges

- Developing Proficiency in Morse Code (CW)
- Managing Expectations for DX and Long-Distance Contacts
- Balancing Experimentation with Regulatory Compliance
- Accessing and Understanding Emergency Communications Roles
- Coping with Limited Local Club Access in Small Communities
- Upgrading the Extra class license

Just keep in mind that at one point in time you were holding your first license and asked yourself “what’s next” and some cases it is the 3905 Century Club that is “What’s Next”

Dean Davis, KL7OR, Master # 80



# AWARDS HAPPENINGS

## Notes from the Awards Secretary

June 2025

By Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT



### Mid-Year Update

As we enter the summer mobile season, we'll build on a good base of awards so far this year, a total of 351 certificates, from which the club derived \$792 in fees. We gained 15 new members.

Below, I'll present other statistics and highlights of members' award accomplishments up to Memorial Day.

*I will continue the convention of using an asterisk (\*) following a listed call sign to denote a Master's Degree holder, all of whom deserve our continuing recognition and admiration for their lofty achievement!*

### Certificate Types

Certificate Type	Count
Paper	242
PDF	97
Paper + PDF	6
Plaque	0
None	6

### Awards Processed by Area

(Excludes Bakers Dozen COAs)

Area	Count
DX	10
1	61
2	12
3	33
4	109
5	44
6	5
7	19
8	10
9	8
10	40
TOTAL	351

### Master's Degrees Awarded

Our Club's pinnacle recognition was conferred upon the following new Masters through resolutions by the Board of Directors:

#81: Byron J. Fiedler, N8BF\*

### Overall Top Award Achievers

Here's a list of our top ten awards earners for the year by number of awards. We boiled out Baker's Dozen Certificates of Appreciation, as we'll recognize those separately. In descending order of number of awards earned:

Name	Call Sign	Awards
Buddy Spiegel	W3BS*	76
Brian Chaloux	AA1QW	16
David Feeney	WN1F*	15
Bill Dobson	N3WD*	13
Sharon Dobson	K3DUH	13
Memorial Club		
Chuck Ammons	N5WGA	12
Dick Powell	WK1J	10
Mark Eberle	KI0Y	10
Matt Taylor	K2YS	9
Jeff Davis	KC2DAQ	26



# Congratulations to all you overachievers!

## Major Progressive Awards

Progressive awards are at the heart of our awards system, a measure of commitment and net presence. Two-thousand-point awards are needed on primary and secondary bands as one pre-requisite for the Master's Degree, our highest honor. In this section, we recognize those who earned level 1000 and greater during the year, and level 500 or greater for digital and CW operations and top band.

### 27,000 Points

**Dick Harting, W2RCH, 40M SSB**

### 21,000 Points

**Jay Wieland, N0PUI\*, 40M SSB**

### 6,000 Points

**Bill Dobson, N3WD\*, 75M SSB**

### 1,000 Points

**Dick Powell, WK1J, 40M SSB**

**Dick Powell, WK1J, 75M SSB**

**Brian Chaloux, AA1QW, 75M SSB**

## All-Time First Awards

Several all-time first certificates were issued during the past year. The recipients of these coveted Number One certificates were:

**Eric Johnson, AA0HF\*, Dictionary Award, 40M PSK**

**Eric Johnson, AA0HF\*, Dictionary Award, 80M PSK**

**Bill Dobson, N3WD\*, Nomad Award, 20M SSB**

## WAS Awards

The Club offers several flavors of WAS Awards. We'll list General WAS Awards first, then we'll list the variants.

### WAS General

Work all 50 states on a single band/mode.

**Dick Powell, WK1J, 40M SSB**

**Glenn Silver, KM4P, 20M SSB**

**Brian Chaloux, AA1QW, 75M SSB**

**Tim Myers, WA8MD, 40M SSB**

**David Marsh, W10TW, 40M SSB**

## WAS Capitals

Work at least 35 distinct state capitals.

**Dick Powell, WK1J, 40M SSB, 35, 40**

**Wayne Harris, WY6N, 40M SSB, 40, 45**

**Mark Eberle, KI0Y, 40M SSB, 40, 45**

**John Gadoua, VA3YKT, 40M SSB, 35**

## WAS YL

Work YLs in at least 35 distinct states.

Required on primary band for the Master's Degree.

**Mark Eberle, KI0Y, 40M SSB, 40**

**Cary Altman, KB0HV, 40M SSB, 35**

## WAS Mobile

Work mobile stations in all 50 states.

**Randy Hanrahan, K7PGL, 75M SSB**

## WAS Same Station Mobile

Work at least 40 distinct states with the same station operating mobile.

**Jay Wieland, N0PUI\*, 40M SSB, 40, with AA1NA\***

## Worked All Century Club Nets

This is a difficult award, requiring not only a 100-Point Award on each of the Club's nets at the time the award is earned, but also proof of five contacts with other 100-Point Awardees on each net.

**Mac McCracken, W6PNY**

**Bill Fuller, K6YEK**



## Mobile/Portable Awards Clint Wise Awards

This award requires making mobile or portable contacts from at least twenty states. At Level 48 and higher, the Club provides a free commemorative plaque.

### Mobile

Mac McCracken, W6PNY, 40M SSB, 20  
Kirk Frazier, AA1NA\*, 40M SSB, 40

## Top Ten Baker's Dozen CoAs

This category reflects who earned the most Certificates of Appreciation for their mobile/portable operation during the year, and their direct influence on Baker's Dozen Awards earned by others. Thanks to all our intrepid road warriors for all the contacts they generate from everywhere!

Name	Call Sign	CoAs
Kirk Frazier	AA1NA*	14
Dave Yarbrough	AI4K	7
Debbie Yarbrough	K9DBB	7
Brian Chaloux	AA1QW	5
John Reisenauer	KL7JR	4
Mike Rush	KU1V*	3
Mac McCracken	W6PNY	3
Rog Callewaert	W9ROG	2
Bill Fuller	K6YEK	2
Gator Bill Nason	W5WJN	2

## Nomad Awards

### 75 Meters SSB

Bill Dobson, N3WD\*, 2100

### 40 Meters SSB

Bill Dobson, N3WD\*, 3200, 3300  
Brian Chaloux, AA1QW, 200, 300

### 20 Meters SSB

Bill Dobson, N3WD\*, 200

## Until Next Time

I hope you enjoyed this award recap. I'll be back with my regular column in the September issue. In the meantime, I hope to see many of you at the 2025 Guthrie Oklahoma Eyeball!

## Mobile/Portable Awards DX Awards

Good luck and Good DX!

### 40M SSB

Glenn Silver, KM4P, 25

### 75M SSB

Byron Fiedler, N8BF\*, 25

## NCS Awards

Our NCSs are our life blood. Without them running the nets, we wouldn't exist. Our NCS Awards recognize levels of achievement by number of nets run:

## Magna Cum Laude (1,500 points – 375 nets)

Lisa Neuscheler, KC1YL

## Old-Timers

The Awards Committee developed an award to recognize members in good standing of thirty years or more. This year, we added the following Old Timers:

#51, Jim Reed, KC3ZZ

Space does not allow listing all the awards thus far this year, so we have presented only highlights. Let's build on all your excellent work to make this a banner year for awards. Is anyone getting close to earning the Ben Franklin Postmaster Award? Who will be the first? Good luck to all our award seekers and keep those applications rolling in!



# McNary Dam Adventure

Submitted by: **Yukon John, KL7JR**

The purpose of this short adventure is to make 75m contacts which are rare from my apartment, and to test new 40 and 75m Shark Sticks on a strange looking antenna mount. I am parked at the McNary Dam Nature Area at Hermiston, Oregon on the Columbia River separating Washington and Oregon. The newer bridge on the right side is 2 lanes going north (entering Washington) on Highway 395. The left bridge, much older, handles southbound traffic (entering Oregon). The McNary Dam is about 1 mile east of my camp. Oops, sign says NO CAMPING, so make that "propagation testing site", hi hi! The highway was noisy at times with the roar of the 18 wheelers.

75m Early net April 6, NCS KB0HVA at 0200Z it is still daylight here as I struggle to get checked into the net. I knew I would. NCS was loud here but not hearing me. At 0215Z K6ODI relayed me in as he often does. Mike called me on his turn and we traded 5x7 reports. I went UFG on my turn but to no avail. On round 2 KF7HNC was easily worked on short skip, but I still wasn't being heard by many others. Round 3 saw K7TSW making my log. I'm hoping 75m late net will be much better. For now, I am pleased that my battle with antenna resonating on 75m has paid off. I have struggled with that band with many different brands of verticals. I am now using all short Shark Stick verticals.



Highway 395 Bridges



Tri-mag mount on Icemobile V

## 40m Late net, NCS N9BFI

I had no copy on Bill. The band was extremely noisy. KB8UEY was quick to relay me in. Signals now have increased since the net started. KA2YEG, KB8UEY, KA0BMX and a couple of others made my log. Alex commented, as we traded 5x5's, "rabbit ears to rabbit ears" contacts as our antenna mounts were similar. Alex is using Hustler verticals on a crossed mast attached to the balcony of his Bronx apartment. As we all know, he really gets out!



## 75m Late net, NCS W6PNY

Mac checked me in with minimal difficulty. I figured propagation now would be better than on the early net. I figured wrong. Mac and WO5B made my log before the band folded on me. I wasn't hearing the others on the net. They both commented how crappy the band was. Oh well, it'll get better!

As I always say, how do you know if something will work or not if you don't try it. Icemobile IV was also about 75% fiberglass and the tri-magnet mount worked okay for me. It was an easy set-up which is what I was striving for versus mast mounted off the hitch as I've used in the past. Just not many options for antennas on motorhomes.

In conclusion, I wasn't sure if the mag-mount would support 2 verticals, but it did nicely. I grounded the short mast to the vehicle frame (not pictured) and added a couple radials just for good measure. I will now use this set-up on a future longer trip through ID, MT, ND, NV and maybe WY before I pack for Saint Martin. More to follow.



73, de Yukon John KL7JR



# Meet Me in Montana

Submitted by: **Yukon John, KL7JR**

Some of you may remember the Marie Osmond/Dan Seals 1985 hit song, Meet Me in Montana. The local radio stations in Montana still play it a lot I'm told. On my first night out from the ID/MT border, you would have thought I was rare DX. I'm sure the clubs and special event call N2P didn't hurt any!

ID/MT border mobile and portable op  
KL7JR, K8ICE, VY1RST and N2P:

The 40m early net was slam full of weak signals just as K6ODI relayed me in. Thanks again Mike. Later Randy, K7PGL/p SD, was a big help with relays. Several CCNers made my logs thanks to Mike and Randy.



The following made my portable log: WA0ROH, WN1F, K9GWS, VA3YKT, AB8YZ, W2RCH, N9IVO, KO4LEM, K7PGL/p and a few others. For round three I went mobile as conditions were much better now. The following easily made my log: W8JCS, WA8MD, VE3CMB, KO4LEM, K4JEL, N2KED, K7PGL/p SD, W2RCH and a few others. Conditions on 75 early were fair. Those making my log were: AA1QW/p CO, KO4LEM, W6PNY, K6ODI and W8DDS.



The 75m early net was slow to open. NCS W8JCS wasn't hearing me until KO4LEM (gracias amigo!) relayed me in. The band was strange, you were either a 22 or a 59! Dean KL7OR was NCS of the 40m late net. I easily checked in. The following were worked: N0PUI, K4LO, W2RCH, N9BFI, KL7OR, KA0BMX, KA2YEG, KM9U and KL3U. The highlight for me was working KL3U in Talkeetna, Alaska at 0444z. I gave John a 55 and he gave me a 44. I had quite a radio "work out" tonight.



Early the next morning, I headed for Missoula on Interstate 90 E. From here I turned south on Highway 93 for the UT/NV border near Lake Wendover some 600 miles distant. East Wendover is in UT while West Wendover is in NV. I will split the driving distance to 2 days. I was in no hurry.

#### MT mobile op KL7JR and WE4FUN:

I camped near Darby, in the Bitterroot National Forest of Montana on Highway 93 South. I had the internet for 15 minutes before it dropped out. I could not find the 40m early net. I gave up after searching for over 20 minutes. On the 75m early net, I was able to work: K6ODI (tnx again for the relay Mike) KU1V/p CO, K2YS, W6PNY, KB0EL, N0PUI, W8JCS, K4JEL, N8BF, AC2MT and K9GWS. NCS N0PUI was loud enough to find. I could not find the 40m late net either

By 9 am the next morning, I was driving slow along Highway 93 enjoying the beautiful scenery and wildlife (marmots and white tail deer all over). Funny enough, I had to come to a complete stop as a lone white tail doe stood in the middle of the highway. She had a pack of about 20 with her in the ditch. I was 50 feet from her. Both of us just stared at each other. A Mexican stand off with a deer! Finally, I laid on the horn and they all scattered. The weather has been great in the Big Sky Country. It was good to see snow in the mountains and not on the highways!



#### NV/UT border mobile KL7JR, K8ICE and N2P op:

On day 4, the 40m early net, hosted by NCS KI0Y, really gave me a work out thanks to the relay by AA1QW/p UT. Conditions were good now for me and I had zero noise. First in my log was AC2MT, then the following: WN1F, VA3YKT, K9GWS, K6ODI, AA1QW/p UT, KO4LEM, WA8MD, K7PGL/p SD, W5MKC, N2XTT, KC9YY, AB8YZ, WA4NID, W8JCS, KI0Y, WA0ROH, N0PUI, AA1NA, KB8UEY/p OH, W8BI, and W2RCH! On 75m early, NCS W9WWG, conditions were also good as I worked most of the above including W6PNY, AG5T, KA0BMX, K2YS, KB0EL, N8BF, KF7HNC and N9IVO. On the 40m late net I was pretty much all red except for KL7OR, W6PNY and KA2YEG who I easily worked.



My navigator Kayla, K4KATT, will listen to me holler for so long then she sits by the TV and pitches a fit until I turn it on for her or give her a tuna snack. Some navigator, she sleeps most of the time!



CA/OR mobile KL7JR, KL7CCN and N2P op:

Day 5 saw me desperately trying to check in to the 40m early net run by AI4K. There was just too much daylight here on the west coast. I was hearing many strong stations now but no one was hearing me. I went back to filling out QSL cards waiting for 75m early net to start.

The 75m early net, hosted by KB0HV, was also hard to check in to for me. Signals were low. Finally, after 30 minutes and many check in attempts, K6ODI heard me and relayed me (again!) The fun was now starting. K6ODI, AA1QW/p CO, N0PUI, KU1V/p WA, N8BF, K2YS, KB0EL, KF7HNC, AC2MT, N2KED, WO5B and W9WWG were kind enough to call me for a contact.



The 40m late net, NCS N9BFI, was very trying for me. I did manage to contact AC2MT, N2XTT, N0PUI, KA2YEG, AA1QW/p CO, KU1V/p WA and WY6N. In my down time, I filled out a ton of QSL cards. Yeah, I'm "old school" with the paper QSLs!

My 75m Radiowaves EFHW is easy enough to install. There is no ground lug on the enclosure as the specs say "no radials needed". I did ground the PL-259 connector to ground and to the RV frame. My 75m and 40m short Shark Sticks (rabbit ears) performed well again. I also added a couple of grounds to the mag-mount.

In conclusion, it was good to be on the road doing "what I can't seem to do enough of" and hooking up with my CCN friends. In 6 days, I drove 2,100 miles and activated 6 states and made 682 contacts (incl. clubs and special event). I'll try to do another radio jaunt before the St. Martin trip June 15-23. That should be another Amateur Radio adventure to remember!



73 de Yukon John, KL7JR



# Caribbean DX-Upcoming Trip

Submitted by: **Yukon John, KL7JR**

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My next big trip is coming together. I rented a VRBO house on the Caribbean Island of Saint Martin which is home to two countries, France and the Netherlands. Did that get your attention? Time frame is June15-23 plus or minus a day for travel.

FS/ KL7JR on Saint Martin and PJ8/KL7JR on Sint Maarten. I will also bring club KL7RST (card requested) and do mobile as well.

The house sits near the border of both countries. See you on the nets!



Editor's Note: This update from John (KL7JR) was in the last edition, however since many of us are always looking for DX on the nets, I wanted to highlight John's upcoming trip that is coming up. Thank you, John!





# April Net Check Ins By State

State	20m CW	20m PSK	20m RTTY	20m SSB	40m CW Early	40m PSK	40m RTTY	40m SSB Early	40m SSB Late	75m SSB Early	75m SSB Late	80m PSK	80m RTTY
AK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
AL	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	6	1	0	0	0
AR	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	9	2	2	0	0	0
AZ	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
CA	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4	16	4	1	0	0
CO	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	6	3	0	0	0
CT	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	6	5	3	1	0	0
DE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	0
FL	1	1	1	16	0	0	0	14	12	2	0	0	0
GA	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	12	4	5	2	0	0
HI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
IA	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
ID	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	5	0	0	0
IL	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	8	2	1	1	0	0
IN	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	17	9	5	1	0	0
KS	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	4	4	3	1	0	0
KY	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	10	6	2	1	0	0
LA	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
MA	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
MD	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	3	4	0	0	0
ME	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
MI	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	7	2	4	1	0	0
MN	3	2	2	6	1	0	0	7	3	7	1	2	3
MO	0	2	2	8	0	2	2	19	3	10	1	2	2
MS	2	0	0	8	0	3	2	10	4	2	0	2	3
MT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	4	0	0	0
NC	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	16	8	10	1	0	0
ND	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	0
NE	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	4	1	0	0	0
NH	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
NJ	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	8	6	2	1	0	3
NM	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
NV	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	7	5	0	0	0
NY	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	16	8	5	0	0	0
OH	6	0	0	9	2	0	0	15	10	7	4	0	0
OK	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	4	1	0	0	0
OR	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	8	5	2	0	0
PA	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	12	5	1	0	0	0
RI	0	0	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
SC	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	6	6	3	1	0	0
SD	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	6	1	1	0	0	0
TN	1	0	0	10	0	1	1	13	3	5	1	0	0
TX	3	1	1	7	1	1	2	25	20	10	2	0	2
UT	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	3	4	0	0	0
VA	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	8	3	5	0	0	0
VT	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WA	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	11	5	2	0	0
WI	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	2	3	0	0	0
WV	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0
WY	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	0





# April 2025 Check Ins by Callsign

566 unique call signs checked into our nets during the month of April, 2025

6Y5CB	K3DUH	KB0AZU	KD4FUL	KG8UTS	KO4DSD	N2PNE	VA3YKT	W4TM	WF4H
9Z4CAC	K3MCB	KB0EL	KD5NPC	KH6HAM	KO4LEM	N2PRH	VA3YOD	W4Y	WF4ROG
AA0HF	K4BIZ	KB0HV	KD7QBB	KH6OWT	KO4MEX	N2VQD	VA6WLT	W4ZDP	WG0I
AA1NA	K4CAE	KB1GGS	KD8DCR	KI0FV	KO4RTM	N2XTT	VA7DNW	W4ZF	WI0P
AA1PB	K4ETL	KB1PIC	KD8SAV	KI0Y	KO4SMQ	N3BGI	VA7NRC	W4ZUS	WJ9E
AA1QW	K4EX	KB1XP	KD8U	KI4FSZ	KO4SOW	N3LVG	VE2AZT	W5DOC	WK1J
AA5PB	K4GYU	KB2MN	KD8YVC	KI4MYM	KO4WFP	N3MIL	VE3BKA	W5DUG	WN0NNM
AB0N	K4ISG	KB2NTD	KD8YWF	KI4NBE	KO5DX	N3OSI	VE3CMB	W5HL	WN0P
AB2FI	K4JEL	KB2TC	KD9BKU	KI4QMB	KQ0EEE	N3TFS	VE3HMK	W5KHB	WN1F
AB3WM	K4LO	KB3ONN	KD9HPN	KI4WCQ	KQ0Q	N3VEJ	VE3HPF	W5KWB	WO3O
AB4PS	K4MWJ	KB4QNR	KD9ODH	KI5HZY	KQ3T	N3WD	VE3KUJ	W5LPZ	WO5B
AB5SJ	K4P	KB4WGA	KD9QJ	KI5BE	KQ4BGY	N3YDN	VE3OHC	W5MKC	WR3V
AB8Y	K4PVK	KB5GL	KD9RRS	KI5TTL	KQ4BST	N3YHM	VE3SIQ	W5NA	WR8WM
AB9TA	K4REK	KB5UOD	KD9SIW	KI5UKW	KQ4CCO	N4BTB	VE3VWB	W5RBD	WT5DX
AC2MT	K4YCF	KB7BIB	KD9WIF	KI5VQS	KQ4FNU	N4DME	VE3XJW	W5UOT	WV0U
AC5P	K4YJ	KB7RAC	KD9ZGT	KI7KEU	KQ4FOH	N4JDU	VE4XTZ	W5WJN	WV7MS
AD5QU	K5BO	KB8ESY	KE0AHM	KI7SFD	KQ4IVS	N4PPC	VE6RNE	W5ZR	WV8CDL
AD5XD	K5CJJ	KB8OOE	KE0IGK	KJ4BIZ	KQ4NAL	N4RQW	VE7JKB	W6BUM	WV8WVF
AD7OY	K5DDG	KB8UEY	KE1TLG	KJ4FPA	KQ4OPY	N4TFZ	VE8AU	W6OYW	WW3K
AD8NF	K5DKH	KB8UGP	KE2ANN	KJ4RM	KQ4OTE	N5IL	VE9EX	W6PNY	WW3X
AD9CA	K5LGP	KB9JSL	KE2CYC	KJ5CEU	KQ4QAQ	N5KB	VY0RST	W7CMA	WW4ALC
AE0FC	K5MJA	KB9LHT	KE2DCD	KJ5GRE	KQ4RWN	N5MIG	VY1RST	W7IPA	WW4JB
AE0WD	K5OCM	KC0DMR	KE2DHS	KJ5HRP	KQ4SCY	N5OHL	W0AU	W7KFI	WW5DD
AE5AI	K5PN	KC0HSA	KE2FDC	KJ5IAI	KQ4UEI	N5PZ	W0CBS	W7PCW	WW8WWW
AG5T	K5SVC	KC0KZY	KE3HAY	KJ5IUU	KQ4UHP	N5WGA	W0CNX	W7SCD	WY6N
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K2YS	KA9RBC	KD2RPD	KG5LIZ	KN6RSX	N2P	VA3TUV	W4SAA	WE7EE	



# From the Archives

An article about member WA9KCN, Roger Van Rheeden that was published in the February 21, 1996 edition of the Mt. Zion Region-News newspaper. The club gets a mention!



**ROGER, ROGER**-Mt. Zion radio operator Roger Van Rheeden spends hours in front of his amateur radio equipment.

## 'Hams' enjoy making friends, helping community

By Erin Brothers  
of The Region News

WA9KCN Roger Van Rheeden reels off the call signs of his family as easily as calling their names.

That's because the Mt. Zion amateur radio operator is just one of many Van Rheedens who spend spare time not in front of the TV, but with their ham radios.

His father, Albert, started the radio bug, that spread to his brothers Harold and Bob, and Bob's wife. Van Rheeden's son Rusty and his wife Bev, and their son, Jason, of Decatur are all operators, as is Van Rheeden's brother, Glen, in Arkansas.

"For 20 years, almost every night, my dad and his brothers carried on a family network, and I would join in sometimes," said Van Rheeden, a member of the Cenosis Amateur Radio Club of Decatur that began in 1934.

"My interest in radio was put on hold for several years, because I was newly married and didn't feel I had the money to buy equipment," said Van Rheeden. "But in 1963, at about the same time Presi-

dent Kennedy was shot, I got my novice class license."

Van Rheeden is one of several Cenosis members who help the Macon County Emergency Services & Disaster Agency as storm spotters, and with monthly checks of warning sirens throughout the county.

"This is probably one of the most important things we do," said Van Rheeden. "Particularly in the spring during tornado season, we listen to the weather and go out, then relay the information to Dan Sanner at ESDA."

On Feb. 24, a storm spotter training class will be held from 1-4 p.m. at Decatur Civic Center for anyone interested, he said.

With used equipment, Van Rheeden said a beginner could get on the air for about \$100. Antennas are often homemade from a piece of wire.

"There was a time when we had a low rate of growth of new operators, but they reduced the requirements, including eliminating the Morse code requirements. Once most operators get into it, they learn the code anyway."

YL's, or young ladies (female hams) have also grown in recent years, he said.

One of Van Rheeden's new interests lies in following the RS12 Russian satellite via computer hook-up to his radios. He has contacted operators in 34 states through transponders on the satellite.

"I'm not a big talker, and I don't use Morse code much because with my Parkinson's syndrome, it's hard to operate the keys," he said.

Van Rheeden said that's one theory as to how the name "ham" originated; in using the key for Morse code, some operators were klutzy, or "ham-fisted."

He's also a member of the 3905 Century Club, that finds him on the radio each evening at 6 p.m. where some 60-100 operators make contacts.

He and fellow operator George Garrett have also found a friend in Sister Mary, a nun in Haiti, that they talk to often. The two serve as voluntary examiners in licensing tests given every three months at Richland Community College.

"There are a variety of things you can do in amateur radio, once you have the initial station set up. You can spend a

lot of money, but it isn't necessary," said Van Rheeden. "If you tire of one part of this, you can move on to something else."

## Noland speaks

State Rep. Duane Noland spoke to Mt. Zion Chamber members last week, noting that the most recent legislative session was a good one for Illinois Chambers of Commerce.

"This has probably been your most successful agenda for the Chamber," Noland said. "The Scaffold Act was repealed, a requirement that drove up the cost of business. We've had a major change in Springfield, when the House became Republican last November."

Noland, in his third term, said that fewer bills than usual will be passed before the end of May.

"There will be cajoling and





## Upcoming Club Events

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.



**Next Meeting:**  
**3905CCN Board Meeting:**  
Saturday, June 14, July 12, and  
August 09, 2025



Did you know that videos of all Board Meetings are posted on the Club's YouTube channel? Courtesy of the Board and produced by Sammy KB1XP, you can view them at: <https://www.youtube.com/@3905CenturyClub>



Weekly Zoom Meeting on Wednesdays at 01:30pm Pacific Time. Check your email for the Zoom log-in information.

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