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From Bob Hall, K4KWN

Comments from Your Editor

Well, it's time to put out another issue of the *Centurion*. Lots of folks have helped put this one together. Bud McClure sent along some info about the CW Nets. Don Chinnery (WB9ONA) spent time in Mexico and has sent a report about the Mexican Amateur Radio licensing procedures. Ron Grew (N7LL) sent a copy of the Net Check sheet he uses on the Century Club. I have reproduced it and included it with this issue.

Congratulations to Judy Kneubulh, WD0GAH for her election to the office of President of the Century Club and to Don Chapman, W4PNV, for being elected Chairman of the Board. Outstanding leadership for an outstanding group!

Though I have seen it somewhere before, Harry Sparks (AB4OQ) took the time to send along "The Antenna (Hair) Raising Incident" for which we're most grateful.

With the mailing of this issue, we have 113 subscribers with 20 of those expiring. And by the way, I appreciate all of the kind words about the interesting articles. It wouldn't have been possible without the help and support of a lot of you across this hemisphere!

One of the most often mentioned additions to the *Centurion* are pictures and articles about the folks who check in to the nets. I sent a lot of letters out asking for a picture and information about some of the folks who help make this Club go, but no one has yet responded. Not being bashful at all (and wanting to print another picture in so a new target for the dart board would be available), I have taken the editorial privilege to put one in about ME!

Have fun, and hope to see you on one of the nets (if I can ever get money to get those soft finals replaced!)

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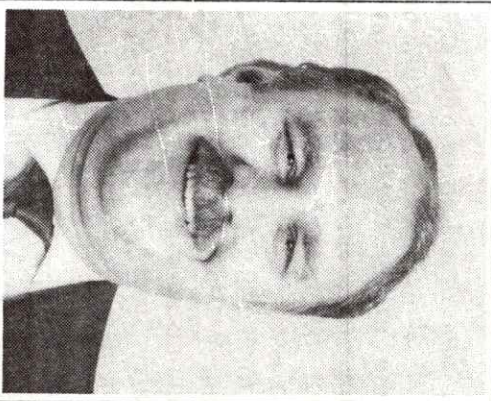
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Kentucky Walrus Nose

I have been more fortunate than most in that I have had only two call signs in the 30-plus years of amateur radio experience. Born and reared in Springfield, Missouri, at age 16, my first car was a Mercury Comet with a very loose front-end. The call KØVWC (Voice of the Wandering Comet) was apropos. Those were the days of Harvey Wells, Hallcrafters, Globe Radio and World Radio Labs. And with 200 watts of input from the Heathkit DX-100, 250 miles communications distance on 75 meters was a feat! Six meter operation was with home-brew gear. Where those the Good Old Days?



Bob Hall, King 4 Kentucky Walrus Noses

The picture at the left may give a clue to the phonetics of my current call. Standing a little over 6 feet and tipping the scales at 325 pounds, my shape is more like ">" than "<" or even "||". The XYL hung the moniker on me when visiting the St. Louis Zoo Seal Pond. The Grand-daddy of all walruses crawled onto the pool apron. She said, "That walrus' mustache and your's looks just alike!" So now I am the King 4 Kentucky Walrus Noses!

My station isn't impressive - an old Yaesu FT-101-EE with soft finals; a droopy inverted vee up about 35 feet. The Mini-Quad satisfies matching the Yaesu on 10-15 and 20 meters, and the Heathkit SA-2040 Antenna Tuner keeps the RF out of the shack and off the TV on 40 meters.

The Alinco two-meter mobile is a favorite companion. Like lots of folks, I chew the fat and solve the Problems of the World with the same crowd as we cruise to work each morning.

Writing, reading and gardening are hobbies. Being the Executive Director of a Boys & Girls Club organization with 3000 kids, I get to do too little of the first hobby mentioned, have to do too much of the wrong kind of the second hobby mentioned, and the third usually goes to weeds!

Interested in the Nets?

Daily 75 Meters	3905 kHz 0100-0500Z (Summer) 0200-0600Z (Winter)
Daily 40 Meters	7233 kHz 0000-0400Z (Alternate Frequency 7253 kHz)
Fri. 160 Meters	1870-1875 kHz 0100-0500Z (Late net 0500-0900Z)
Sat. 160 Meters	1870-1875 kHz 0400-0800Z
CW NETS	
Mon. 40 Meters	7035 kHz 0200-0400Z
Wed. 40 Meters	7035 kHz 0200-0400Z
Sat. 40 Meters	7035 kHz 0200-0400Z

* All frequencies are ± QRM

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Call Sign Changes

NØKFA now W4VP
 WD4FIP now KM4FC
 KA2ZYQ now WB2R
 N1ECV now WA1V
 N1GIT now KC1OM
 N9IHA now KE9SN
 NØKWI now WY0Z

Interest in CW Nets?

by Bud McClure, K5TUO

Well we tried 80 CW and at it's best, it was no good. Band conditions didn't help us and certainly lack of participation didn't do us any good, either.

I have decided that the 80 meter CW net has been canceled effective now and we will take a look at it early next Fall.

Effective 5 March 1990, we will have a net on each Monday night on 40 meters starting at 0200Z. This will be in addition to our normal Wednesday and Saturday night nets.

We have the pleasure of welcoming Ted (AA5FY) as a NCS on 40 meters. I have assigned Ed (KM4QQ) and Herb (WK90) on alternate Monday nights; I have Bob (W5RDZ) and Ted (AA5FY) on alternate Wednesday nights and Frank (W3PYZ) and Den (AK5D) on alternate Saturday nights.

We are going to try for a few weeks to run the Wednesday night nets operating at 13 WPM in hopes that we can lure some new operators to join us. The frequency is 7.035 kHz \pm QRM.

Top Award Recipient

Barbara Baum, N3DRO, has again taken top honors as the station which has received the most awards since the last issue of the *Centurion*.

Besides receiving Call Area Awards for all 10 Call Areas, she added WAS Capitals, WAS on 40 meters, and Bakers Dozen/Mobile. CONGRATULATIONS!

Antenna (Hair) Raising Incident

I'm writing in response to your request for additional information for block number 3 of the accident reporting form. I put "poor planning" as the cause of the accident. You said in your letter I should explain more fully, and I trust the following details will be sufficient.

I am an amateur radio operator and on the day of the accident I was working alone on the top section of my new 80 foot tower. When I had completed my work, I discovered that I had, over the course of several trips up the tower, brought up about 300 pounds of tools and hardware, rather than carry the now unneeded tools and materials down by hand, I decided to lower the items down in a small barrel by using a pulley, which fortunately was attached to the gin pole at the top of the tower.

Securing the rope at ground level, I went to the top of the tower and loaded the tools and materials into the barrel. I went back to the ground and untied the rope, holding it tightly to ensure a slow descent of the 300 pounds of tools. You will note in block number 11 of the accident reporting form, I weigh only 155 pounds.

Due to my surprise at being jerked off the ground so suddenly, I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded at a rather rate of speed up the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming down; this explains my fractured skull and broken collar bone. Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand were two knuckles deep into the pulley.

Fortunately, by this time, I had regained my presence of mind and was able to hold onto the rope in spite of the pain. At approximately the same time, however, the barrel of tools hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel. Devoid of the weight of the tools, the barrel now weighed approximately 20 pounds. I refer again to my weight in block number 11. As you might imagine, I started a rapid descent

down the side of the tower. In the vicinity of the 40-foot level, I met the barrel coming up; this accounts for my two fractured ankles and the lacerations on my legs and lower body.

The encounter with the barrel slowed me enough to lessen my injuries when I fell onto the pile of tools, and fortunately only three vertebrae were cracked. I'm sorry to report, however, that as I lay there on the tools, in pain, unable to stand, and watching the empty barrel 80 feet above me, I again lost my presence of mind....I let go of the rope.

"Tuned Circuit," L'Anse Creuse Radio Club Reprinted in *HAMNEWS*, Bluegrass Amateur Radio Society, Inc., March 1990

From your Board of Directors

From Minutes prepared by Ray Grant, WA4SGP

This year's Eyeball will be August 3-5 at Sand Creek Campground at Chesterton, IN. NY9L will be the coordinator.

Don Chapman, W4PNV, has been elected as Chairman of the Board.

ARRL lists Kure Island (part of the State of Hawaii) as a DX Country. The Board voted to accept contacts from Kure Island as either Hawaii or as DX, but not both, for the numeric progression awards. It may also be used as DX for the DX award regardless of its use on numeric progression awards.

John Ross, WB2K, was elected as Second Call Area Director and Wendell Turner, KE6BV, was elected as Sixth Call Area Director.

Cheryl McBride, WA2DKC, was appointed as 75 meter early net coordinator.

The 100 point and all level 1 numeric progression award applications will be changed to remove maximum number of contacts in each category.

Letters to the Editor

From Don Chinnery, WB9ONA

The United Mexican States has not entered into a reciprocal licensing/operating agreement with the United States (though the two countries share a third party traffic agreement). In other words, you cannot operate in Mexico as you would in Canada.

Mexico, however, issues operating permits to visiting U.S. amateurs on a courtesy basis. Currently upon issuance of your certificate as a Class II radio amateur (all bands up to 250 watts) you are assigned a call having an XE2 prefix and a suffix utilizing your stateside call. Thus in my case I was assigned call XE2WB9ONA. In other words a 2x5 call. This certificate is valid for six months and is renewable. Note that the call does not contain a "/" (slash or stroke).

The certificate designates a specific address as the fixed location. So while operating from that address, in my case in San Carlos, it would be considered a fixed location, and no strokes in the call. If I go mobile then I would indicate thus as XE2WB9ONA/m.

Previously they used to assign regular 2x3 calls to U.S. amateurs visiting and applying for licenses in Mexican. At this writing I do not have information whether holders of those calls will be renewed under the old call or assigned a call under the new procedure.

If anyone would like information on getting licensed in Mexico, I would be most happy to help them out.

Our Award Recipients

from John O'Keefe, NJ3V

75 METERS								
100 Point	265 W5RDZ	Seventh Call Area	WAS Capitals	1279 KC10M	3000 Point	267 WS7C	WAS CAPS 45	
1685 KM4QQ	266 N5NSX	Area	280 N3DRO	1280 KB9ASU	13 K8MZA	268 N7MFB	END	
1686 KA1DZP	267 NY0C	268 K14KR	285 K14KR	1281 N5OHL	4000 Point	269 WA3EOP	AA5CV	
1687 KE8MB				1282 WA6SNG	7 WD0HSJ	270 N9HFP		
1688 KA1SDI	2000 Point	Eighth Call Area	WAS CAPS 40	1283 WD9GVA	Alphabet Award	272 N5LIB	W/VE	
1689 KA5PVB	67 KB8RM	35 N3DRO	End		81 WB90NA	274 K6FO	Endorsement	
1690 KC3YD	68 KE6BV		N2GFM		84 K14KR	WAS Award	W/VE	
1691 KB2FGS			NCS AWARD		86 K6FO	216 N3DRO	160 METERS	
1692 N4VYZ	4000 Point	Ninth Call Area	NU9M		Bakers Dozen Award	217 N7LZK	W/VE	
1693 N5NSX	5 WA2TEW	36 N3DRO			126 NU9M	218 WD4CIQ	Endorsement	
1694 N8KRP					127 W4PNV	219 KK4EG	W/VE	
1695 K0YQU	Alphabet Award	Tenth Call Area	40 METERS		128 N5GAP	220 N7MFB	Endorsement	
1696 NO7I	83 K14KR	37 N3DRO	100 Point		129 N5LIB	221 N8F1I	CW NET	
1697 WB4NWR	85 N5NSX		1254 N3GIL		130 K6FO	222 WB90NA	100 Point	
1698 N2IGW			1255 WD4CIQ		131 K6FO	223 KA3HBB	28 KM4QQ	
1699 WD5CPK			1256 KK4EG		Bakers Dozen Award/Mobile	225 K6FO		
1700 KC41V1	First Call Area	N3DRO	1257 W/MOM		31 N3DRO	226 N8KRP		
1701 AK5D			1258 KF7GM		32 WB9FRF	227 W0ALW	** 500 Point **	
1702 N4SSF			1259 AA5MP		33 WB90FA	228 N9HFP	W5RDZ	
1703 N0K0J	Second Call Area	N3DRO	1260 W/N7D		34 KF7JE	229 KE9SN	K5IUO	
1704 W/MOM			1261 NO7I		Certificate			
1705 N9HFP			1262 KM4XX		Hunters			
1706 NY1A	Third Call Area	N3DRO	1263 N8LLD		57 N9HFP			
1707 KC0JB			1264 KC6ASP		1000 Point			
			1265 KF7SG		202 WB9FRF			
500 Point			1266 WB4NWR		203 KA3HBB			
Endorsement	Fourth Call Area	N3DRO	1267 NZ0E		204 NY9L			
AA5FY			1268 KA1SDI		205 K14KR			
KB4AEX			1269 KA2FES		206 N5LIB			
N5NSX			1270 NV2Y		207 K6FO			
N8KRP			1271 KQ1N		208 AB4OQ			
NN7I			1272 WTOP		209 K5FNS			
KC0JB	Fifth Call Area	N3DRO	1273 NOBGF		2000 Point			
			1274 K0YQU		49 W0ZTP			
			1275 K16PJ		50 KA3HBB			
			1276 KK6CN		51 KD5YQ			
			1277 N91VP		52 AA4LB			
			1278 WD5CPK		53 N5LIB			
					54 AA5CV			
1000 Point								
263 WA3TJD	Sixth Call Area	N3DRO	WAS		Nite Owl Award			
264 WB9FRF			Endorsement		37 NU9M			
			K14KR		38 WS7C			
					39 W7PSN			
					40 K6FO			
					Nomad Award			
					23 AB4OQ			
					24 N7MFB			
					VIP Award			
					266 WB90NA			