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Eyeball 2005—Have You Signed Up Yet?

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The 2005 Eyeball will be held in Georgia, at Red Top Mountain State Park—just Northwest of Atlanta from July 28th through the 31st.

Red Top Mountain State Park consists of 1,562 Acres of wooded land, surrounded by Lake Alatoona and accessible by bridge, just off I-75 at Exit 285.

There are a total of 19 RV parking sites along with 73 tent and camping sites. RV sites run from \$18.00 to \$22.00 per night.

Reservations for RV sites may be made by calling the Visitors Center at (770) 975-4226.

There is a Lodge at the Park, however at this time there are no vacancies. It may be worthwhile to check back later, but unlikely as Red Top is a popular destination.

There are 18 cabins, all of which have two bedrooms with two double beds in each. Eight (8) of the cabins have two bathrooms, the other ten have one bathroom. Minimum stay for a cabin is 4 nights.

Cabins may be reserved by calling the Main Number at (770) 975-0055. Be sure to mention that you are

with the 3905 Century Club in order to get a cabin as we have holds on all of them until June 1, 2005.

As of this writing, 64 people have registered for the Eyeball and many more have indicated that they will be attending. Plans are well underway to make this the best Eyeball ever with great prizes, activities for everyone and—best of all—no boring guest speaker.

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, July 28th—
Setup, Erect Antennas and Visiting

Supper: On Your Own
8:00 PM: Evening Radio Nets operate

Friday, July 29th—
Breakfast: On Your Own
All Day: Checkins, Visiting
Lunch: On Your Own
4:00 PM: Board of Directors Meeting – Main Shelter
6:00 PM: Supper – Cookout (Chef - Harmonic of WM4SG)

8:00 PM: Evening Radio Nets operate



Saturday, July 30th—
8:00 AM: Breakfast at Main Shelter
9:30 AM: Annual Mobile Antenna Shoot-Out – Host AA1NZ
Lunch: On Your Own
2:30 PM: Main Program

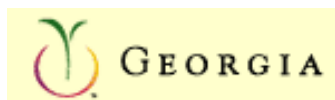
- Awards
- Prize Drawings

7:30 PM: Snipe Hunt
8:00 PM: Evening Radio Nets operate
8:00 PM Main Shelter – Annual Bingo Game
Sunday, July 31st—
9:30 AM: Breakfast (TBA), Pack-Up, Go Home

To register for the Eyeball, visit the club website or go directly to the Eyeball web site at:

<http://wm4sg.com/eyeball2005>

If you do not have Internet access, there is a registration sheet further in this issue that you can use.



Standing On The Corner In Winslow Arizona ... by Jim—N5OHL

When I found out that I would be helping to move my daughter Emily out to California, I started to think about places to visit on the long trip out west. Of course, the main road from Oklahoma City to California is Interstate 40.

But to me that also means visiting some of the really neat places on Historic Route 66 as well.

I have always been interested in Historic Route 66. During the last couple of years my wife Linda N5OJP and I have traveled all of Route 66 in Oklahoma.

Here in Oklahoma we have more miles of the original road than any other state. You can drive almost the whole state on the old road.

Only in a few places is the road completely gone or covered by the interstate. Many of the old bridges are still there too, but that is worth another story.

I had not been on Route 66 out west but I knew that Winslow Arizona was right on old Route 66.

Almost everyone (even my wife Linda N5OJP) has heard the famous line "Standing on the corner in Winslow Arizona" in the Eagles 1972 hit song "Take It Easy".

I thought it would be fun to actually go stand on a corner in Winslow. Little did I know that in Winslow they do have a park called "Standing on the corner Park" right there on Route 66.

I found this by going out to the Yahoo search engine and putting in only the words "standing on the corner".

It takes you to a web page complete with all the information you need.



We took lots of pictures and saw many historic and scenic places on our 4270 mile round trip.

My daughter Emily is now living in Sacramento California and plans to work and go to graduate school out there.

I can now say that I have been there, done that, and got the T-shirt from Winslow Arizona.

For now though, it feels good to be back home in Oklahoma City.

What a surprise, the link is — www.standingonthecorner.com.

On our trip we took Emily's car and my 1992 Ford F-150 truck pulling a U-haul trailer.

*Well, I'm a standing on a corner in Winslow, Arizona
Such a fine sight to see*

*It's a girl my lord
in a flat-bed Ford
Slowing down to
take a look at me*

**Jim Richardson
N5OHL**

Editors Note:

Jim—N5OHL has been a frequent contributor to the Centurion over the years and can always be counted on

for interesting articles, pictures and stories.

If you would like to join Jim in contributing articles and stories to the Centurion, you are more than welcome.

Just send your article on in either text or M/S Word formats. Pictures in jpeg or gif formats are also welcome.



What fun I had standing on the corner in Winslow Arizona while my wife Linda, in a Ford truck slows down to take a look at me.

I wonder now at my age how long I would have to stand there on the corner before any female besides my wife would slow down to take a look at me.

I tried to work in some HF mobile radio time whenever I could. I operated mostly on 40 meters at night. Some of you folks did hear me in Texas, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming and Colorado.

The 2005 3905CCN Election Season

Each year at this time the 3905 Century Club conducts annual elections for officers. This year is no exception with elections in process for Area Directors in the odd-numbered call areas.

Directors are elected for two year terms, running from March 1st of the year elected. This means that one half of the Board is elected every year.

As well, the President and Vice President serve two year terms with the President being elected during the same years as even-numbered Area Directors and the Vice President elected during odd-numbered years.

This year we are electing a Vice President for a two year term and there are four candidates for the office. They include:

- K9TWV—John Thornton
- WM9H—Gene Schneider
- KO1H—John Sexton
- AB8MW—Frank Sturgill

All four are long-time members of the Century Club with a history of service and participation in our nets.

An “On-The-Air” election will be held instead of nets on 40 meters and 75 meters early nets the night of January 30th, 2005 for final voting and announcement of winners.

Prior to that date, you can vote by either email, snail mail or on-line for the candidate of your choice—or you can wait until January 30th and vote on the air. Information about early voting for Vice President can be found on the club website.

Voting for Area Directors in the odd-numbered call areas is a little different in that voting is ONLY by email, snail mail or on-line. These elections do NOT take place on the air.

The deadline for casting ballots for any office via mail, email or on-line is January 15th, 2005. Balloting for Area Directors concludes at that time.

Candidates for Area Directors, by area, include:

1st Area

WA1VQY—Jeff Lynch

KC1AU—Bob Wilson

3rd Area

N3EQK—Ron Rudinoff

AC3FC—Walter Kunz

5th Area

N5UJB—Jim Arterberry

WA5YNE—Wayne Rumley

7th Area

KL7OR—Dean Davis

9th Area

N9KNJ—Ron Kaufman

DX Area

VE3OII—Phil King

To vote in any club election, you must hold a 100 point certificate on any Century Club net.

Miscellaneous Bits and Bytes, Sort of....

What do you do after a long boring QSO:

- * Just got the (dinner) call.
- * We're losing propagation (wiggle the RF Power control)
- * QRM Now -- Better Sign while we can!
- * Ooops -- there's the doorbell
- * Gotta land line OM -- 73
- * Ooops Rover!!! Gotta run and empty the dog!!

Good News For Those Over 50

- 1) Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- 2) In hostage situations, you are likely to be released first.

3) No one expects you to run into a burning building.

4) People call at 9:00 PM and ask, "Did I wake you?"

5) People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.

6) There's nothing left to learn the hard way.

7) Things you buy now probably won't wear out.

8) You can eat dinner at 4:00 PM

9) You enjoy hearing about other people's operations.

10) You get into heated arguments about pension plans.

11) You have a party and neighbors

don't even realize it.

12) You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.

13) You quit trying to hold your stomach in, no matter who walks into the room.

14) You sing along with elevator music.

15) Your eyes won't get much worse.

16) Your investments in health insurance is finally starting to pay off.

17) Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.

The Great Tavern Caper By Glen E. Zook, K9STH

The following is a true story, only the names have been omitted to protect the guilty!

It was in the fall of 1960 (maybe early winter of 1961, I don't remember exactly the dates), when a certain local amateur in LaPorte, Indiana, came up with what he thought would be "the" event of the year.

Now, although the first few days of this "caper" were accomplished by that particular individual alone, he did invite me along for the great "finale". As such, I can truthfully relate the story for all to know.

This amateur had obtained a military surplus TBY transceiver that he had converted to 6-meter operation. The TBY was notorious for causing TVI (I think they even caused TVI when turned off, disconnected from the antenna, and put in your attic - at least it seemed like this!).

Because we lived in a Channel 2 fringe area (LaPorte is about 60 miles east of Chicago) the amateur only ran his TBY mobile in his 1951 Plymouth sedan. Since he was never in one location very long, no one really had to suffer from the TVI which this rig caused (and it "did" cause TVI!).

At that time, in the State of Indiana, all bars, taverns, etc., places that sold beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, had to have a large picture window on the front of the building.

This was to allow any law enforcement officer the ability to drive by the establishment and see into the building. The bar itself had to be visible from this window.

On the eastside of downtown was a local "hangout" called, if I remember correctly (this has been over 40 years and sometimes I do forget) the East Lincolnway Inn. It was on the north side of the street, which, it just so happens, was East Lincolnway (being the main "drag" of LaPorte) and also being State Highway 2 (the road to South Bend).

The building was located approximately at a "five points" (two cross streets with a third street coming in at an angle making a total of five streets intersecting). Across East Lincolnway from the bar was an abandoned small building which had housed a Frozen Custard stand for many years. Although the building was abandoned, there was still a small parking lot that a number of the patrons of the bar used when the bar's main parking lot became full.

The East Lincolnway Inn was a favorite neighborhood "watering hole" for a number of workers at the Allis-Chalmers plant a few blocks away. At this time the plant was manufacturing things like corn "pickers", wheat-harvesting machines, and for the United States Marine Corps a little tank destroyer called the M-50 "Ontos".

Now the "Ontos" was a "sweet" little machine. It was about the size of a Volkswagen "beetle" and had six 106 mm recoilless rifles plus two 50 caliber spotting rifles installed (three 106s installed on each side of the vehicle). The three-man crew would fire the spotting rifles until a round hit the opposing tank (or other target) and then the 106 mm rifles would fire as one, two, four, or all six at one time (now that was a sight to see!).

To reload the rifles required getting out of the vehicle. The crew was protected by two large steel doors that opened wide of the rear of the rifles, which allowed them to be reloaded while protecting the crew.

Of course when the rifles were fired, the flames shot out both ends of them and you definitely did not want to be on either the front or the back of the destroyer when the rifles were fired. The US Army only bought 12 of these units but the Marine Corps bought several hundred, some of which were used in Vietnam.

Anyway, I digress!

As I said above, a number of the workers at Allis-Chalmers would stop by the bar for a couple of beers on their way home. Since their shift ended at 4:30 PM, they just had time to get to the bar and be about halfway through their first beer when the 5:00 PM news came on Channel 2 out of Chicago (most news in the Eastern and Pacific time zones comes on at 6:00 PM, but in the Central time zone 5:00 PM was most prevalent back then and, in many areas, is still so today).

Most of them ordered another beer sometime during the half-hour broadcast and went home soon after 5:30. This was a nightly ritual for quite a number of employees.

Now, Friday was "payday" and the patrons usually made a quick dash to the bank before dropping by the bar. Also, since it was payday, they usually bought a few more drinks before going home.

Unless the person got to the bank immediately, he was often a few minutes late and therefore missed

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the first few minutes of the news broadcast, but since they were there for the fellowship, etc., they really didn't seem to mind.

The television set was a 21 inch (largest normally available at that time) black and white set that sat over the bar and was quite visible from the street. You could see the program reasonably well from the parking lot across the street (at least well enough to tell what was going on). Since the patrons liked watching the Channel 2 news, the television set was always tuned to Channel 2 during that time frame.

Well, now that I have set the physical parameters I'll get on with the story.

Since his TBV was "notorious" for causing TVI, the amateur involved decided to play a "prank" on these bar patrons. Starting on one Monday afternoon, he parked his Plymouth sedan where he could easily see the television set. After about 10 minutes into the news broadcast the amateur would "key up" the TBV. Of course the television set went "bananas".

Whenever the bartender would reach up to try to adjust the set the amateur would then release the push-to-talk on the transmitter. The immediate result was that the interference immediately would go away. Every 30 to 60 seconds the amateur would key the transmitter, the bartender would reach up to adjust the set, and then the amateur would release the PTT. This would go on for about 15 minutes and then the amateur drove away.

The amateur came back to the parking lot on Tuesday, then Wednesday, and then Thursday, repeating

the same thing that he had done on Monday. Of course the bartender and the patrons were obviously upset. But, no one really knew what was going on.

Finally, on Friday, payday, the particular amateur invited me to come along. I was just starting my junior year in high school and was, at that time, a bit of a "smart alec" who did enjoy playing a joke or two on people.

We pulled into the parking lot a little after 5:00 PM and the routine was started. However, unlike previous times the amateur keyed the transmitter at least once every 30 seconds and sometimes with even less time interval in between.

Also, instead of only doing this for about 10 to 15 minutes, the amateur continued for almost all of the news broadcast. The bartender was getting frustrated, a good number of the patrons were getting frustrated. Frankly, I think that they were just about ready to "chuck" the television set.

Finally, the amateur made a final transmission. As the bartender reached up to adjust the television for the "umpteenth" time, the amateur said into the microphone "just leave me alone for a couple of minutes and I'll be OK"! The bartender jumped back. The patrons who had not been paying any attention to the television looked up. Of those who had been paying attention a number of them jumped up and looked at the television. The place was chaos!

This was before CB radio was really popular and many people had no idea as to what TVI really was. The television set had received the AM from the TBV and it sounded just

like the set was really talking to them.

As for us across the street, we were laughing our heads off. It was all that we could do to put the car in gear and get away from the tavern as fast as possible.

I "heard through the grapevine" that number of patrons at the bar that day swore off ever drinking again! I also heard that it was several weeks before some of the others that had been there that day came back. Myself, I was "sworn to secrecy" and it was several years before I told anyone about the incident.

The particular amateur involved passed away in the mid-1970s from cancer. But, his family still lives in the same hometown. Therefore, when I tell the tale I conveniently leave out just who this really was. As I said at the beginning, "the names have been omitted to protect the guilty"!

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contribution to WY8V.**

Introducing Your Awards Committee (AC)

The 3905 Century Club Awards are in good hands, constantly upgraded and reviewed by the Awards Committee with Chairman, Jim Higgins, KB3PU, Information Officer since 3/2002, AC member since 3/2003.

Committee members include Bill Dobson, N3WD, Awards Secretary since 1/2004. Larry Snyder, KØHNM, AC member since 3/2004, certified Net Control Operator and very active on our nets. Larry is also the Chairman of his local Planning Commission and he brings those skills to the AC.

Steve Letendre, KE6FQC, 6th Area Awards Manager since 12/2001 and AC member since 3/2002. Dean Davis, KL7OR, 7th Area Director since 3/2003, 2004 Eyeball Coordinator, Club Historian and Web master since 8/2004, and AC member since 8/2003. Terry Habegger, W8UY, AC member since 8/2003. This is one hard working group!

Your AC has been hard at work reviewing and face lifting existing awards and responding to Board of Directors requests for input on awards related issues.

We were instrumental in clarifying the definition of DX, but mostly we've been wrangling with review of existing awards.

The result in most cases is just a new look and feel to the award application, but in some cases we did tweak the requirements.

Be on the lookout for new applications on the Club web site for the following some time before the end of the year:

- 100-Point, 500-Point, 1000-Point, 2000-Point (and higher)
- Canadian Call Area

- Certificate Hunter's
- Clint Wise Memorial
- Dictionary (clarification)
- Master's Degree
- Worked All States (WAS)
- Worked All VE - now a separate application.

You'll know them by their new look and by their December dates. You'll also find both PDF and DOC files.

Some changes to these awards were as minor as changing "station" to "call sign" when we really meant the latter. Others were more sweeping.

Meaningful changes or clarifications to existing awards are: Canadian Call Area - changes were made to make this award more achievable. It now allows use of a call sign once per province or territory, vs only once on any application for this award. This is in line with our standard definition of what constitutes a different call sign.

The allowed use of one Super Wild Card has been removed from the two "easy" areas and applied to the two harder areas. Special prefixes are now allowed, but they are the same call sign as the original call unless in a different province or territory.

Clint Wise Memorial - enhanced to better recognize advanced achievement by mobile and traveling stations.

We added a plaque, free of charge, for making the required contacts from any 48 states; endorsements in the form of a small brass plate for 49 and 50 states.

Worked All States - All varieties of WAS have been consolidated into a single application including WAS Same Station Mobile.

Requirements have been clarified both in the description portion and on the application form.

We removed the provision that allowed cards submitted on earlier applications to be noted with an asterisk and not submitted with the WAS application.

Worked All VE Endorsement - Was a part of the WAS application, now a separate application.

Something else relatively new on the awards front is the creation of a new reflector dedicated to the discussion of awards in general and questions about existing awards - 3905AwdTalk.

To join, log into Yahoo and then click on: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/3905awdtalk/> or if you don't have a Yahoo account you can join thru the Club's web site at <http://www.3905ccn.com/>. (Please give your call sign as a comment.)

Other than clarifying existing awards, the AC is usually just an interested observer in this forum.

What's next? We have a lot of ideas on the "to be considered" list, but the prime objective is to try to complete the review and facelift, with occasional changes, to all existing awards by March.

That's it for now. Gotta go; we're behind schedule. ;-)

Editors Note: The Club is indeed fortunate to have an Awards Committee that is as active as this one has been this year. It is, in my view, doing the best work possible to carry on the traditions of great awards for our membership.

The members owe this group a big thank you for the great job they do.

Never Know What You'll See On The Email Groups

Recently witnessed on the 3905 Chat Group Email listings....

----- Original Message -----

Bob Bruno - K2KI wrote:

Great news for me...

I have achieved another personal goal before years end. I worked WH6S on 75M tonight and that makes #50 for me... I am psyched!!!

Thanks to everyone for making these nets possible!!!

73, CUL - Bob Bruno - K2KI

Which then generated this response.

From: "Larry Snyder - KØHNM"

Congratulations, Bob!

For your next award you have to do it all with the antenna disconnected. ;)

73 - Larry - KØHNM

Which then, of course, brought on the next chapter in the tale...

From: "Bob Bruno - K2KI"

Actually.....

I worked an Austrian gent on my dummy load once. (no kidding) Most of it was due to the long length of Rat Shack coax—100 Feet that I had running to it.

It was an old Heathkit Cantenna that was full of PCB oil. I kept it in the garage and fed it from the shack with that real crappy RS coax cable.

I forgot to switch over to the antenna and heard a really strong station (about 59 +). I called him several times and then he responded.

I got a 3x3 and did not understand why it was so low. After I was done and had logged the contact, I looked around the band and it seemed to be dead.

It was then that I noticed that my antenna switch was on the dummy load.

I am sure that this fella was running real QRO. I was running the amp I am rebuilding here at about 1KW.

73, CUL - Bob Bruno - K2KI

And, of course, the final link...

From: "Mike KD8Q"

100 ft. cheap RS coax...\$5.00

1 Heathkit Cantenna...\$35.00

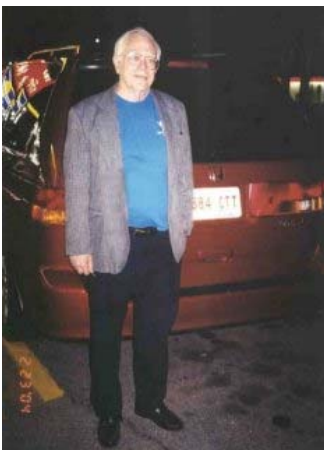
Disposal fee for PCB oil.....\$5000

Working a guy in Australia on your dummy load....

Priceless!!

Now, who says you can't find anything interesting in emails.

Pictures from KØHNM Travels



Ed—K4BZD from an early trip of KØHNM.



Larry—KØHNM visiting with Bob—

K2KI in St. Albans, Vermont during a fall trip to the Northeast.



Eyeball 2004 Pictures (Courtesy of Gene—WM9H)



Above: One of the many meal gatherings.



\$1 wins lots of prizes for Jay—NØPUI.



Above: Tom AA1NZ



Above: K9TWV presenting the KD3FM Service Award to Gene WM9H.



WJ7Z—Jim.



Right: Dean—KL7OR, Eyeball Host receiving an award from K9TWV.



Mobile of the Year—WCØPD Dean.

Below: Gordon—K7MFG



W7LXR—Russ.

Below: W5IL (left) and K9TWV



Above: K7NZ Fred with Wife Mary.

Below: WM9H & AB6YL getting ready to go mobile with NØPUI.



December Awards Call by N3WD

Band Mode

Award-Number-Call-Date

160 SSB

100 Point 368 N5USI 12/8/2004

100 Point 369 K5YZS 12/8/2004

100 Point 370 K8YG 12/8/2004

500 Point Endorsement KM5MS

12/8/2004

1,000 Point 11 KM5MS 12/8/2004

Baker's Dozen W/KG4NBL 1349

N5USH 12/8/2004

Baker's Dozen W/KG4NBL 1350

N5USH 12/8/2004

Baker's Dozen W/KG4NBL 1351

N5USH 12/8/2004

Baker's Dozen W/KG4NBL 1356

W4BUR 12/8/2004

Worked All States (50 States) 954

KB4IT 12/8/2004

WAS Same Mobile W/KG4NBL (40

States) 6 N5USH 12/8/2004

20 CW

100 Point 28 K8YG 12/8/2004

Worked All States (40 States) En-

dorsement W4BUR 12/8/2004

40 CW

Worked All States (50 States) 19

KM4QQ 12/8/2004

40 SSB

Baker's Dozen W/WQ8TV 1352 K8YG

12/8/2004

Baker's Dozen W/WCØPD 1353 K8YG

12/8/2004

1,000 Point 460 KK5LU 12/8/2004

3,000 Point 108 WA4BKW 12/8/2004

75 SSB

100 Point 2600 WA4ZFL 12/8/2004

4,000 Point 45 WD4MXW 12/8/2004

4,000 Point 46 WA4BKW 12/8/2004

4,000 Point 47 KKØQ 12/8/2004

Baker's Dozen W/WCØPD 1354

KN6DQ 12/8/2004

Baker's Dozen W/KG4NBL 1355

W4BUR 12/8/2004

Certificate Hunters 373 WB4ZWT

12/8/2004

Certificate Hunters 374 AB8TD

12/8/2004

Worked All States VE Endorsement

W4BUR 12/8/2004

80 CW

100 Point 73 WD4MXW 12/8/2004

Worked All States (50 States) En-

dorsement W4BUR 12/8/2004

Net Control Basic

202 KØHNM 12/8/2004

203 N8NYI 12/8/2004

Net Control Journeyman

53 W6BUM 12/8/2004

54 KG7Q 12/8/2004

Worked All Nets

21 W4BUR 12/8/2004

November Awards Call by N3WD

Band Mode—Dated 11/30/2004

Award-Number-Call

20 CW

100 Point 27 W5UOT

Worked All States (35 States) 2

N2XTT

20 PSK

100 Point 30 W5UOT

40 CW

100 Point 124 AB6YL

40 RTTY

100 Point 81 W5UOT

40 SSB

100 Point 2341 WB0PYF

100 Point 2342 WA4NLI

100 Point 2343 W0DOM

1,000 Point 459 NT7Y

Bakers Dozen W/WCØPD 1343 NT7Y

Bakers Dozen W/KD7MHB 1344

N2XTTT

Bakers Dozen W/WD5JRO 1346

KK2M

Bakers Dozen W/W5IL 1347 KK2M

Bakers Dozen W/K0MRC 1348

WA5AUR

Certificate Hunters (400 Point) En-

dorsement W5IL

Clint Wise Mobile (40 State) Endorse-

ment W5IL

Numbers Racket 131 KC0OCC

Poker Player 59 KM5SA

Worked All State Caps (50 State) En-

dorsement WD4MXW

75 SSB

100 Point 2594 KC2HO

100 Point 2595 KC2LR

100 Point 2596 OK1FED

100 Point 2597 K5EUY

100 Point 2598 VE4HQ

100 Point 2595 KC2IYE

500 Point Endorsement K9TWV

1,000 Point 441 K9TWV

Bakers Dozen W/WCØPD 1345

W4TRM

Officers 727 AB8TD

80 CW

100 Point 72 W5UOT

160 SSB

100 Point 366 WD4MXW

100 Point 367 K4KXO

500 Point Endorsement KA5PVB

Bakers Dozen as the Mobile by

N2XTT 165 KD7MHB

Bakers Dozen as the Mobile by KK2M

166 WD5JRO

Net Control Operators 67 KC1AU

Flea-Market Speech Translated (Reprinted from Early Edition)

Every ham enjoys flea-markets and the tailgate areas of Hamfests. To help you get the most out of the next one you attend, here is a simple translation guide for Fleaspeak.

Fleaspeak / English Translation

This rig puts out a BIG signal

It's 50 kHz wide

This is a really good CW rig

It doesn't work on SSB

This is a really good SSB rig

It doesn't work on CW

This is a really good rig

It doesn't work on CW or SSB

The transmitter is outstanding

It doesn't receive

The receiver is really hot

It doesn't transmit

It seems to be a regenerative type

It oscillates

I just aligned it

The slugs on the transformers are jammed

I don't know if it works

it doesn't work, probably never has

It doesn't chirp

it doesn't even transmit

The audio sounds great

The 120 Hz buzz is faithfully reproduced

Better buy it now, cause it won't last no translation needed

Sure, it works at full power

It sucks all it can from the wall

This rig has wide frequency coverage

It drifts up and down and out of band

Frequency stability is great

The VFO doesn't work - you'll have to use crystals

Real popular rig in its day

There were whole HF nets on the repair and maintenance problems

It might need a bit of tweaking

Marconi himself couldn't fix it, much less align it

The dial drive may need lubricating

the gears are stripped and the setscrews frozen

I plugged it in to check that it lights up

The light came from the two foot high flames

This is a collector's item

the manufacturer just went belly up and won't honor the warranty

It came from an estate sale

If you have any problem take it up with the owner

It worked last time I used it

if it still worked I'd still be using it

The only lightning damage was a fuse

The only lightning damage I

recognized was a fuse

The signal quality of this rig was easily recognizable in its day

The high distortion and bad audio quickly identified this rig

This rig will bring back the feelings and atmosphere of vintage ham gear
The bypass capacitors to the AC line put enough voltage on the chassis to give you a shock in the lips through the microphone.

I'd keep this baby, but my wife is making me clean everything out!

finally got around to giving this thing the proverbial heave ho

There are a couple of other people interested in it

someone sat on it to tie his shoelaces while walking past the table

International "Q" Signals

From the Wireless Association of South Hills via Bob - K2KI.

The use of international "Q" signals on the amateur phone bands has been discouraged as their primary function was to convey information in a condensed form in the CW mode. Many Hams use "Q" signals in their phone conversations, which is intimidating to the beginner. Here is a guide to some "Q" signals which should impress your listeners:

QTH I am living in temporary housing.

QRN The static is caused by a nurse.

QRX Wait while I go to the drugstore.

QOM When will your husband get home?

QFT I am passing gas.

QAH He is an idiot.

QPS I have to go to the bathroom.

QBM I have to go to the bathroom.

QSB The band is really sad today.

QCB A Big 10-4.

QED Ask Ed, he'll know.

QRP Why don't you run real power?

QNV Novice class operator.

QGN General class operator.

QAV Advanced class operator.

QBS Extra class operator.

QSL I sent another dollar and still no card.

QDX You worked Indonesia on 2 meters, so what!

QVC That's a funny call.

QRK My rig has been at Kenwood for 5 months.

QFA I am in complete agreement with you.

QTS I do not agree with you

Useful Phrases for the Workplace

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| 1. Thank you - we're all refreshed and challenged by your unique point of view. | tape over your mouth. | leave a message... |
| 2. The fact that no one understands you doesn't mean you're an artist. | 10. I will always cherish the initial misconceptions I had about you. | 19. I don't work here. I'm a consultant. |
| 3. I don't know what your problem is, but I'll bet it's hard to pronounce. | 11. It's a thankless job, but I've got a lot of calories to burn off. | 20. Who me? I just wander from room to room. |
| 4. Any connection between your reality and mine is purely coincidental. | 12. Yes, he is an agent of Satan, but his duties are largely ceremonial. | 21. My toys! My toys! I can't do this job without my toys! |
| 5. I have plenty of talent and vision; I just don't care. | 13. No, my powers can only be used for good. | 22. It might look like I'm doing nothing, but at the cellular level I'm really quite busy. |
| 6. I like you. You remind me of when I was young and inexperienced. | 14. How about never? Is never good for you? | 23. At least I have a positive attitude about my destructive habits. |
| 7. What am I - flypaper for freaks!? | 15. I'm really easy to get along with once you people realize I'm right. | 24. You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers. |
| 8. I'm not being rude. I'm just ignoring you. | 16. Your idea seems reasonable... Time to up my medication. | 25. I see you've set aside this special time to humiliate yourself in public. |
| 9. I'm already visualizing the duct | 17. I'll try being nicer if you'll try being smarter. | |
| | 18. I'm out of my mind, but feel free to | |

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What's In A Name

Lately there has been a lot of discussion on the email groups and on the radio about the 75 meter Early Net and the group that meets on 3.902 every day starting about 5:00 PM EST.

This group has caused us, due to the length of their conversations, to start the “early” net at 10:30 PM EST—about an hour and a half later than the original time of 0200 UTC.

Some of our members have advised a cautious approach while others have been much more vocal about “doing war” with that group. A most certainly no-win situation for the club or any of us for that matter.

For now we are starting our net at the 10:30 time while we also explore other frequency options. While less than desirable, it is a solution and one that presents us with another question that has been making the rounds lately.

And that is the name of our club.

Since the inception of our club in 1979 we have carried the name of “The 3905 Century Club, Inc.” from the original Bi-Centennial Net that started in 1976. The net was held on 3.905 MHz for years, long before there was a 40 meter net or other modes and bands that came into our program over the years.

The question has been raised that perhaps we are obsessed with our frequency being part of the name and that maybe it is time to think about a new name more appropriate to our nets and club.

“Century Club” alone doesn’t really work as there are many Century Clubs out there, including the ARRL DX group. Some variation may be in order.

Some members begin foaming at the mouth anytime a name change is mentioned and others are quick to jump on the opportunity.

It is not necessary to change the le-

gal name of our organization, but we might consider a “doing business as” name, renaming only for the purposes of our net operations.

Other than tradition (which has its own benefits and pitfalls) there is nothing sacred about “3905” as we really haven’t operated on that frequency for years.

If you have an opinion, suggestion or merely want to vent on the subject, there are a couple ways to do that. First, keep in mind that nothing is going to happen fast.

The first way is to contact your Area Director and share your thoughts with him.

And... a new survey has been loaded on-line where you can also express your views and vote on the discussion topics.

You can find that survey at:

www.wm4sg.com/clubname.html