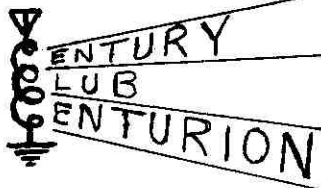


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ELECTION TIME! by Tom Bowers, WD4CQY

The Club Constitution calls for the election of the Club's President, Vice President and half of its Directors, during the first two months of each calendar year. The 1980 Presidential election, to be held ON THE AIR, has been scheduled for normal net hours on January 27, 1980.

All members (i.e., stations who hold a certificate number on EITHER net) who are PRESENT are entitled to ONE vote for the President. That vote may be cast on EITHER net. Provisions have been made to preclude a holder of certificates on both nets, from voting on both nets. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes will become President; the next largest number - the Vice President. At press time, the candidates are (75 m. certs.) #16, John Waltner, NØSD, #218, Keith Brown, WD4ROD (incumbent) and #399, Ray Grant, WA4SGP. ANY certificate holder may receive votes during the election, however. The Net Control Stations, on each net, will call for votes by certificate numbers. They will continue to call the numbers who have not voted until about 45 minutes before the end of net time. The votes will then be tallied, cross-checked for duplications and the results will be announced. New certificate numbers will be added to the authorized voting roles, by the Club Secretary, UP TO THE DAY OF THE ELECTION.

Directors for the EVEN Call-Areas- 2nd, 4th, 6th, 8th and 10th - will be elected, by mail, on, or before, January 20, 1980. Ballots bearing your name, your call-sign (including portable designation, where applicable), your certificate number (on which net) and the call-sign of the certificate holder, IN YOUR CALL-AREA, for whom the vote is cast, should be mailed, IN ALL CASES, to the THIRD CALL-AREA DIRECTOR, Doug Reed, N3AIA. (His address appears in the Officers and Directors Roster elsewhere in this issue.) To avoid wasted votes, each ballot also should state that the person for whom the vote is cast, agrees to serve, if elected. The results of the Even Call-Area Directors Elections will be announced during the Presidential Election, on January 27.

It is possible that a member might be elected to more than one office. In such cases, he or she will be considered to have been elected to the HIGHER office. His or her runner-up for the LOWER office then will be declared elected to that lower office.

The 3905 Century Club, Inc. is incorporated as a "Corporation Not For Profit" under Chapter 617, Statutes of the State of Florida.

There has been a lot of activity since my last column, so let me hit some of the high spots.

The committees are set up for Eyeball 3. The tentative dates are Aug. 8,9,10, 1980, subject to reservations at the chosen site. The committees are:

Site Selection - WD4CQY, WA4WSV, WD8IYU.

Door Prizes - WB2LSK, W3LQY, W4MNZ, W4PRG.

Activities - WB3AMO, K4DAB, W4PTW, NØARN.

Site Coordinator - TBA after site selection.

I hope to get to meet all of you, next year, at Eyeball 3!

It is nearing election time again, and I would like to take this opportunity to say I have enjoyed trying to help the Club, this year, and I will continue to try to do so, in the future, in any capacity the Club members see fit. And, don't forget! VOTE FOR YOUR AREA DIRECTOR AND YOUR CLUB OFFICERS!!

We have had several members volunteer to be NCSs, lately, and their offers are very much appreciated. It is nice to see people willing to step in and help. We have a lot of people who spend a lot of hours working for the Club, in one capacity or another, and they receive very little recognition. They do excellent jobs, and I would like to say THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

I know you have heard this announcement many times, but I want to put it in writing, just the same: PLEASE DON'T MOVE OFF FREQUENCY AND ASK STATIONS TO QSY, OR FOR THE PURPOSE OF HECKLING THEM!! LET'S TRY TO MAINTAIN THE FREQUENCY WE HAVE. THE BANDS ARE CROWDED AND EVERYONE WANTS TO ENJOY THEIR RADIOS!!! The FCC will ticket the offenders.

Most of us would like to have more DX stations on frequency. One suggestion I would like to make is whenever we work a DX station, on another frequency or band, if they have phone privileges on either 40 or 75, ask them to join us on the nets. Another way is, if you know a QSL manager of a DX station, ask both of them to join us.

We have had several members who have been under the weather, in the last few months, and we hope they are all feeling much better, by now.

The Holiday Season is rapidly coming upon us. I hope each and everyone has an enjoyable one. Let's all remember those who aren't as fortunate as we are. Usually about this time of year, we hear some stations with different signals. Do you suppose they have new equipment?

FROM THE BOARD ROOM by John Stevens, KB5FT, Chairman, Board of Directors

Happy Holidays to all members of the 3905 Century Club! I'm happy to say a few words through our newsletter, "The Century Club Centurion".



Fres. Keith with picture booklets from "Eyeball East" and "Eyeball West".

The Century Club is quite large, and it's still growing. We have come a long way in the last 2½ years. Because of your cooperation and assistance, we have been able to move forward. We have incorporated the Century Club, we have expanded our awards on 75 meters, started a net on 40 meters, established a late net for the benefit of the western part of the country, have had two Eyeball Get-Togethers and we have met a great group of amateurs, along the way.

Because of the structure of our club, we are governed by a board of directors and club officers. Each call-area is represented by a director. These directors are elected by the club members in each of their own call-areas. The Club President and Vice President are elected by the Club membership, at large. A Club Member is anyone who has a certificate number, on either the 75 or the 40 meter nets.

Your officers and directors meet monthly to act on any business that may come before them. Their decisions are taken always with the interests of the club in the forefront. I am sure there have been decisions made which you did not agree with; on occasion, some decisions have been reversed, after additional information has been received, or we have gotten input from you, the members. The directors and officers have a difficult job. Many times they hear from the club members only after a distasteful decision has been made. You are represented by a director, so contact your director and make your wishes known. If you have any suggestions for improving the club, please share them with your area director. If you are happy with the club, as it is, let your director know. If you are dissatisfied with the net operations, contact your area director. Let him know your problem and possible solutions.

Our club exists because of conscientious, dedicated individuals who are willing to give of their time and effort, without any reward except sharing with others something they enjoy and believe in. This is the nature of amateur radio - enjoy being a part of it!

"MOE' THE COMPLETE CONTACT" by Ray Wallace, K4DAB

Moe Dreher, #B5DM, of Lonesome Lake Eriing, near, or plumb in, Taylor, Arkansas, is in a unique position to provide fellow net members with a bunch of state and county contacts. As many of you know, Moe works QRP fixed, portable, and mobile (sometimes Maritime Mobile from his row boat,) with his Yeasu FT 7 and a Hustler antenna system. He works both the 75 and 40 meter nets. His mobile shack is a 1977 Courier pick-em up.

Moe's fixed station ham shack is located 1300 feet from Columbia County, Arkansas, 3 minutes from the State of Louisiana, and Webster and Bossier parishes; 25 minutes from Caddo and Claiborne parishes. The State of Texas is only about 65 miles, and Oklahoma 1½ hours from his shack. As you can see, there are many possibilities. Also, Moe's XYL, Jane, is the only Novice in Moe's home county of Lafayette. When she upgrades - more possibilities for net members. At the present time, Moe is the only phone-ham there. Moe appreciates all calls, and he asked me to tell all net members "thanks." He also said, "If any of them critters need some state or county, out my way, I'll drive all night to give it to 'em." Moe is about 20 QSOs away from his 6 band WAS. I, for one, would like to thank Moe for several net contacts on both 75 and 40 meters. 2

As I told you last month, I will try to use this space to answer questions and keep you up-to-date on any new actions by the Board of Directors, with regard to the awards. Let's start with a question that crops up quite often - "When may I call for certificate numbers for the 1000 point sheet?" The answer - after you have obtained your 500 point endorsement, and not before. However, if someone calls you and ASKS for your number, you may use that card as a certificate number, a prefix or whatever. If you use it as a certificate number you have just gained a freebie!

Let's consider the 100 point check sheet for a minute. First, if you use, as most do, only state capitols, for your 100 point award, then each call must be from a different state. You cannot use two cards from the same state capitol. Combos - two people from the same family, operating from the same QTH. You do not need to work them both on the same night, or even during the same year. You can combine them at any time after you have successfully worked both of them. This also holds true on the 500 point sheet.

One area of concern, it seems, is the 500 point sheet, and how much of it must be filled in. You need only fill in enough to total 400 points (you get credit for the first 100 points.) The only fast rule about which areas you fill in is that you must work at least 25 different states. Aside from this, you can fill any other blanks that you wish, in order to reach the 400 points. A 2-letter call, by the way, is any call with TWO OR LESS letters after the number. AG2K, NØDF, KB5FR and AB4M would all be 2-letter calls, as would W1SH and 6Y5DA. Remember, two OR LESS letters in the suffix. What comes before the number has no bearing.

There really aren't too many questions asked on the 1000 pointer. You have to fill in the entire sheet. Each state must reflect four different prefixes. You cannot duplicate any calls that you used on either the 100 or the 500 pointers, except for certificate holders. You cannot use the same call twice on the 1000. Now, this means just what it says, one time for each call. W4PTW is good for Tennessee, W4PTW/mobile 4TN is good for mobile, W4PTW/mobile 4GA is good for a mobile in Georgia. However, each of these cards must clearly state that he is mobile, and if you use him twice or ten times mobile, he must be in a different state, each time you contact him. If you work him mobile in GA, you may, if you wish, use him as a prefix in GA, but you cannot then use him as a mobile in GA. I think this is the hardest rule to understand on any of our awards, and my own personal opinion is that it is fairly easy to work ten different mobiles. It does take a while, but it can be done.

There are four new awards - the Journeyman, the Night Owl, the Call Area award and the Poker Player. If you don't have the info sheets on these, send me a 15¢ SASE and I'll get them to you. The Poker Player has to be the most difficult award in ham radio.

One question that I'm sure bothers some is when it is allowed to use a card over again. It is okay for you to re-use a card for the WAS endorsement, VE endorsement, YL and 2L endorsements, Worked All State Capitols and VIP certificates. The Poker Player is one where you can use any card from any contact made on the Century Club, regardless of what else you might have used it for. On all the other awards, you cannot use cards over again.

I would like to close this time with a few thoughts on our awards program. When this club was founded, the idea was to provide an awards program that would be VERY challenging, but not impossible. So far, it seems that this goal has been met. We do have a few members who are trying to see how they can interpret the rules to make them easier. IT AIN'T SUPPOSED TO BE EASY!!! I think that the Poker Player, which was devised by NØDF, is absolute genius. I doubt very much that anyone will achieve it in less than two years. But, I know for certain that the person who is the #1 POKER PLAYER has really done something to be proud of. I think this is the attitude we should all take - let the rules stand, abide by them and be proud that we are able to meet the challenge. Also, let's keep the fun in it! For most of us, the only one who will see the award is ourselves. Do we really need to make it easier, just to get another piece of paper on the wall?

See you next time and good luck with the awards. I wonder who will be first to earn ALL of the Century Club awards.

"THE FIRST CENTURION"

There has to be a first time for everything. In the case of subscriptions to the "Centurion" Gene Locke's, K2EL's, was the first subscription received when this publication spread its wings. Congratulations, Gene, and thanks for your support!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY HANUKKAH JOYEUX NOEL FELIZ NAVIDAD MELE KALIKIMAKA

Details of our nets and of the club, itself, are soon to appear in the quarterly newsletter of the Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society. Although the RNARS has over 1500 members world-wide, the lion's share of them are in ITU Regions 1 and 3, and hence do not have phone privileges in the portions of the radio spectrum where we operate. There are several, however, in VE- and W-lands as well as Bermuda and some Caribbean islands; and, there seems always to be several members maritime-mobiling all over the oceans of the world.

The regular membership of the RNARS is limited to active and retired members of the Royal Navy, however, associate membership is open to current or ex-members of all Commonwealth and "friendly" sea services of the world. That, of course, includes the RCN, USN, USMC, USCG and the merchant marines of both countries.

It is probable that, once the word is out, some of the RNARS members, QTH allowing, will be checking in with us, so don't be surprised if, for example, you hear G4BEQ/MM2 or VE1ADN.

At press time, your Editor is the only member of both clubs, so if you qualify and are interested in knowing more about the RNARS, drop me a note.

Along the same lines, if you are, or if you know, a QSL manager of a DX station, who has phone privileges for our net frequencies, why don't you invite that station to join us, occasionally? You'd be surprised how many DX stations are working on a WAS award. And, as you well know, of late we have had a real scarcity of DX check-ins!

CORRECTIONS

The gremlins struck the last issue and the first 60-odd copies were mailed with the Club President's street number shown incorrectly. WD4ROD's correct address is as shown in the Officers and Directors Roster, of this issue. The Centurion regrets this error and the Editor has ordered the Proof Reader suspended by his thumbs!

EDITORIAL by Tom Bowers, WD4CQY, "Centurion" Editor

Several of the notes I've received with subscriptions for the "Centurion" have requested the "40 meter C.C. newsletter" or the "75 meter C.C. newsletter", or similar wordings. In each case I've tried to include a note back to the subscriber indicating that the "Centurion", indeed the 3905 Century Club, Inc., itself, is equally responsive to, and supportive of, nets on BOTH frequencies, be they pre-, regular or late nets.

The nets are advertised as basically WAS nets; so, at the risk of being accused of belaboring the obvious, I must point out that to Work All States one must have a fighting chance, at one time or another, of finding CHECKED IN Each State. I point this out while in full appreciation of (a) the problems that the Intermountain, West Coast and KH6/KL7 stations have with 75 meter propagation, and (b) the horrendous BCI experienced by East Coast stations on the 40 meter net. Conversely, I point this out in view of the facts that, if a SBWAS is the goal, (a) a W1 is gonna have to work a W6 on 40 m., and (b) a W7 is gonna have to work a W2 on 75 m. AND, ONE POINT OFTEN OVERLOOKED IS THAT A "ROGER CONTACT" IS GOOD BOTH WAYS!

I say all of the above for several reasons, one of which may not be obvious; that is: VOTE IN THE CLUB'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION ON JANUARY 27TH! No proxy votes are allowed, but surely, if you absolutely can't be there, you can find a like-minded member, who otherwise may not have voted, who you can cadge into getting on frequency to exercise his democratic right under the Club's Constitution, and who, incidentally, can support your views.

We had 144 votes cast last January - our first election. That represented 37% of the members. Our club is almost twice as large, now. Why can't we have a 50% turnout - 350 votes, this year!?!?!?

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CLUB LOGO CONTEST

It has been suggested that the Club develop its own logo. Another suggestion was to hold a contest to choose the best such logo. The Board of Directors hasn't, as yet, taken action on these suggestions. More info will be forthcoming, when available. For now: Be thinking about it.

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Just at press time, word was received that Ray Grant, WA4SGP, has withdrawn from the race for Club President. (See "ELECTION TIME!", page 1, this issue. Editor.)

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