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Board Meeting Agenda 3905 Century Club 12-April 2025

Local Saturday, April 12, 2025,
6pm Pacific /7pm Mountain /8pm Central /9pm Eastern
(April 13, 2024,01:00 UTC)

Zoom meeting to be held at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82083810825?pwd=cnhZMkU4bIB6OFVjcmFGNFirOGpZUT09>

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Board Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Attendance roll call

3905 Century Club, Inc. Board of Directors		
AREA	Director	Assistant Area Director
1st	KB1XP – Michael Samulenas	
2nd	AC2MT – Rich Walbert	N2XTT – Peter Summers
3rd	KE3HAY – Keon Hayes	KE3UY – Mark Holloway
4th	K9GWS – Gary Slagle	WF4H – Dwight Greenberg
5th	WA6LBU – Clay Mayrose	KM5MS – Dale Casterline
6th	WY6N – Wayne Harris	KJ8O – Joe Miller
7th	KE7RG – Robin Galyan	K7PGL – Randy Hanrahan
8th	W8NET – Gene Marsh	W8JCS– Dan Gallmeyer
9th	W9ROG – Roger Callewaert	W9WWG – Virgil Warren
10th	AA0HF – Eric Johnson	N0PUI – Jay Wieland
DX	VE3CMB – Craig McLoughlin	VA3YKT – John Gadoua
	President	KL7OR – Dean Davis
	Vice President	AA1NA – Kirk Frazier
Proxy Voters		
Visitor Attendance:		

4. Minutes: March Meeting

<https://www.3905ccn.org/files/board/mins-2025-03-08u.pdf>

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Are there any corrections?

Accepted by Acclamation. Yes No ?

Board Meeting Agenda 3905 Century Club 12-April 2025

5. Financials:

March Financials

<https://www.3905ccn.org/files/board/fin-2025-03.pdf>

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Are there any corrections or questions?

Accepted by Acclamation. Yes No ?

6. Reports:

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| a. President’s Report – KL7OR | Page na |
| b. Awards Committee (attached)- Ben Goldfarb AE4NT | Page 11 |
| c. Bylaws Review Committee Report AA0HF | Page 16 |
| d. Member Communications and Services Team - K9WGS | Page |
| e. IT Task Force - K2YS - Matt Taylor | Page |
| f. Eyeball Event Report | Page na |

7. OLD Business – None

8. NEW Business –

.A)

Motion Request: Motion ID 2025-04-01 Adopt Budget for Operating Year
Topic: Approve proposed operating budget shown on page 16
Whereas the 3905 Century Club Treasurer has submitted a proposed budget; Whereas This budget accounts for past expense history and future projections
Resolved, That the 3905 Century Club Board of Directors approves the budget as attached
Implementation: Treasurer will begin tracking to the budget immediately Impacted: Not Impacted: Bylaws , Constitution, NCS Guide, Operations Handbook, Club Operations Manual.
Motion Submission Originator: Gary Slagle, K9GWS, Treasurer Date: 04 APR 2025

Moved by K9GWS

Votes:

DX – VE3CMB VA3YKT - 10 – AA0HF N0PUI - 9 – W9ROG W9WWG - 8 – W8NET W8JCS - 7 – KE7RG – K7PGL	6 – WY6N KJ8O - 5 – WA6LBU KM5MS- 4 – K9GWS WF4H - 3 – KE3HAY KE3UY -	2 – AC2MT N2XTT - 1 –KB1XP – Vice-Pres – AA1NA – President – KL7OR -
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**Board Meeting Agenda 3905 Century Club
12-April 2025**

Approved – __, Disapproved – __, Abstain – 1, N/P – 1
Motion Passed Failed

B) Net Statistics Discussion – W8NET

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(Please refer to attachments W8NET sent to the board on April 3)

9. Q & A With the Directors and Officers

10. Adjournment (Without objection, may be granted by chair)

**Board Meeting 3905 Century Club
08 March 2025 Minutes - UnApproved**

**Minutes, 3905 Century Club Board Meeting
March 8, 2025**

Local Saturday, March 08, 2025,
6pm Pacific /7pm Mountain /8pm Central /9pm Eastern
(March 09, 2024,02:00 UTC)

Zoom meeting to be held at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82083810825?pwd=cnhZMkU4bIB6OFVjcmFGNFirOGpZUT09>

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Board Meeting Agenda:

1. Call to Order and Attendance roll call 0200Z

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Proxy Voters		
Visitor Attendance: W2RCH-Rich, AE4NT-Ben,		

2. Election for Secretary

Nominees: N3VEJ by KE3HAY second by W8NET

Board Meeting 3905 Century Club 08 March 2025 Minutes - UnApproved

Votes:

1 –KB1XP –	6 – WY6N KJ8O -	DX – VE3CMB VA3YKT -
2 – AC2MT N2XTT -	7 – KE7RG -	Vice-Pres – AA1NA –
3 – KE3HAY KE3UY -	8 – W8NET W8JCS -	President – KL7OR -
4 – K9GWS WF4H -	9 – W9ROG W9WWG --	
5 – WA6LBU KM5MS-	10 – AA0HF N0PUI -	

Approved – Without vocal opposition. N3VEJ is elected as Secretary.

3. Election for Treasurer

Nominees:K9GWS By VE3CMB Second by WY6N

Votes:

1 –KB1XP –	6 – WY6N KJ8O -	DX – VE3CMB VA3YKT -
2 – AC2MT N2XTT -	7 – KE7RG -	Vice-Pres – AA1NA –
3 – KE3HAY KE3UY -	8 – W8NET W8JCS -	President – KL7OR -
4 – K9GWS WF4H -	9 – W9ROG W9WWG --	
5 – WA6LBU KM5MS-	10 – AA0HF N0PUI -	

Approved with no opposition. K9GWS is elected as Treasurer

4. Minutes: February Meeting

<https://www.3905ccn.org/files/board/mins-2025-02-08u.pdf>

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Are there any corrections? **None**

Accepted by Acclamation. **Yes**

March Special Meeting

<https://www.3905ccn.org/files/board/mins-2025-03-01su.pdf>

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Are there any corrections? **None**

Accepted by Acclamation. **Yes**

5. Financials:

February Financials

<https://www.3905ccn.org/files/board/fin-2025-02.pdf>

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Are there any corrections or questions? **None**

Accepted by Acclamation. **Yes**

6. Reports:

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K9GWS reported: Member communications team has been working hard on updating the web page for the new award rules. There is also a new page for DX Stations. The videos are a little harder to do the videos and get the desired quality. The one on how to give a signal report is the first to be done. W8NET question: are you doing something about the jargon we use?

Gary said YES.

KL7OR – Matt has made changes on the qsl route information on the page.

W8NET – Old Timers numbers is still not showing up in NetLogger.

KE3HAY: Question for Gary, would it be possible to get some of the videos done at the eyeball?

Gary said that would be a good idea, especially if we have access to some good equipment.

KL7OR: We have been involved with a major change for the March 1 implementation of the bylaws. Working a lot with K9GWS on that, so there has not been time to get the videos done.

VE3CMB: Re motion last month on QSLing. The new QSL methods can be used for historical contents (Before March 1) as well.

IT Task Force: WA6LBU and K2YS have been working on the web page for the eyeball.

7. OLD Business – None

8. NEW Business –

Budget: Treasurer (K9GWS) Has submitted a budget for review. KL7OR suggested we vote on it next month. Gary indicated that our awards income does not cover the expenses of producing the awards. Discussed returning the fees to before 2016 levels. We also have fixed expenses, such as software licenses, web page. Then there is the variable cost per award. A lengthy and spirited discussion followed. Gary will go back and project the accounting statements assuming the award fee to be \$1 more. The expense of Paypal was also mentioned there is a fixed fee plus a percentage that is added, which takes a lot out of our small transaction fees. Discussion of use of peer to peer payment systems such as Zelle and Venmo: Not useful because there is no API like PayPal has.

9. Q & A With the Directors and Officers

Question raised about the discount on fees for seniors. Do we want to remove that?

10. Adjournment (Without objection, may be granted by chair) at 0308z

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04/05/25

Accrual Basis

3905 Century Club, Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2025

Mar 31, 25

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1010102 · Chase Checking Acct Total	
1010101 · Chase Operation Acct	2,098.48
1010103 · Eyeball Reserve Acct	373.09
Total 1010102 · Chase Checking Acct Total	2,471.57
10103 · Chase Reserve	4,860.51
10112 · Paypal Online	134.07
Total Checking/Savings	7,466.15
Accounts Receivable	
11000 · Accounts Receivable	9.00
Total Accounts Receivable	9.00
Total Current Assets	7,475.15
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>7,475.15</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	8,380.59
Net Income	-905.44
Total Equity	7,475.15
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>7,475.15</u>

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04/05/25

Accrual Basis

3905 Century Club, Inc.
Profit & Loss
March 2025

	Mar 25	Mar 25
Income		
46400 · Other Types of Income		
46440 · Eyeball Reg Fees	90.00	90.00
Total 46400 · Other Types of Income	90.00	90.00
47200 · Awards Income		
47210 · 10th Area Awards Income	20.00	20.00
47211 · 1st Area Awards Income	62.00	62.00
47212 · 2nd Area Awards Income	2.00	2.00
47213 · 3rd Area Awards Income	2.00	2.00
47214 · 4th Area Awards Income	18.00	18.00
47215 · 5th Area Awards Income	9.00	9.00
47216 · 6th Area Awards Income	9.00	9.00
47218 · 8th Area Awards Income	16.00	16.00
47219 · 9th Area Award Income	5.00	5.00
47220 · DX Awards Income	6.00	6.00
Total 47200 · Awards Income	149.00	149.00
Total Income	239.00	239.00
Gross Profit	239.00	239.00
Expense		
61500 · Paypal fee Expenses	19.16	19.16
62100 · IT Services		
62102 · Hosting fees expense	42.00	42.00
Total 62100 · IT Services	42.00	42.00
65000 · Awards Secretary Expenses		
65010 · Awards Paper	40.53	40.53
65020 · Awards postage	42.75	42.75
Total 65000 · Awards Secretary Expenses	83.28	83.28
68300 · Eyeball Stipend	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Expense	1,144.44	1,144.44
Net Income	<u>-905.44</u>	<u>-905.44</u>

March 2025
3905-Century Club
Financial Statement Notes

- Awards revenue for this month was \$149, compared to \$129 last month.
- The club's 990-N has been filed with the IRS this month.
- The balance sheet shows \$9.00 in accounts receivable due to two returned checks. The checks were returned because the account was closed. An email requesting a replacement check has been sent.
- Monthly and YTD totals are identical because it's the first month of the fiscal year.
- The club lost \$905 this month. That is due to the \$1000 eyeball seed money sent to the eyeball coordinator.

Gary Slagle
Treasure
K9GWS



AWARDS COMMITTEE

Monthly Report for March 2025

Committee Members

Johnny Allen, K14WCQ, **Master #52**
 Kirk Frazier, DVM, AA1NA, **Master #74**
 Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT, **Awards Secretary** (Chair)
 Jimmy Richardson, N5OHL, **Master #17**
 Peter Summers, N2XTT, **Master #6**

Awards Issued This Period			
Payment Category	No.	Fee	Total
PAID AWARDS:			
Regular Fee	18	\$4	\$72
Senior/Handicap Fee	14	\$3	42
PDF	14	\$2	28
PDF + Paper	1	\$5	5
PDF + Paper	0	\$6	0
Endorsements	4	\$3	12
Endorsements	6	\$2	12
Plaques	0	\$46	0
TOTAL PAID AWARDS	57		\$171
FREE AWARDS:			
Free First Awards	7	-	-
Free NCS Awards	0	-	-
Free BD CoA	10	-	-
Free Master's Degree	0	-	-
Free Old-Timers Award	0	-	-
Free Endorsements w/ Original	1	-	-
TOTAL FREE AWARDS	18		0
OVERALL TOTALS	75		\$171

AWARDS BY AREA	
DX	3
First	26
Second	1
Third	16
Fourth	8
Fifth	7
Sixth	0
Seventh	2
Eighth	2
Ninth	2
Tenth	8

New Members

Name	Call Sign	QTH
Joe D. McGee	K0CFN	Wamego, KS
Teri M. Beard	KO4WFP	Bloomington, GA
José Flores	AF2O	Harker Heights, TX
Brad Yhard	VA3CBU	Frankford, ON
Dennis W. Kelbaugh, Jr.	KB3ONN	Hagerstown, MD
David L. Nelsen	AB0N	Hayti, SD
Ronald W. Pratt	WO5B	San Angelo, TX

A Big 3905 Century Club Welcome to All Our New Members!

Committee Accomplishments This Month

We took the month off.

Forthcoming Work in April

- 1) **Prepare Deprecated Awards for Archival.** Pursuant to Motion 2024-04-D approved by the BoD on April 13, 2024, to sunset certain less than popular awards. The motion gave members a year to apply for them if they so choose. That year expires on April 30, 2025, when the following awards will be relegated to the dustbin of club history: 12-Month Sequence, High Point Hiker, High Point Mountain Goat, Low Point Explorer, Low Point Seeker, and Oldest Established Towns (both versions). From May 1, 2025 and thenceforth, members may not apply for these awards; however, those holding existing certificates issued prior to that date will retain credit for them in the club awards database.
- 2) **Await Incoming Ordinance.** Given the new paradigm for QSL acceptance, we anticipate a delayed impact. Proactivity is sparse in this club, so our feeling is that we led the horse(s) to water, but we can't make him/them drink. Despite our best efforts to prepare AAMs for the onslaught of alternative QSL methods, we anticipate the need for ongoing training and support. The learning curve will be steep at first. The Awards Committee is here to support all AAMs. We welcome their questions and concerns.
- 3) **Develop Standard Format for QSL Rejection.** Responding to the chair's desire not to put AAMs in the middle of disputes over missing information on QSLs, the President suggested that we develop standard verbiage to be used by AAMs when rejecting QSLs. For example, some of the new methods do not permit the originator to enter information such as 100-point award numbers and offices held on the confirmation, but these are required by certain awards. QSLs missing this information from the initiator are ineligible for those rewards, and they cannot be altered by the recipient. Furthermore, the AAM is not responsible for doing research to glean that information. The burden of proof is always on the applicant. Therefore, such rejections should clearly state these facts, and members must understand that some methods such as LoTW will

be useless for certain awards. However, the original intent was to enable more options for progressives, which, aside from certain mobile/portable issues, are not affected by the paucity of club specific information associated with certain QSL methods.

- 4) **Continue Thinking about the Future of the Club.** I know innovative ideas are lurking out there among the great minds of the Committee.
- 5) **Work with Treasurer on Fee Proposal.** The Committee will conduct one additional review (i.e., one final chance to get our two cents in) before it goes to the BoD. This is postponed due to Hurricane Helene and whatever else. Is this proposal still in the works?
- 6) **Consider Any New Business Brought to the Committee.** Your Awards Committee is here to help you!

Committee Backlog (Wish List)

- 1) **Work with Webmaster to normalize awards database.** In the interest of imposing more sanity on the display of awards, we want to work on getting rid of award names from prior eras, which included band and mode in the name displayed. For example, the display name of a 100-point award earned on 75 meters SSB is now “75 Meter SSB 100 Point”, which creates a counterintuitive sort order when awards are displayed by callsign. This dates to the early days of the awards database. Ideally, each award’s canonical name will be displayed first, then band and mode, and ultimately, the display will be capable of ordering the list by any of award name, band, mode, etc. This might require some change in numbering conventions, but the inconvenience will be worth it for sanity’s sake going forward. The Webmaster has initiated the process of analyzing the database. Chairman currently overloaded, so mea culpa.
- 2) **Work on awards policy and procedures document.** The Chair has joined the Bylaws Committee with the intention of revamping the awards section of the bylaws, among other things. Much information currently in the bylaws would be better off in an Awards Procedures document, which has been my intent for like forever. This appointment and involvement with the bylaws group will facilitate drafting the long-awaited awards policy and procedures manual.
- 3) **Work on Cleaning Up and Entering Eyeball Awards into Database.** This has been done haphazardly and needs to be cleaned up. Accordingly, I, your intrepid chair, will be working toward whipping these captions into shape and deciding which should be included. Certainly, the Presidential appreciation awards should all be there – but not gag awards. I have kept good records of recipients for the past five or six Eyeballs, so we have a good starting point. However, as maintenance of this gray area was shoddy in the past, some information could be permanently lost.
- 4) **Revise Century Club Prefix Award.** Possibly. Maybe. I dunno.

Summary / Comments

March was another slow month. So, absent any significant accomplishments for the committee *per se*, I am delighted to announce a momentous amateur radio distinction achieved by one of our esteemed committeemen, namely **Jim Richardson, N5OHL, Master #17**. Jim is now at the top rung of the DXCC ladder, having achieved Honor Roll status. He has confirmed contacts with 339 DX entities, just one fewer than the current number of entities. Congratulations, Jimmy and good luck chasing the last one!

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Goldfarb".

Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT
Chair, Awards Committee



Bylaws Review Committee Report

April 1, 2025

Committee Members

Johnny Allen, KI4WCQ, Master #52

Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT

Dwight Greenberg, WF4H, Master #72

Eric Johnson, AA0HF, Master #75 (Chair)

Committee Updates

1. Continuing work on the Committee backlog.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eric Johnson, AA0HF

Chair, Bylaws Review Committee

3905 Century Club 2025 Budget

No Fee Increase

Income	2025 Plan	2024 Actual	2024 Budget	% VB	Comments
Awards	\$1,456	\$2,677	\$1,598	68%	800 Awards Projected (1213 awards in2024. 202 for W3BS and 280 Baker doz.)
Plaques	\$0	\$244	\$0		
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$100	-100%	
Total Income	\$1,456	\$2,921	\$1,698	172%	
Expenses					
Florida Corp Reg	\$62	\$62	\$62	0%	
PayPal Exp.	\$260	\$445	\$267	67%	Fees lower based lower projected awards
Hosting Fees	\$237	\$237	\$125	90%	
Zoom	\$171	\$171	\$161	6%	
3905 Cares	\$100	\$0	\$100	-100%	
Net Logger Donation	\$200	\$0	\$0		
Legel	\$0	\$0	\$500	-100%	
Award Exp. Total	\$1,800	\$2,536	\$1,412	80%	
Master Plaques	\$160	\$377	\$160	136%	Assumes 2 new masters this year
Paper	\$56	\$84	\$53	58%	
Postage	\$627	\$799	\$599	33%	
Ink/Toner	\$224	\$652	\$188	247%	
Envelopes	\$208	\$140	\$195	-28%	envelopes, stiffeners and labels
Adobe Software	\$300	\$300	\$275	9%	License renewal
Eyeball Awards	\$225	\$184	\$209	-12%	paper, folders, postage
Total Expenses	\$2,830	\$3,451	\$2,627	31%	
Surplus/Deficit	(\$1,374)	(\$530)	(\$929)	-43%	
Reserve Fund	\$ 3,987	\$ 5,361			

An Assessment of 3905 Century Club Net Check-In Numbers

by Gene Marsh, W8NET

Master #47

8th Area Director

29 March 2025

Introduction:

This assessment is based on “flawed” data. I have NOT done a complete formal statistical analysis for the data set. I have only done a simple (and obvious) filter of bad data. As such, the data could be 2-3% INCORRECT (I will note any discrepancies in the below texts and graphs). GIGO – “Garbage In, Garbage Out”. That said, I believe the premise of the report is correct.

I have asked Dean if he wants me to do this for our complete data set of check-ins (approximately 10 years of data). The answer was “yes”, but it will be some time to collate and process.

FULL DATA SET:

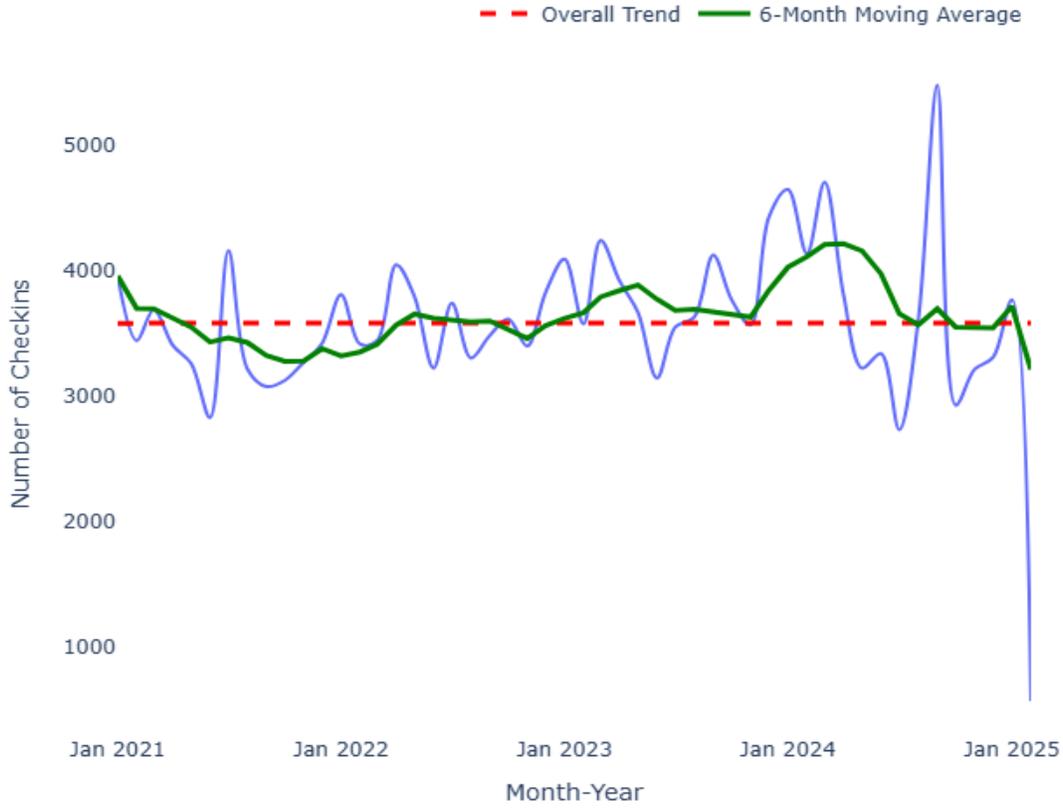
MONTHLY TOTALS:

See attachment:

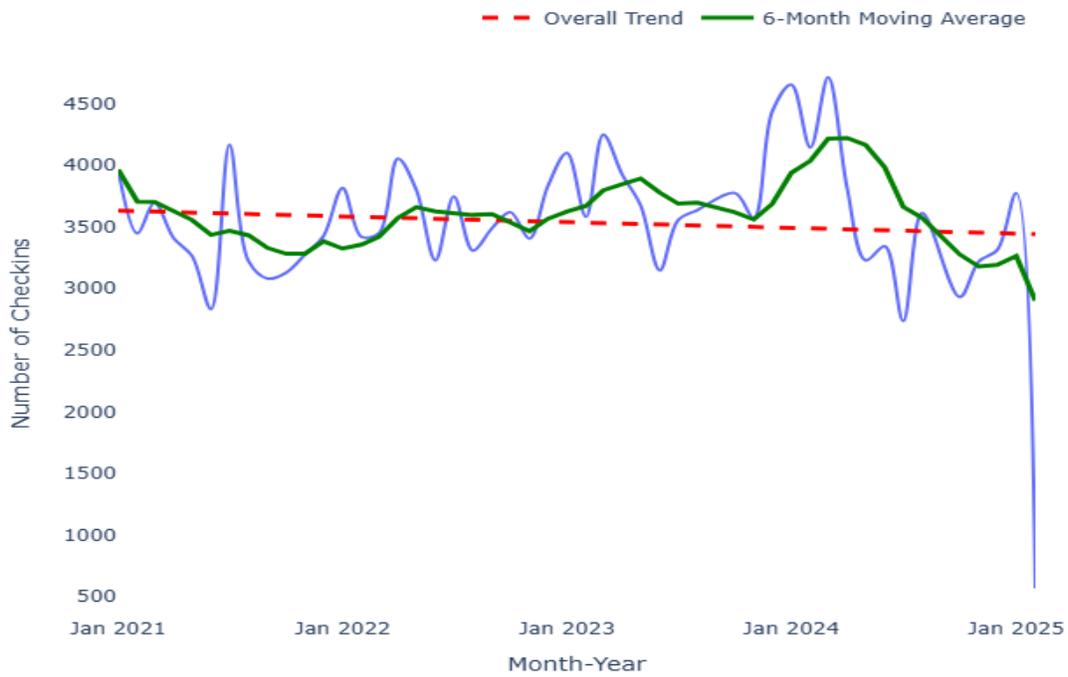
This is a spreadsheet of check-in number by year, by month and by net. It is RAW – not filtered, and has approximately 2% error.

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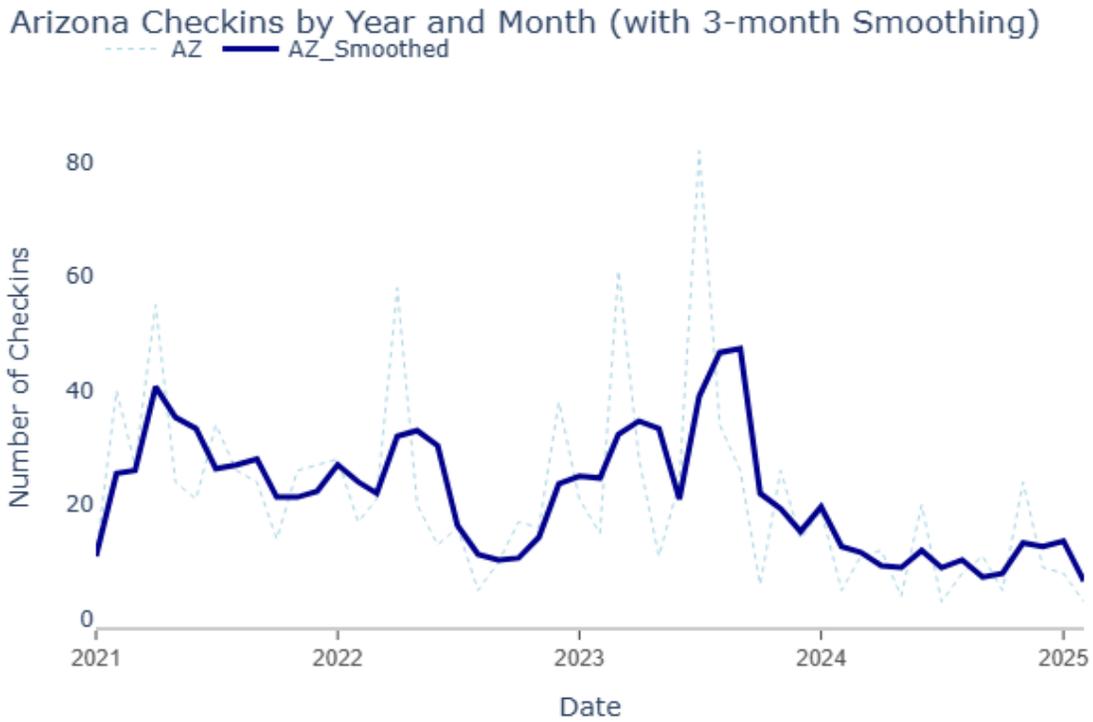
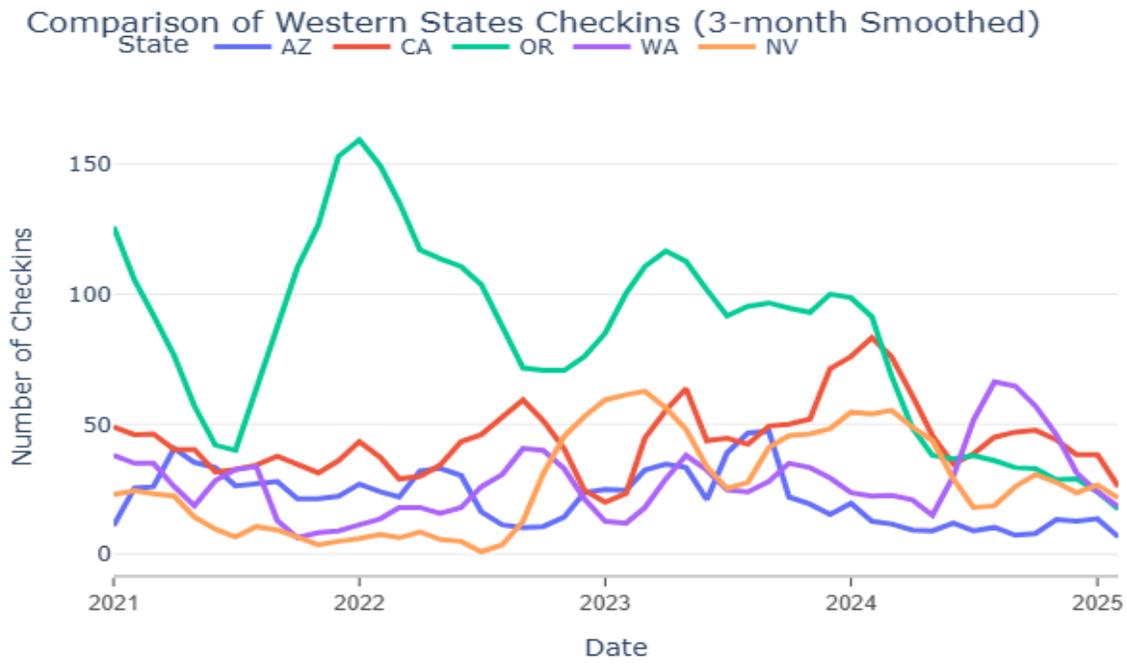
Net Checkins by Month and Year with Trend



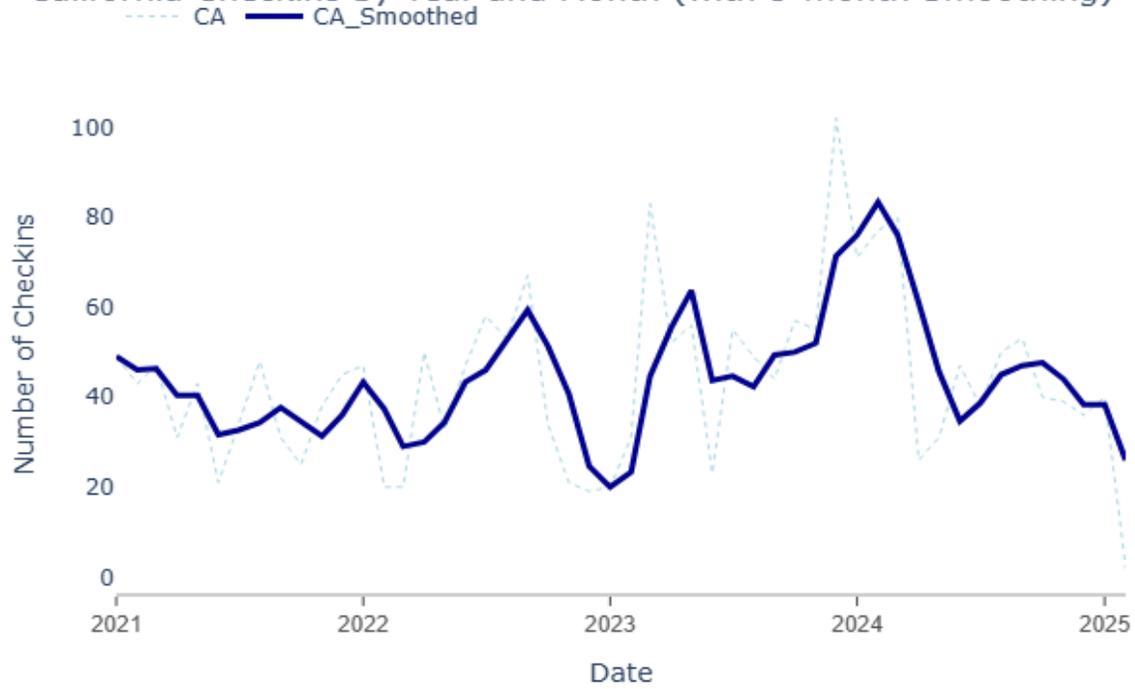
Net Checkins by Month and Year with Trend (Excluding Sep 2023 & 2024)



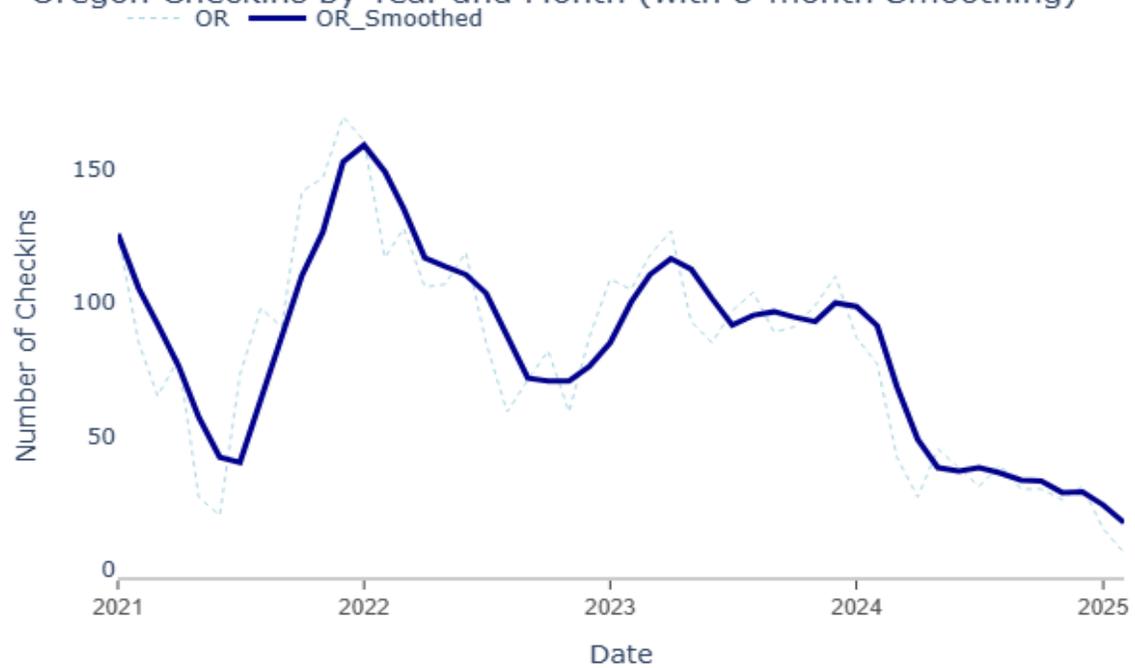
WEST COAST STATES CHECK-INS



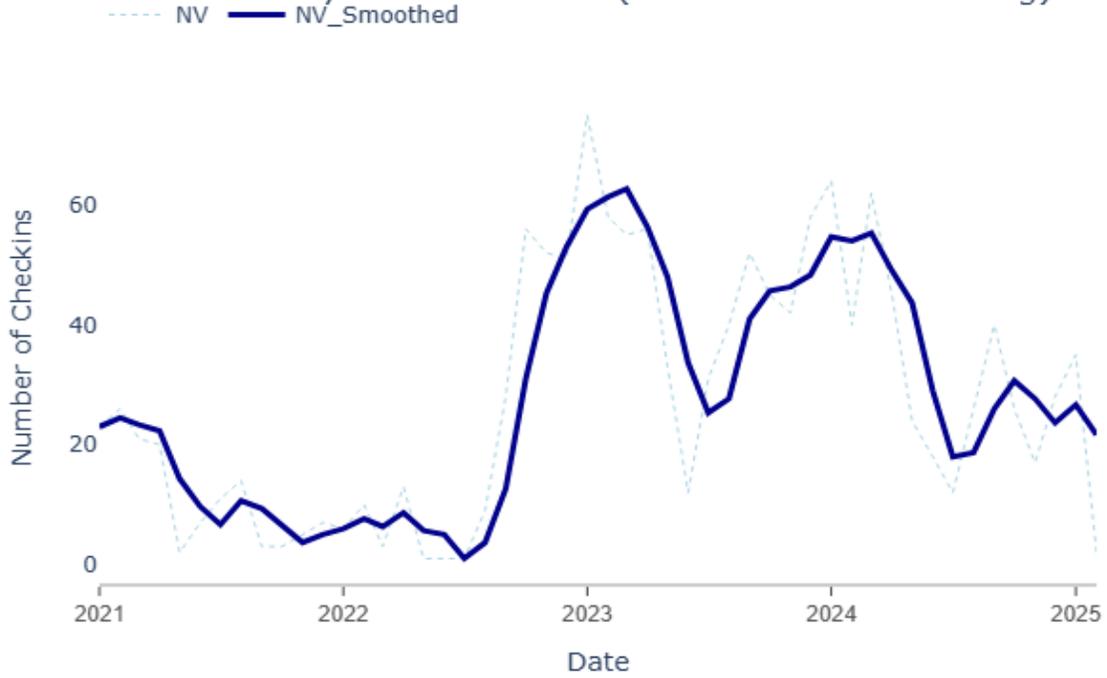
California Checkins by Year and Month (with 3-month Smoothing)



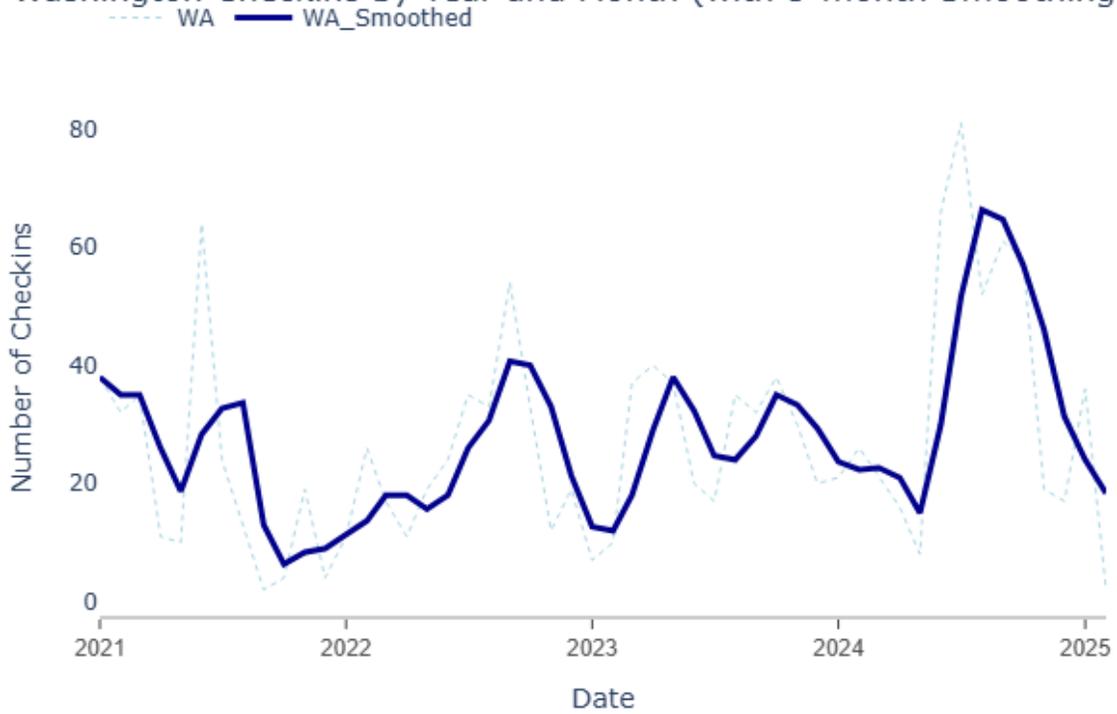
Oregon Checkins by Year and Month (with 3-month Smoothing)



Nevada Checkins by Year and Month (with 3-month Smoothing)



Washington Checkins by Year and Month (with 3-month Smoothing)



BY QTH and YEAR (raw):

State	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
PE	0	7	0	2	0	9
NF	14	2	1	0	0	17
NT	0	0	2	15	0	17
YT	0	0	12	6	0	18
NL	0	20	13	2	0	35
NS	9	17	9	6	0	41
SK	7	15	15	3	2	42
HI	12	7	15	23	2	59
MB	18	10	11	27	1	67
QC	16	29	18	22	3	88
AB	7	26	20	42	3	98
On	38	56	1	8	1	104
NB	11	13	69	19	0	112
AK	25	20	56	39	2	142
BC	24	49	47	43	6	169
VT	45	55	33	141	1	275
MT	127	107	149	152	4	539
UT	137	250	182	107	16	692
MD	256	125	168	160	32	741
NM	217	219	214	127	27	804
RI	63	187	273	298	2	823
DX	119	163	327	279	24	912
WY	86	106	330	387	26	935
AZ	329	259	348	131	11	1078
DE	136	217	382	329	60	1124
AR	232	397	361	133	14	1137
MA	410	342	178	355	53	1338
WA	256	294	323	446	38	1357
NV	142	231	557	402	37	1369
IA	584	247	301	234	21	1387
CO	440	390	350	194	30	1404
IL	410	290	225	600	150	1675
SD	659	334	340	295	51	1679
PA	499	469	337	337	37	1679
ID	174	389	590	536	20	1709
LA	766	380	514	211	29	1900
WV	556	445	486	507	27	2021
ND	109	420	667	778	52	2026
NH	443	377	412	817	22	2071
AL	518	588	571	404	21	2102
CA	455	469	627	588	42	2181
WI	522	695	402	525	41	2185
NE	719	588	576	509	20	2412
KS	793	612	497	484	173	2559
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VA	545	906	1062	337	44	2894

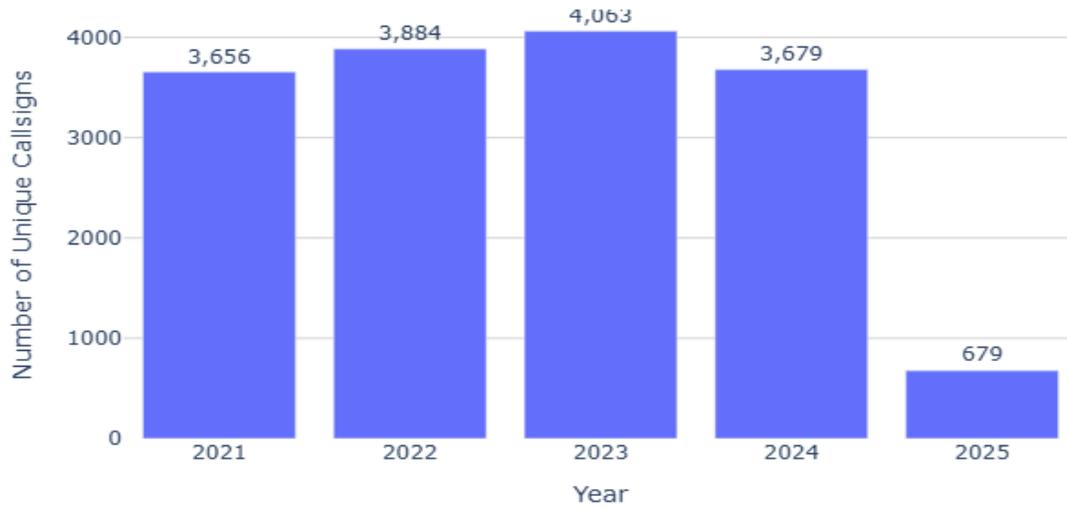
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MI	879	1381	1330	1203	133	4926
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SC	2680	2114	2070	1197	72	8133
MN	2330	2079	1674	2162	157	8402
TN	1293	2031	2880	2234	83	8521
NY	1910	1781	2159	2847	230	8927
TX	2634	2282	2072	2136	245	9369
FL	3531	3440	2714	2060	222	11967
NC	3354	4211	4099	3201	487	15352
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UNIQUE CHECK-INS BY YEAR (many errors, 5%):

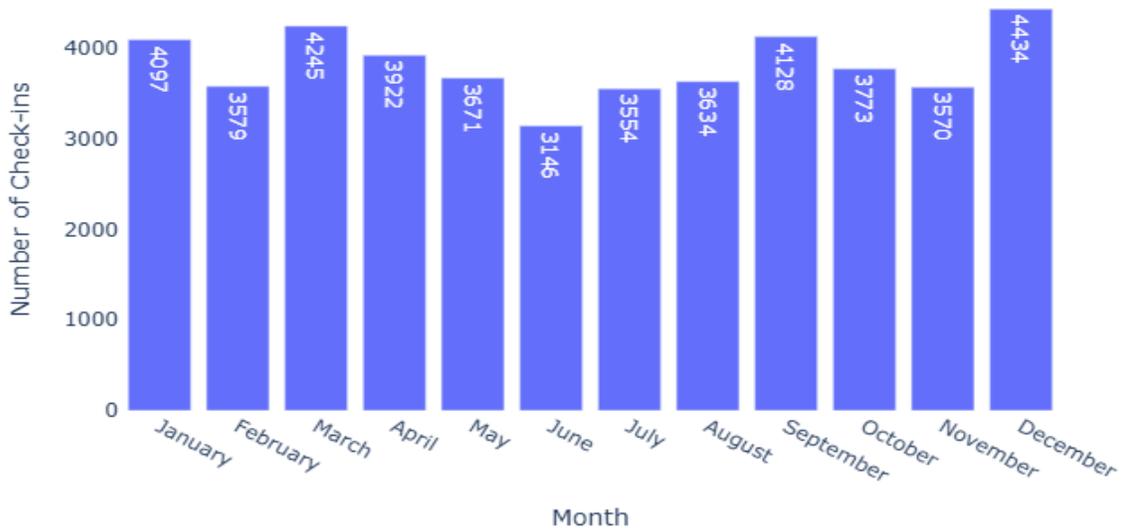
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Number of Unique Callsigns by Year

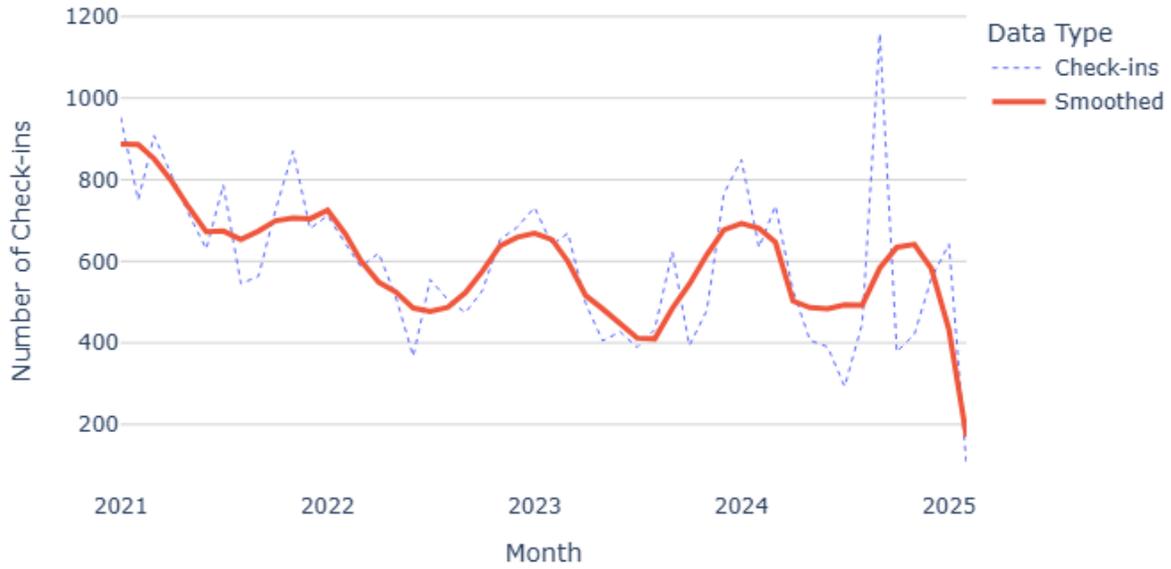


Check-ins by Month

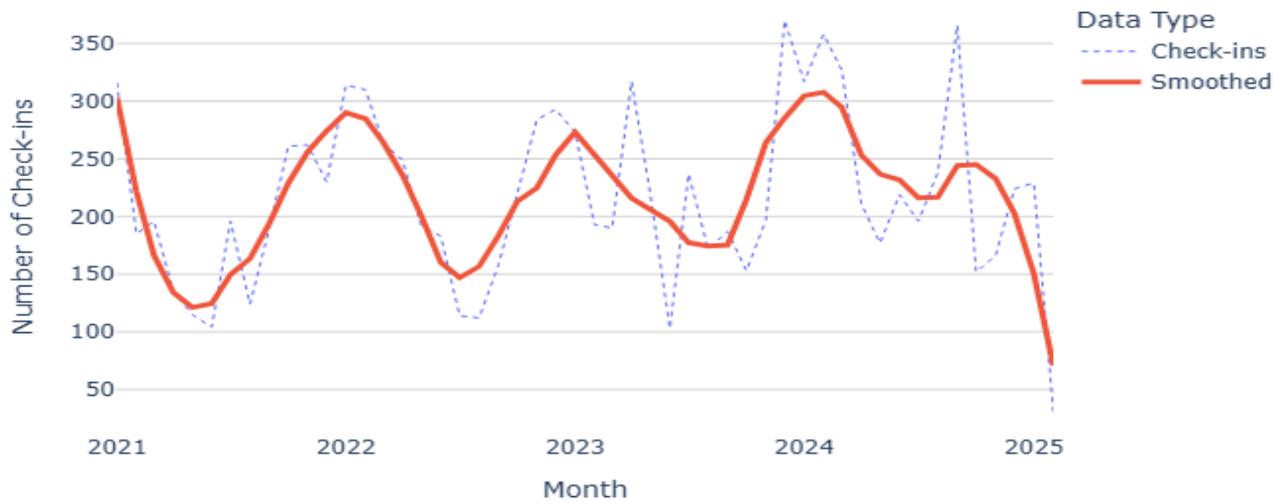


75M NETS

Smoothed Monthly Check-in Trends for 3905 75m SSB Early Net

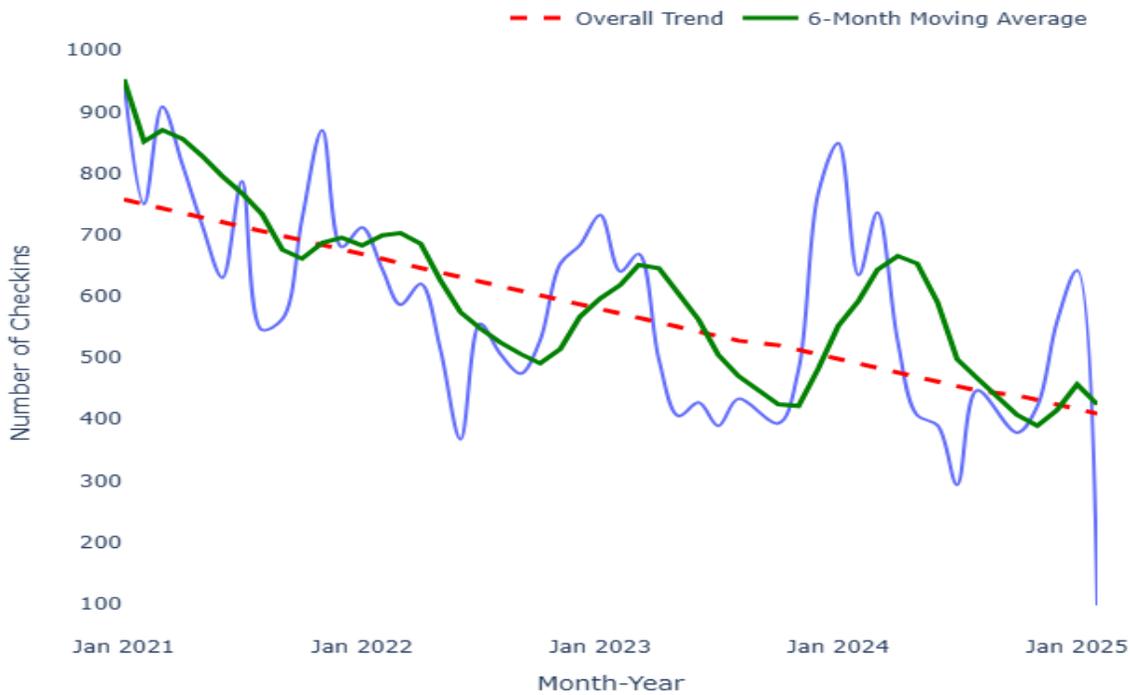


Smoothed Monthly Check-in Trends for 3905 75m SSB Late Net

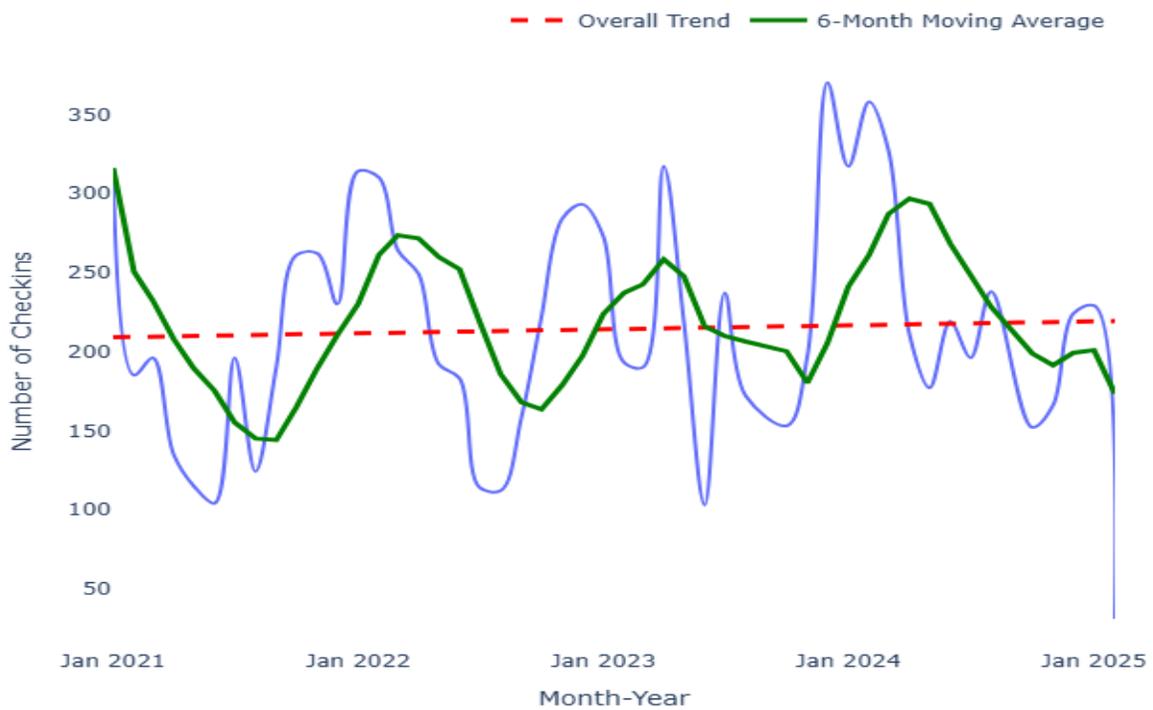


These 2 graphs EXCLUDES data for September 2023 and September 2024 (Eyeball)

3905 75m SSB Early Net Checkins by Month and Year with Trend (Excluding



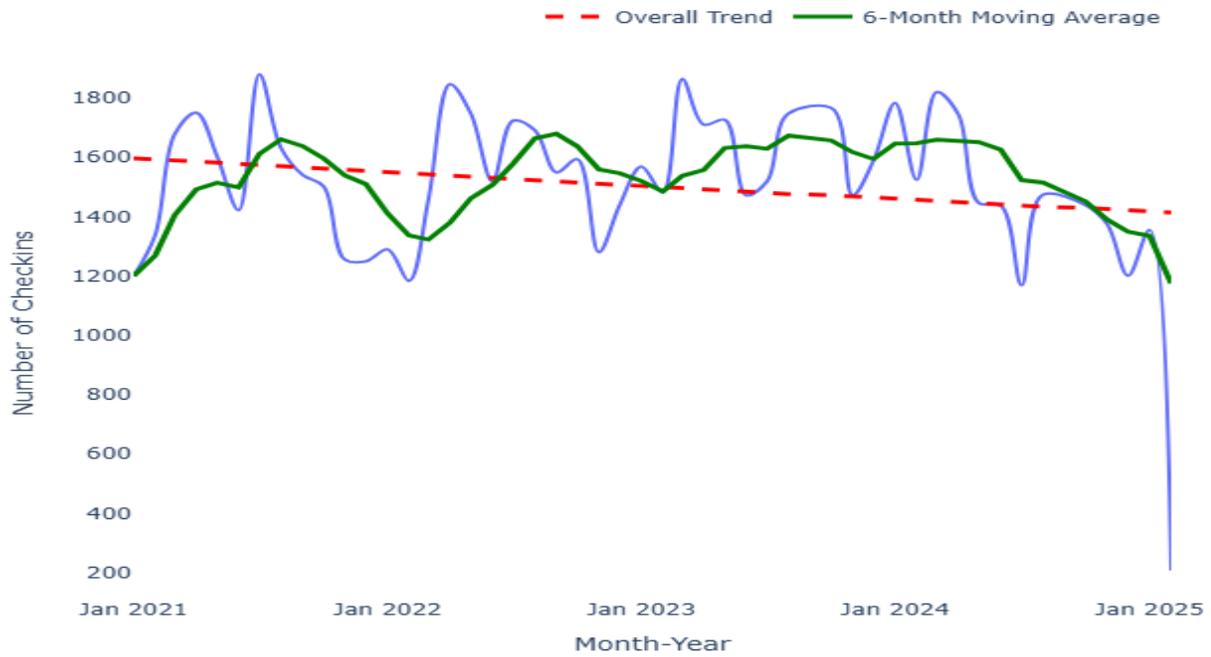
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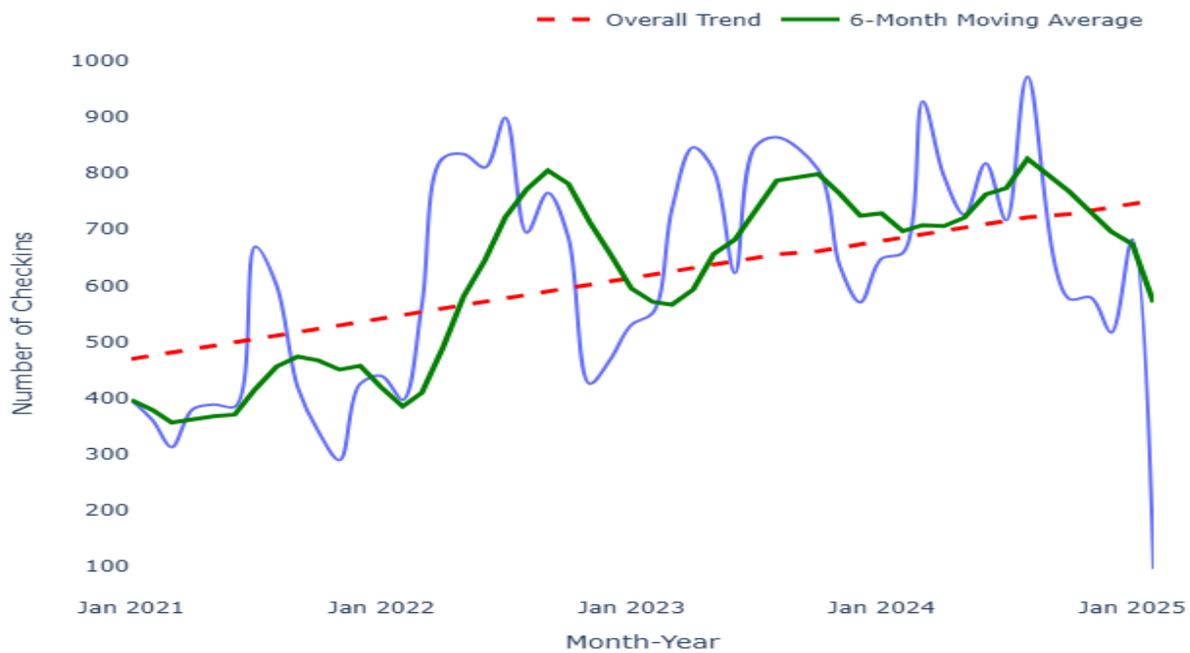
40M NETS:

These 2 graph EXCLUDES data for September2023 and September2024 (Eyeball)

3905 40m SSB Early Net Checkins by Month and Year with Trend (Excluding



3905 40m SSB Late Net Checkins by Month and Year with Trend (Excluding



Observations:

- The data set is not complete after 1/1/2025: IGNORE the 2025 info.
- You will see the graphs and numbers skewed by the Eyeball QRP Nets. Consider this relative to any assessment. I have comparisons graphs with and without September 2023 and September 2024 data.
- The 75m SSB Early Net check-in numbers have diminished by 25-27% from 2021 to 2024, and falling faster since mid-2024.
- The 40m SSB Early Net check-in numbers have been flat from 2021 to mid-2024, then falling.
- The Late Nets have been steady or climbing.
- Mobile check-ins are declining.
- Portable check-ins are rising. Two factors could be in play: 1) more club calls are being passed around (apocryphal); 2) many more “remote” stations (i.e. AA1QW/P XX).

Observations EXTERNAL to this report:

- We are experiencing an historical high solar cycle peak. Frequencies below ~10MHz are having “propagation issues”, to say it lightly. This a normal occurrence at the top of the cycle. However, this “top” is higher, deeper and longer than most cycles. Also, other negative mitigating circumstances are in play (see below)
- For many years, the noise level (especially on 75m, 80m and 160m) has been getting higher. One cause is the proliferation of (noisy) electronic devices. A second cause is the changing geomagnetic properties of the Earth, for 15+ years. *Some* believe that is because of a “pending” reversal of the magnetic poles. *Some* believe it is because climate change, disrupting the atmospheric levels. This is not a treatise about the cause. But, the effect is real.
- The ages of amateur radio operators on HF is climbing. The overall number of hams is now somewhat steady. However, most new hams have not upgraded to General (yet?). The effect is a diminishing pool of net ops on HF.
- This is a few thoughtful observations, no empirical data: 1) a 75m antenna is harder to setup (HoA, land/space, etc); 2) a mobile antenna on 75m is even harder and more finicky; 3) hams are lazy as a group: POTA is easier and less expensive to do – especially on higher bands, and in the middle of the high solar cycle.. Lower bands are harder. In a nutshell, all of this is contributing to the lower bands check-in numbers.

OPINIONS:

- We have great story to tell:

- We have the best operators, best NCS's, best awards of all HF nets. Hands down.
- QuickQSL is a real game changer. WE NEED TO YELL AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN ABOUT QUICKQSL!

- BUT, we have to TELL IT!:

- QRZ ad?
- QTH ad?
- SERIOUS socially media campaign?
- "Take your friend to the Net" campaign?
- Other ideas?

NOTE:

- I have using "Quadratic AI Spreadsheet" (www.quadraticq.com) for the analysis. A superb tool. Based on AI, Python, SQL and other technologies.