

Greetings, 3905ers!

It's been a cold winter with lots of snow, but our spirits have been warmed by the achievements within our community. We are thrilled to announce that 28 awards and endorsements have been earned by seven dedicated members across four call areas. Among these accolades, we are particularly proud to highlight the pinnacle award, the Master's Degree, which truly exemplifies hard work and excellence.

OK, so I cheated by using AI to write the above, which comes out even more bombastic than I normally am. Overall, though, not a bad job, Microsoft Copilot!

It forgot to mention that we gained no new members this week, but only because I failed to feed it that information. I'll give it one more chance to lead into this week's awards recap.

Now, I'll present the week's awards, recognizing the dedication and accomplishments of our members. We are continuously inspired by their commitment to excellence. Without further ado, here are the awards earned this week:

NEW MEMBER(S)

None.

THIS WEEK'S AWARDS

DX AREA

None.

FIRST CALL AREA

None.

SECOND CALL AREA

RICH WALBERT, AC2MT (*Master #76, Second Area Director*), of Cottekill, NY, endorsed his **Crossword Puzzle Award #31** to Level 2. Congratulations, Rich!

MATT TAYLOR, K2YS (*Webmaster*), of Newton, NJ, endorsed his **U.S. Call Area Award #365** to include Call Areas 5 and 9. Congratulations, Matt! Five more to go.

THIRD CALL AREA

None.

FOURTH CALL AREA

GLENN SILVER, KM4P, of The Villages, FL, earned **WAS General Award #4** on 20M SSB. Congratulations on all 50, Glenn!

BUDDY SPIEGEL, W3BS (*Master #78*), of Memphis, TN, earned nineteen awards this week as he continues to chase N2XTT and WT0A on the all-time awards leaderboard. On 40M SSB: **Alphabet Soup Award #684** and **#685**, and **Beat the Clock Award #161-168**. On 75M SSB: **Alphabet Soup Award #663** and **#664**, and **Beat the Clock Award #121**. In non-band/mode-specific awards, a new instance of the **Crossword Puzzle Award**, Certificate #53, endorsed to Levels 2 and 3; and **Work 30 Award #226-228**. Nice haul for the week, Budrick!

FIFTH CALL AREA

None.

SIXTH CALL AREA

WAYNE HARRIS, WY6N (*Sixth Area Director*), of Long Beach, CA, endorsed **WAS Capitals Award #574** to Levels 40 and 45. Congratulations, Wayne!

SEVENTH CALL AREA

None.

EIGHTH CALL AREA

None.

NINTH CALL AREA

None.

TENTH CALL AREA

BYRON FIEDLER, N8BF (*Master #81*), of International Falls, MN, was awarded **Master's Degree #81**, upon confirmation by the Board of Directors at a special meeting last night. This is the culmination of over twelve years of work by Byron. The last piece of the puzzle was **DX Award #254** on 75M SSB, earned this week. Huge congratulations on the lofty achievement, Byron. We'll keep your certificates and plaque safe until you return in Spring!

DAVE MARSH, W1OTW, of Warrensburg, MO, earned **100-Point Award #150** on 20M SSB. Congratulations, Dave!

I hope you enjoy reading about your colleagues' accomplishments and yours. Keep submitting those applications!

ELECTIONS

Congratulations to the winners in the January elections! I am looking forward to working with the new Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben - AE4NT
Awards Secretary