



The Centurion

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Priceless



The night creeps away, The trees all sway.
Then comes the morn, Night turns to day.
The Son arose so long ago. The darkness for to banish.
So our soul would always be, never to be vanquished.
We live and die — He died and lived. That lonely day so long ago
To make us His, He alone had made it so.

John Spillman

4th Area Special Election Results

The 2017 Special Election for 4th Area Director has concluded as of midnight Feb 1, CST. A big thanks to all who ran for office and to all who voted.

Results follow:

20 **Ben Goldfarb AE4NT - WINNER**
2 **Gary Brewer K5GEB**

A total of 22 valid ballots were cast from the 4th Area in this Special Election.

Three additional 4th Area ballots weren't counted because the voter voted twice.

All ballots cast from the 4th Area cast a vote for 4th Area director.

Congratulations to our new 4th Area Director - **Ben Goldfarb AE4NT** - and a big THANK YOU to all the candidates and to all members for your participation in this election.

A REMINDER: Those of you who haven't voted for Vice President have until midnight CST Feb 7th (0600 UTC Feb 8th) to cast your ballot.

73 de Jim, KB3PU
Election Monitor

2017 Vice Presidential Runoff Election Results

The 2017 Vice Presidential Runoff Election has concluded as of midnight Feb 7, CST. A big thanks to all who ran for office and to all who voted.

Results follow:

75 **Bill Wallace, K1YAG - WINNER**
40 **Ginger Wonderling, AB6YL**



A total of 115 valid ballots were cast in this runoff election.

Three additional ballots weren't counted because the voter didn't select any candidates. These voters were given an opportunity to cast another ballot and one failed to do so.

Congratulations to our new Vice President - **Bill Wallace K1YAG** - and a big THANK YOU to all the candidates and to all members for your participation in this election.

73 de Jim, KB3PU
Election Monitor

A Word From Our New 4th Area Director

As your new area director, I would like to briefly introduce myself and the two very capable gentlemen I have appointed to serve you for the forthcoming year.

I, **BEN GOLDFARB, AE4NT**, of Longwood, FL, am your Area Director. I have been with the 3905 Century club since early 2013, and I have served as Fourth Area Awards Manager, 40M SSB Late Net NCS, and Acting Chairman of the NCS Procedures Workgroup. Since 2015, I have been Awards Secretary and Chairman of the Awards Committee. As Area Director I will work to make positive progress toward a stronger and more harmonious club. I am pleased to be able to serve the Fourth Area - thank you for entrusting me with this position!

DAVE REECE, KI4DFS, of Mineral Bluff, GA, is your Alternate Area Director. Dave earned his first 100-point certificate in 2004, and he holds Master's Degree #67, awarded in 2014. That same year, he was awarded Outstanding NCS for all 160 Meter Nets, and in 2009 he was the Club's Leisure Mobile of the Year. His prolific mobile work and National Parks tours, as well as his top-band operations have produced a very robust awards history with the 3905 Century Club - over 200 awards, endorsements, and certificates of appreciation. I first met Dave, along with his wife Marilyn, at the DePere Eyeball in 2015. I found him to be intelligent, personable, and a man who will say what is on his mind.

RON STANLEY, JR., NC4JR, of Reidsville, NC, is your Area Awards Manager. If his name looks familiar, it is because Ron is following in the footsteps of his late dad, Ron Stanley, Sr., who served in many positions with the 3905 Century Club, including 4th Area Awards Manager for about 10 years. Junior has been with the club since 2000, and he is presently working toward his Master's Degree. He brings his experience and bloodline to the Awards Manager job, which he previously performed while filling in for Ron Sr. After the passing of his dad last December, Ron sought to increase his involvement with the Club, and this position will give him the opportunity to dive right in. Ron was recommended to me by several prominent members. I see great things down the road for Ron.

I look forward to working with these two fine gentlemen, with the great members in the fourth area, with Dwight, our Club President - also a fourth area product - and with the other members of the board of directors.

Please look us up on the Club website and please don't hesitate to contact us with your fourth area needs!

Vy 73,
Ben - AE4NT
Fourth Area Director

My path to Ham Radio

Mike Evosevich, AC8ER



Hi there, I have kind of an unusual beginning into ham radio. In February of 1963, before the idea was popular, I purchased a helium balloon from Kruse's in Clawson, Michigan and attached my name and address sealed in a small plastic pouch and let it rise up from my backyard in Royal Oak. I watched, dismayed at first, as it squeezed through the crotch of a tree but finally made it through and rose high into the air.

Weeks later, I received in the mail a letter from one David Maynard, in Erie, PA. He'd found the deflated balloon with the message still attached, dry and readable. He asked how I came up with the idea and was interested in the composition of the gases in the balloon. At the end of his letter beside his name were some numbers and letters: WPE3ECK - he explained that this was his Short Wave Listeners number received from Popular Electronics. He went on about becoming something called a "ham". It involved radios, he said, and people could communicate a long distance if they passed a test administered by the FCC. I soon had my own Shortwave Listeners number and hung it proudly on my bedroom wall.

After watching a 7th grade science teacher assemble something called a 'Heathkit' and then hearing 'dits' and 'dashes' coming from the speaker from these people called "hams", I was hooked!

My first radio was a Knight kit from Allied Radio which I carefully assembled. I fashioned a wooden table leg to our family's chimney and stretched a bare copper wire from the telephone pole in the backyard to the table leg and onward to the tree in the front yard. *The neighbors thought I was crazy!*

I listened for hours to Radio Havana (Cuba), HCJB Quito Ecuador, Radio Moscow, the BBC, and various Voice of America stations. I sent and received SWL cards from these stations, confirming my listening experiences. Cuba sent lots of Communist propaganda and I received a letter from the U. S. Government requesting an explanation for my correspondence with a Communist country. When my Dad



returned the letter explaining the situation telling the Government that I was only 12 years old, they just said... "oh"!

The rest, as they say, is history. I became a Ham about 1987 and went from Novice to Technician to General to Advanced and finally to Extra class.

Presently I use an older Yaesu FT-747-GX with a ground mounted, 9 band butternut Vertical with about 800 feet of ground radials. I spend my time on the air with the 3905 Century Club, WAS & DX award nets nightly from 8 pm until roughly 2:30 in the morning.

I have a 'handi-ham' status with the 3905 system after a backwards 'swan dive' down a flight of stairs in June of 2015. Lucky to be alive, I'm walking with a walker, driving, and swimming. I am almost fully recovered after *much* physical therapy.

I owe a great deal to 'Magic Mike', W8MJC and John Patrick, VE3MPH, from Windsor for helping me tune my 26' tall vertical, while I sat in a wheelchair with a RigExpert antenna analyzer. Both of the aforementioned hams turned me on to the GM repeater and the USECA club, of which I just became a member. I also owe a great deal to my dear friend David.

And last but not least without Sue, my Wife of 29 years, my participation in the hobby would not be possible. Some people, from USECA, that I've 'met' on the repeater and also at the Christmas party are: Ken (N8UO), Walt (WB8E), Chuck (N8ZA). A special thanks to Brenda (KD8SGB) for helping me with my membership application. I'm looking forward to becoming more and more active with USECA and thanks a lot!

Vry 73,

Mike Evosevich, ARS AC8ER



QSL Card Requirements

Simply put, a properly completed QSL Card is essential to the 3905 Century Club awards program. Those just starting out who don't have QSL cards might consider temporarily printing their own using a card image designed by using a free QSL design service. See our [Links Page](#) for links to one or more such services. The card images created by these services generally won't contain all the information called for below, but you can write in any additional needed info. You also might consider using the [N7XG Logger](#) logging program, which has many features that support our nets as well as the ability to print QSL cards for each contact. QSL cards contain two types of information about a QSO:

- 1) information about the sender's side of the QSO and
 - 2) information about the recipient's side of the QSO.
- It's **VERY IMPORTANT** that QSL cards be designed and filled out in a manner that makes it clear which side of the QSO each item on the card describes. Placement of this information is very important so there's no doubt that entry saying, "w/ club AA1AAA" refers to the recipient's club and not the sender's club. Or you can make it clear by saying "w/ YOUR club AA1AAA" or "w/ MY club AA1AAA." What you can't do is scatter information all over your card so it isn't clear who it refers to because such cards will not be usable toward our awards and you will be asked to replace them with usable cards.

The QSL cards you send need to have the following information included on them (whenever applicable) if they are to be useful toward all of the awards we offer. Be sure to look at the various card variations at the bottom.

1. **Your call sign.**
2. **Your location**, particularly state (province, country). Include the city if it's the capital of the state, province, or country.
3. **Indicate if you were Mobile or Portable and where.** In addition to state(s), province(s), country, "where" includes which National Park, and any other location info that may be important to your or someone else's award purposes.
4. **The UTC date of the contact.** Please use **DD-MMM-YYYY** format (**04-Mar-2015**) to avoid

confusion between US and DX date formats - DD-MM-YY vs **MM-DD-YY**. Take a date like 01-02-03 for example. Is that 02-Jan-2003, 01-Feb-2003, or something else that places the year first like 2001-Mar-02 or 2001-Feb-03? Write out the month along with a 4-digit year and there's no doubt.

5. **The UTC time of the contact.**
6. The **frequency of the net** on which the contact was made. The band is acceptable, but the frequency is usually preferred. (See next item below.)
7. QSLs to DX stations operating split must show the band, **NOT** the frequency. Stations operate split because they aren't allowed to operate on our net frequency, so a card showing only our net frequency essentially confirms an illegal contact, preventing the DX station from using that card.
8. **The mode of the contact**; i.e., SSB, RTTY, PSK or CW.
9. Indicating something like "75M SSB Early Net" or "75M SSB EN" (etc) is helpful to our Area Awards Managers, but not absolutely necessary.
10. **The call sign of the station you worked.**
11. **The signal report sent to the station you worked.** Both the signal report you sent and the signal report you received is preferred... and is necessary if the contact was with a station that wasn't logging. While it is absolutely false that all mobiles aren't logging, it is best that you make that assumption when completing QSL cards.
12. **Very important!** If the other station was mobile or portable, indicate their mobile/portable status and **WHERE** they were. They need this info on the card for their own awards purposes.
13. Show on your QSL card any 3905CC Progressive Awards you hold and their Certificate Numbers. Also any awards with certificate numbers 2, 22 or ending in 02. Also indicate if you hold a Master's Degree Award and its number. Some may choose to show additional awards earned, but this isn't required.
14. If you are a club officer or a VIP, be sure to include the details of that on your card as well.
15. Your or the other station's QRP status is not absolutely required, but it's good to include it when applicable.

The county you were in is helpful to those who might also want to use the card toward County Hunter awards. (We do not permit asking for this information on our nets.)

As much as possible the above information should be on one side of the card so that those who submit photocopied cards for awards don't have to photocopy both sides.

Anything else you want to put on your card such as pictures, equipment info... is all good as long as it doesn't interfere with reading the above information. These are the things that make the card an expression of yourself. They're not required, but many like to include them and many enjoy seeing them.

The main thing is to be sure to include all of the important and necessary information so your card can be used by the receiving stations toward all of our awards.

The first sample QSL card is shown below. This card confirms a contact with an individual operator using his personal call sign.

K3QSL

John Doe
123 Main St
Anytown, SC 29150
USA
Sumter County
3905 Officer Points: Webmaster



Shep, thanks for the NJ contact on the 3905CC 40M SSB Early Net. I was mobile in the SC capital. 73, John, K3QSL
40M SSB 100-Pt #9999

Confirming 2-way QSO with	Date	UTC	MHz	2xMode	Sent	Rcvd
KC2PUF /M NJ	21-Aug-2010	0045	7.178	SSB	59	59

Variations:

There are a number of Club Stations on our nets and some of them want a card for their contact with you in addition to a card for the contact with the operator of the club call sign. Those who do not want a card for the contact with the club they are operating will (should) check in as "No Card Needed" or "NCN" or similar.

The second sample QSL following is one example of a QSL for a contact made with a Club Station being operated by a member of the club. This card is an example of how ***ALL*** QSLs for contacts with club call signs should be filled out. To prevent wasting envelopes at the bureau with extra unneeded cards to clubs with "NCN" status, a reminder the contact was made can be put on the QSL to the operator's personal call

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sign something like "Tnx also for QSO with club WC5LUB" or just "Also ur club WC5LUB." That should be sufficient to remind that you also need a card from the club.

In this case the operator of the club call is KC2PUF. It is important to put all the appropriate calls on the QSL card in order to get a correct card back. If you are QSLing someone operating a club call sign and fail to put the personal call sign of the operator on the card ("Op: KC2PUF" in the example above) our QSL Bureaus will return the card to you.



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



VETERANS DAY

May 29



If you're a veteran or current member of the armed forces, please know that millions of my fellow Americans and I thank you for your sacrifice. We know that you are willing to die that we might live. Your service makes our country possible.



by John McCrae, May 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,

Loved and were loved, and now we lie In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow In Flanders fields.

Men in Black (cars)

Subject: FW: a funny conversation between a mobile radio ham and a "civilian". Not sure, but it may be a true story. Or one that has been embellished a bit.

Enjoy the humor.

MIB: Men in Black. Cars -- From a recent conversation:

"I noticed you have some antennas and a special license plate on your car. What does that plate mean?"

"You're right. That is a special plate. The K8MP was assigned to me by the United States Government."

"And what about the antennas?"

"They go with the two-way radio I have in the car."

"What do you use it for?"

"I send coded messages to other government personnel. Some are even foreign nationals. They have been permitted by their governments to send and receive coded messages as well."

"Can I see the radio?"

"Sure."

"Wow, that thing is small. It's amazing you can transmit to other countries with it. What do those numbers mean?"

"Those represent one of our special channels or frequencies. They are for our use only. Currently, the radio is tuned to 14.030 megahertz and that's what the numbers mean. If I turn this knob you can see the frequency changes. We use thousands of such frequencies to handle all the information we pass along."

"Can I listen to it?"

"Sure, I'll turn up the volume." _*(NOTE that the sounds are Morse Code, not voices)*

"That sounds like something from a James Bond movie."

"Yes, it's in code."

"What did he just send?"

"UA3RGW."

"What does that mean?"

"That is the code name for his station. Every one of us has his own. You already know that mine is K8MP."

"Where is he?"

"He's in Moscow."

"WHAT????? This can't be legal. I knew something was fishy here."

"Nope, it's perfectly legal. Look, here's my permit from the Federal Communications Commission."

"Wow. But isn't it dangerous to have your code name on your license plate?"

It's like advertising that you're a spy."

"Well, it does raise some eyebrows sometimes. But at the same time, it's a good way for others who do this to recognize me. Sometimes we even pull off the road and exchange the messages in person. That way we can maintain a degree of radio silence."

"That's great thinking. After all, your plate just looks like a typical vanity plate so most folks wouldn't think anything was up. Heck, when I first saw it, I thought it meant the owner's name was Kate

Empty until I saw you get in the car."

"You're not the first person to think that. At stop lights, I sometimes look in the rear-view mirror and see folks staring at it, trying to decipher it. The other day, a guy behind me even whipped out his cell phone and took a photo of my license plate and another of the big antenna on the fender. I've been mistaken for a cop too. Folks often come flying up behind me and then hit the brakes when they see the all black car with antennas and a cop-sounding license plate number."

"This is all so interesting. How long have you been doing it?"

"I started during the Cold War."

"WHAT???? Now I'm suspicious again."

"Relax, it's nothing bad. Actually, I have been teasing you a bit in the way I have explained things. This radio is something you have probably already heard about. It's a Ham radio."

"No way. I have seen Ham radios in movies and they look nothing like this. They were huge, with great big knobs and gauges and even had vacuum tubes in them. And they certainly didn't have lit up numbers like yours does. No, this is not a Ham

radio. I really think you're some sort of spy. And that's OK with me, as long as you are working for our side."

"Think what you want but it really is a Ham radio."

"I just don't believe you because Ham radios died out when cell phones came in. This is something different. Speaking of cell phones, why don't you guys just use those?"

"We prefer to stay off the grid."

"There you go again. What are you

hiding? And I want to know what that Russian guy told you."

"It was routine stuff."

"Oh yeah? Like what?"

"Really, it was nothing to get excited about."

"Then you shouldn't have a problem telling me what it was."

"All right. He simply said that I had a good signal into Moscow and that his name was Boris."

"That's all?"

"Pretty much. Oh, he did say something about his XYL." (Note: XYL just means Ex Young Lady, or married)

"XYL?"

"That's our code word for wife."

"I'm pretty much convinced you're a spy now. And I bet you use that code word for wife to protect your wives from harm. I'm kind of surprised that the Boris would even mention he had a wife, er, I mean an XYL. You know, for her safety and all that."

"There is really no danger. Boris and his wife are just regular folks like you and I. I'm sorry I mislead you before. IT IS REALLY JUST A HAM RADIO !!!

"I'd like to believe you but there are too many things that don't add up.

Say, you never told me what Boris actually said about his XYL."

"Oh, he only mentioned her name."

"What is it?"

"Natasha.."

That's it... there was no way the guy would believe K8MP wasn't a spy.

A good example how simple nothings can become "big somethings".



Hamcation

3905 Century Club Hamcation Table

Feb 10-12, 2017

Our second annual club table was set up at the Orlando **Hamcation**. Volunteers included, WF4H, President, W1YAG, VP Elect K9GWS Treasurer, W4JBZ, Registered Agent, NC8N, Master #41, AE4NT, 4th Area Director, WBOPYF, 10th Area Director, NC8I, K1INX, KD4HGR, KM4NEK (Tech) and Lauree Majcher. More stopped by the table by I am unable to recall at this time.

We had 132 hams sign our log and many more that did not care to sign in.

The **Hamcation** event brought in around 7000 hams over a 3 day period.

All of the major manufactures of ham gear were there plus 107 vendor tables, 200 flea vendors and over 150 outside flea market tables. Food vendors and several Emergency Operations Mobile communications vans. Seminars were held on several different subjects and the Southeast Region AARL annual meeting was also held.

It was great meeting the folks from the 3905 Century Club and sitting a talking will all of them.

I wish to thank the volunteers for their time and work to get the information out about our club.

Dwight - WF4H President 3905 Century Club



WF4H Dwight Greenberg, K1YAG Bill Wallace, Lauree Majcher.
K9GWS Gary Slagle



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K1INX Norm Woods Jr.



KM4NEK Jenny Neims, WF4H Dwight Greenberg, K1YAG Bill Wallace,
K9GWS Gary Slagle



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K9GWS Gary Slagle, W4JBZ Jim Johnson (Registered Agent)

February Board of Directors Meeting

3905 Century Club, Inc. Board of Directors			
Area	Director / Alternate Director	Area	Director / Alternate Director
1 st	KC1AU Bob Wilson N1RNJ Gary Sheridan	8 th	KG8WL Ralph A. Mitchell N8YPA Jonathan Burge
2 nd	N2XTT Peter Summers WU2M Rocco Conte	9 th	W9ROG Roger Callewaert WA9DIY Jim R. Foster
3 rd	N3WD Bill Dobson W3ROG Roger Goodreau	10 th	WB0PYF Ray Myers W0YV Tim O Hara
4 th	AE4NT Ben I. Goldfarb KI4DFS David C. Reese	DX	VE3CMB Craig McLoughlin VE4ABU Al Rowe
5 th	AG5T Marty Blaise N5MIG Joe St. Columbia	President	WF4H Dwight Greenberg
6 th	W6LJK George Huett K6YEK Bill Fuller	Vice President	AC7RA Ricky Asper
7 th	WB7ASC Ron Seese KG7BAN Lee Kanon	Treasurer Secretary	K9GWS Gary Slagle WN1F David Feeney
<i>Board Members Present Are Shown In Bold Text</i>			

Meeting held on Open Chat at the following link: <http://hamshackonline.net/openchat>. The use of an amateur radio frequency to conduct the Board Meeting was not selected.

The Board of Directors meeting held on, February 11, 2017, is a regular business meeting, and is deemed to have met the conditions of a quorum with one half or more of the Club Officers eligible to vote were present.

Agenda Items:

Board of Directors Meeting, February 11, 2017, 20:00 CST (February 12, 2017, at 01:00 UTC) called to order by Board Chairman **George Huett, W6LJK**.

1. Roll Call:

BOD Attendance: 1-KC1AU, 2-N2XTT, 3-W3ROG, 4-AE4NT/KI4DFS, 5-AG5T/N5MIG, 6-W6LJK/K6YEK, 7-WB7ASC/KG7BAN, 8-KG8WL, 9-W9ROG/WA9DIY, 10-WB0PYF, DX-VE3CMB, President—WF4H, Vice President – N/P

2. Approval of January 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes

Chairman **George, W6LJK** request approval of the BOD Meeting Minutes held on, January 14,

2017. Moved by **Peter, N2XTT**, Second by **Dwight, WF4H**, No Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT – Approve, 3: W3ROG - Approve, 4: AE4NT – Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK – Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Approve, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG – Approve, 10: N/P, DX: VE3CMB - Abstain, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: – N/P

January 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes Approved: 10 - Yes, 1 – Abstain, 2 – N/P

3. Approval of February 6, 2017 BOD Special Meeting Minutes

Chairman **George, W6LJK** request approval of the BOD Special Meeting Minutes held on, February 6, 2017 to confirm the election results of 4th Area Director, **AE5NT**.

Moved by **Peter, N2XTT**. Second by **Dwight WF4H**. No Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT – Approve, 3: W3ROG - Abstain, 4: AE4NT – Abstain, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK – Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Abstain, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG –Approve, 10: N/P, DX: VE3CMB - Abstain, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: – N/P

February 6, 2017 BOD Special Meeting Minutes Approved: 7 - Yes, 4 – Abstain, 2 – N/P

February Board of Directors Meeting, continued

4. Approval of January 2017 Financials

Chairman **George W6LJK** request approval of the January 2017 Financials.

Moved by **Ralph KG8WL**, Second by **Peter N2XTT**, No Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT - Approve, 3: W3ROG - Approve, 4: AE4NT - Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK - Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Approve, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG - Approve, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: - N/P

January 2017 Financial Report Approved: 12 - Yes, 1 - N/P

5. Committee Reports:

Discussion/Comments: None

6. Old Business:

The following motion was tabled for further additional study and work with the Governance Committee".

Motion 01_2017_02: Submitted by **Ralph, KG8WL**

I would like to make a motion to amend the BY-LAWS, section I., subsection C. to include the following: All new matters to be brought before the Board must first be introduced as a motion under new business, after which the motion will be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. Any such motions which are deemed, by a majority of the members of the Board in attendance, to meet the criteria listed under any section of bylaws section X., subsection E. will be given the exception granted therein."

Move to bring motion off table made by **Ralph, KG8WL**, Second by **Craig, VE3CMB**, No Discussion.

Vote to bring tabled Motion 01_2017_02 onto floor:

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT - Approve, 3: W3ROG - Approve, 4: AE4NT - Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK - Yes, 7: WB7ASC - Yea, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG - Approve, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Yes, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: - N/P

Motion to bring Motion 01_2017_02 off Table Approved: 12 - Yes, 1 - N/P

Discussion: **Dwight WF4H** commented on that if this motion is accepted, all new motions that are received in March will be addressed during the April BOD meeting. **Ralph KG8WL** stated that it does not apply to old business. If there are tabled items from this meeting, they should be acted on the following meeting. Motion only applies to new business. **Craig, VE3CMB**, it gives the BOD time to discuss the issues.

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT - Approve, 3: W3ROG - Abstain, 4: AE4NT - Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK - Yea, 7: WB7ASC - Nay, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG - "As per the majority of the 9th call area, I vote "Yes", 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - "Approve, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: - N/P

Motion 01_2017_02: Submitted by **Ralph, KG8WL** Passes: 10 - Yes, 1 - No, 1 - Abstain. 1 - N/P

7. New Business:

a. **Ron Seese, WB7ASC** proposes the following Motion 02_2017_01:

"It is proposed that a twenty meter SSB net PILOT program be established whereby a net is run once weekly on a Saturday morning. The maximum duration of this pilot program would be one year from date of commencement although it could be terminated earlier, depending upon its success as determined by the President and the Board of Directors.

1. There is no conflict with club by-laws as net operations are already authorized on twenty meters.
2. Times and frequencies of the net will be determined by the presidentially appointed Net Coordinator.
3. During the pilot program awards, which may be earned on this net, shall be limited to the 100 point and WAS Awards.
4. Net operations would commence on the first Saturday of the month following approval of the Board of Directors."

Chairman **George W6LJK** request a move on Motion 01_2017_02,

Moved by **Ralph KG8WL**, Second by **Peter, N2XTT**

February Board of Directors Meeting, continued

Discussion: Concerns were expressed that not all the details had been worked out or finalized regarding the impact on the awards program. Equally, concerns were made not to delay the implementation of the 20 meter SSB Net as a Pilot program for further study. **Ben, AE4NT** gave confidence that the Awards Committee feels that having the 100-Point and Worked All States Awards will have minimal impact on the awards process, and that the Awards Committee will study the impact during the trial period and will report on it at the end of the Pilot program. .

Chairman **George, W6LJK** calls for a roll-call vote to decide on Motion 02_2017_01, 20m SSB Net as proposed by **Ron, WB7ASC**:

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT - Approve, 3: W3ROG - Approve, 4: AE4NT - Abstain, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK - Yea, 7: WB7ASC - Yea, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG - "As per the majority of the 9th call area, I vote "Yes", 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: - N/P

Motion 02_2017_01: Submitted by **Ron WB7ASC** Passes: 11 - Yes, 1 - Abstain, 1 - N/P

b. **Dwight, WF4H**: Motion 02_2017_02:

I move that the Operations Manual I provided to the BoD over a month ago, be accepted. Holes in the manual will be filled in when received and reviewed by the BoD. Link to full document: http://www.3905ccn.com/temp/ops_manual.pdf

Chairman **George, W6LJK** calls for a move on Motion 02_2017_02, moved by **Peter, N2XTT**, Second by **Marty, AG5T**.

Discussion: Ben, AE4NT: "The Operations Manual has antiquated by-law references". **Dwight, WF4H** agrees, and withdraws the motion and request that each of the BOD review the Manual and it will be brought back to the BOD upon completion of the By-Laws updates.

Motion 02_2017_02 Operations Manual is withdrawn by **Dwight, WF4H**

c. **Dwight, WF4H**: Motion 02_2017_03:

I move that the line "QSL cards submitted must show 1,000-Point or 2,000-Point certificate numbers." Be change to the following: "QSL cards submitted must show 1,000-Point or 2,000-Point certificate numbers, which must have been awarded for the same band/mode as this award application." Link: <https://tinyurl.com/h6g9ugp>

Chairman **George W6LJK** calls for a move on Motion 02_2017_03, moved by **Ralph, KG8WL**, Second by **Marty AG5T**. No Discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT - Abstain, 3: W3ROG - Approve, 4: AE4NT - Abstain, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK - Yea, 7: WB7ASC - Yea, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG - "As per the majority of the 9th call area, I vote "Yes", 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: - N/P

Motion 02_2017_03: Passes: 10 - Yes, 2 - Abstain, 1 - N/P

d. **Peter, N2XTT**: Motion 02_2017_04:

I propose the following: COMBO - A combo is any two people in the same immediate family, OR any two 3905 Century Club members / member holding a 100-Pt certificate on any of the nets the club operates checked into the same net session from the same transmitter and is limited to:

1. Married Couple
2. Parent - Child
3. Grandparent - Grandchild
4. Sibling - Sibling
5. Aunt/Uncle-Niece/Nephew.
6. Member - Member / Member
7. Member - Member at the annual Eyeball will not be allowed at the Main transmitter, only mobile and or portable Combos will be allowed.
8. NOTE: If more than two members of the same family, or more than two club members, check in on the same night, from the same transmitter, only two of them may be worked on one call as a combo.

Chairman **George, W6LJK** calls for a move on Motion 02_2017_04. Move by **Roger W3ROG**, Second by **Dwight, WF4H**.

Discussion: Peter, N2XTT request a motion, that Motion 02_2017_04 be tabled until the March 2017 meeting and request hearing other thoughts from the Board.

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Chairman **George, W6LJK** a call to move on the motion to table 02_2017_04 until the March 2017 BOD meeting,

Second by **Bob, KC1AU**.

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT - Approve, 3: W3ROG - Approve, 4: AE4NT - Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK - Yea, 7: WB7ASC - Yea, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG - Approve, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: - N/P

Motion 02_2017_04 to table until March 2017 BOD Meeting approved: 12 - Yes, 1 - N/P

e. Motion 02_2017_05: **Dwight, WF4H**:

I move the Budget for the 2018 year for the 3905 Century Club be approved to be voted upon at the March 2017 Board of Directors meeting. Link: <http://tinyurl.com/budget-2018>

Dwight, WF4H moves to table Motion 02_2017_05 until the March 2017 BOD meeting.

Chairman **George, W6LJK**: "As per stated in motion, motion will be carried over to the March 2017 BOD Meeting.

Second by **Ralph, KG8WL**. No Discussion or Objections

8. Motion for adjournment

Chairman **George W6LJK** request motion to Adjourn, made by **Ben, AE4NT**, Second by **Ray, WB0PYF**. No Discussion or Objections.

Chairman **George, W6LJK** adjourned the meeting at 21:13 CST (0313 UTC).

Respectfully submitted,

David B. Feeney, WN1F

Secretary 3905 Century Club, Inc.

New Net

At the February 3905CC Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved a proposal for a pilot program to have a 20m SSB net. The Club's President - **Dwight WF4H** - has appointed me as Co-ordinator for this net.

Here are the details:

The net will be held every Saturday morning beginning Saturday March 11th starting at 17:00 UTC. I will be NCS at the start, but hopefully we can pick up some additional Net Controls in other parts of the country.

The primary frequency will be 14.325 with a secondary frequency of 14.285. Note that 20m is a popular band for contests and there will be times other frequencies may be used. We will be using Netlogger which will show the frequency when you bring up

the list of nets. Also, because of contests there is a chance that some weeks we will not have the net.

During this pilot period of one year, the only awards that can be earned on this band/mode are - 100 point and Worked-All-States. If the net is successful, other awards may be added at a later time.

At the end of the pilot period the Board of Directors will decide based on interest, etc if we continue the net, or maybe even expand it.

I think that this new net will be very exciting for the club. It will give us more exposure, the opportunity to make new contacts, to earn additional awards, and maybe pick up some new members. I hope that you can join us.

73 - **Lee - KG7BAN**



March Board of Directors Meeting

3905 Century Club, Inc. Board of Directors			
Area	Director / Alternate Director	Area	Director / Alternate Director
1 st	KC1AU – Bob Wilson N1RNJ – Gary Sheridan	8 th	KG8WL – Ralph A. Mitchell N8YPA – Jonathan Burge
2 nd	N2XTT – Peter Summers WU2M – Rocco Conte	9 th	W9ROG – Roger Callewaert WA9DIY – Jim R. Foster
3 rd	N3WD – Bill Dobson W3ROG – Roger Goodreau	10 th	WB0PYF – Ray Myers W0YV – Tim O'Hara
4 th	AE4NT – Ben I. Goldfarb KI4DFS – David C. Reece	DX	VE3CMB – Craig McLoughlin VE4ABU – Al Rowe
5 th	AG5T – Marty Blaise N5MIG – Joe St. Columbia	President	WF4H – Dwight Greenberg
6 th	W6LJK – George Huett K6YEK – Bill Fuller	Vice President	K1YAG – Bill Wallace
7 th	WB7ASC – Ron Seese KG7BAN – Lee Kanon	Treasurer Secretary (out-going) Secretary (In-coming)	K9GWS – Gary Slagle WN1F – David Feeney K9EA – Dan Michnay
Board Members Present Are Shown In Bold Text			

Meeting held on Open Chat at the following link: <http://hamshackonline.net/openchat>. The use of an amateur radio frequency to conduct the Board Meeting was not selected.

The Board of Directors meeting held on, **March 11, 2017**, is a regular business meeting, and is deemed to have met the conditions of a quorum with one half or more of the Club Officers eligible to vote being present.

Agenda Items:

Board of Directors Meeting, March 11, 2017, 20:00 CST (March 12, 2017, at 02:00 UTC) called to order by Board Chairman **George Huett, W6LJK**.

1. Roll Call:

BOD Attendance: 1-KC1AU, 2-N2XTT, 3-N3WD, 4-AE4NT/KI4DFS, 5-AG5T, 6-W6LJK, 7- WB7ASC/KG7BAN, 8-KG8WL, 9-W9ROG /WA9DIY, 10-WB0PYF, DX-VE3CMB, President— WF4H, Vice President – K1YAG

2. Welcome New Members to the Board of Directors, Bill K1YAG, Vice President

3. Approval of February 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes

Chairman **George, W6LJK** request approval of the **BOD Meeting Minutes** held on, February 11, 2017. Moved by **Bill, N3WD**, Second by **Ray, WB0PYF**, No Discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT – Approve, 3: N3WD - Approve, 4: AE4NT – Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK – Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Approve, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG – Approve, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: – Approve

February 2017 BOD Meeting Minutes Approved: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0

4. Approval of February 2017 Financials:

Chairman **George W6LJK** request approval of the February 2017 Financials. Moved by **Peter N2XTT**, Second by **Bill N3WD**, No Discussion

Roll Call Vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT – Approve, 3: N3WD - Approve, 4: AE4NT – Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK – Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Approve, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: W9ROG – Approve, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: – N/P

February 2017 Financial Report Approved: Yes—13, No—0, Abstain—0

5. Committee Reports:

Discussion/Comments: No reports were presented. In response to a query from **Ben AE4NT**, Chairman **George W6LJK** pointed out that the **BOD** does not need to approve committee reports as they just provide status.

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6. Nominations for Chairman of the Board and Election via roll call.

Chairman **George W6LJK** asked for nominations for the new chairman of the board.

1: KC1AU - None, 2: N2XTT - None, 3: N3WD - None, 4: AE4NT - Nominates W9ROG, 5: AG5T - None, 6: W6LJK - None, 7: WB7ASC - None, 8: KG8WL - None, 9: W9ROG - None, 10: WB0PYF - None, DX: VE3CMB - None, President: WF4H - None, Vice President: K1YAG - None

Chairman **George W6LJK** asked for a motion to make **W9ROG, Roger**, the chairman by unanimous vote. Moved by **Bill, N3WD** and seconded by **Dwight, WF4H**. There were no objections and it was so ordered.

7. Welcome new Chairman

Congratulations were tendered to the new Chairman, **Roger W9ROG**. Since Roger was travelling he asked George to continue chairing the current meeting. There were no objections and George resumed the meeting as Acting Chairman.

8. Nominations for Secretary and election via Roll Call.

Acting Chairman **George W6LJK** asked for nominations for the new board Secretary by roll call.

1: KC1AU - None, 2: N2XTT - None, 3: N3WD - None, 4: AE4NT - None, 5: AG5T - None, 6: W6LJK - None, 7: WB7ASC - None, 8: KG8WL - None, 9: W9ROG - None, 10: WB0PYF - None, DX: VE3CMB - None, President: WF4H - Nominates **Dan Michnay K9EA**, Vice President: K1YAG - None

Acting Chairman **George W6LJK** asked for a motion to designate **Dan Michnay K9EA**, as the new Secretary by unanimous vote. Moved by **Marty AG5T**, and second by **Dwight, WF4H**. There were no objections. **Dan Michnay K9EA**, appointed as Secretary by unanimous consent vote

9. Nominations for Finance Officer and election via Roll Call.

Acting Chairman **George W6LJK** asked for nominations for Finance Officer by roll call.

1: KC1AU - None, 2: N2XTT - None, 3: N3WD - None, 4: AE4NT - None, 5: AG5T - None, 6: W6LJK - None, 7: WB7ASC - None, 8: KG8WL - None, 9: W9ROG - None, 10: WB0PYF - None, DX: VE3CMB - None, President: WF4H - nominate **Gary Slagle K9GWS**, Vice President: K1YAG - None

Acting President **George W6LJK** asked for a unanimous vote to approve the re-appointment of Gary Slagle K9GWS as Finance Officer; Moved by Ralph KG8WL, Second by Dwight WF4H. Gary K9GWS will continue as Finance Officer by unanimous consent vote.

10. Old Business:

Motion 02_2017_04 was tabled at the last BOD meeting. Acting Chairman **George W6LJK** requested that it be brought off the table in its newly reworded form authored by **Peter N2XTT**. Moved by **Dwight WF4H**, Second by **Bill K1YAG**, roll call vote as follows:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT - Approve, 3: N3WD - Approve, 4: AE4NT - Approve, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK - Approve, 7: WB7ASC - Yea, 8: KG8WL - Yes, 9: W9ROG - Yes, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB - Approve, President: WF4H - Yes, Vice President: K1YAG - Approve

Motion 02_2017_04 approved to be brought back to the floor for discussion: Yes-13, No- 0, Abstain-0

The newly reworded motion is as follows:

a. **Peter, N2XTT: Motion 02_2017_04:** I propose the following:

COMBO - A combo is any two people in the same immediate family, on any of the nets the club operates checked into the same net session from the same transmitter and is limited to:

1. Married Couple
2. Parent - Child
3. Grandparent - Grandchild
4. Sibling - Sibling
5. Aunt/Uncle-Niece/Nephew.
6. Member - Member / Member
7. Member - Member at the annual Eyeball will not be allowed at the Main transmitter, only mobile and or portable Combos will be allowed.
8. NOTE: If more than two members of the same family, or more than two club members, check in on the same night, from the same transmitter, only two of them may be worked on one call as a combo.

After some discussion there was a motion to again table **Motion 02_2017_04** until the April meeting. Moved by **Craig VE3CMB**, Second by **Ben AE4NT**.

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Roll call vote:

1: KC1AU - Yea, 2: N2XTT – Abstain, 3: N3WD - No, 4: AE4NT – Aye, 5: AG5T - Nay, 6: W6LJK – Nay, 7: WB7ASC - Abstain, 8: KG8WL - Yes, 9: W9ROG – Yes, 10: WB0PYF - Nay, DX: VE3CMB - Yes, President: WF4H - No, Vice President: K1YAG – No

Motion to table reworded **Motion 02_2017_04** until the April BOD meeting – Fails; Yes-5, No-6, abstain-2.

As this motion failed, Acting Chairman **George W6LJK** asked for further discussion. **Bill N3WD** Moved to call for the vote to pass or reject reworded **Motion 02_2017_04** , Second **Bill K1YAG**.

Roll Call vote:

1: KC1AU - reject, 2: N2XTT – pass, 3: N3WD - reject, 4: AE4NT – reject, 5: AG5T - pass, 6: W6LJK – pass, 7: WB7ASC - Abstain, 8: KG8WL - reject, 9: W9ROG – reject, 10: WB0PYF - pass, DX: VE3CMB - reject, President: WF4H - pass, Vice President: K1YAG – pass.

Reworded **Motion 02_2017_04** fails to pass; pass-6, reject-6, abstain-1. Original definition of Combo remains in force.

11. New Business:

Action on new motions is normally deferred to the next month's BOD meeting.

However, **Ben AE4NT** Moved that **Motion 03_2017_01** below, be voted on “immediately” per by-laws section X.E.4. Second **Ralph KG8WL**

a. **Motion 03_2017_01** **Ben, AE4NT** proposes the following: On behalf of the Awards Committee I hereby propose that the By-Law paragraph II.B.10.c be amended to permit informational changes to award applications THAT DO NOT AFFECT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD without approval by the Board of Directors as the need arises. The last sentence in Section II.B.10.c presently reads: “**With the exception of minor corrections to typographical and grammatical errors that produce no material change in the affected award requirements or procedures, no new awards or changes to existing awards shall be implemented by the Awards Committee without prior approval by the Board of Directors.**”

I propose that the wording be changed to: “**With the exception of minor corrections to typographical and grammatical errors and other additions or modifications that produce no material change in the affected award requirements or procedures, no new awards or changes to existing awards shall be implemented by the Awards Committee without prior approval by the Board of Directors.**” The Awards Committee will report any such changes in the monthly status report required by II.B.10.d(5).

Acting Chairman **George W6LJK** requested a roll call vote on the motion to address **Motion 03_2017_01** immediately.

Roll Call vote:

1: KC1AU - Yes, 2: N2XTT – Approve, 3: N3WD - Yes 4: AE4NT – Aye, 5: AG5T - Yes, 6: W6LJK – Yes, 7: WB7ASC - Aye, 8: KG8WL - Yes, 9: W9ROG – N/P, 10: WB0PYF - Yes, DX: VE3CMB – N/P, President: WF4H - Yes Vice President: K1YAG – Yes

The motion to address **Motion 03_2017_01** immediately passes. Yes-11, No-0, Abstain- 0, (2 voting entities did not reply to the call for a vote).

Acting Chairman **George W6LJK** called for the vote on the motion, Second **Peter N2XTT**.

Roll Call vote:

1: KC1AU - Approve, 2: N2XTT – Affirmative, 3: N3WD - Approve 4: AE4NT – Aye, 5: AG5T - Approve, 6: W6LJK – Yea, 7: WB7ASC - Yea, 8: KG8WL - Approve, 9: WA9DIY – Yes, 10: WB0PYF - Approve, DX: VE3CMB – Approve,

President: WF4H - Approve, Vice President: K1YAG – Approve

Motion 03_2017_01 Passes: Yes-13, No-0, Abstain-0.

12. Motion for adjournment

Acting Chairman **George W6LJK** request motion to Adjourn, made by **Ralph KG8WL**, Second by **Bill K1YAG**. No Discussion or Objections.

Acting Chairman **George, W6LJK** adjourned the meeting at 21:32 CST (03:32 UTC).

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Michnay, K9EA

Secretary 3905 Century Club, Inc.

Editor's note: I highlighted the change to **Motion 03_2017_01** in red to better see the proposed changes made.



How's DX

6W, Senegal: 6W1SU is Ronald (VE3REV), who has moved to Dakar, Senegal since August and will remain there for two or three years. He plans to be active on 80-6 metres, "currently operating phone only but hoping to tackle CW later". QSL via MOURX's OQRS www.mourx.com/oqrs/ for direct and bureau cards. See www.qrz.com/db/6W1SU for more information.

9A - Radio Club Libertas 9A4J will be active as 9A21RBM on 1-15 April. The special callsign is a tribute for Ronald H. Brown, the US Secretary of Commerce who was killed, along with 34 others, in a 1996 plane crash near Dubrovnik. QSL via 9A4J or 9A5AX. [TNX 9A2AA]

9H, MALTA: Special event station 9H2017EU is QRV until June 2017 to mark the 2017 Maltese European Union Presidency. QSL direct to 9H1SP.

9Q, DEM. REP. OF THE CONGO: Fernando, EA4BB (ex-9Q5BB, D2BB, ST2BF, TU5JL, TZ6BB, Z21BB), is now active as 9Q6BB from Kinshasa (eastern part of the country) for up to the next 3 years. Activity has been on 20/17 meters using CW. Operations are QRP using an Elecraft KX2 w/5w into a Vertical telescopic whip 5.2m antenna. QSL via W3HNK.

A2 - Botswana: Nobby, G0VJG and a large group of operators will be active again as A25UK (<http://www.a25uk.com/>) from Botswana from 25 April to 5 May. They will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres with up to five stations. QSL via M00XO's OQRS (<http://www.m00xo.com/>) and LoTW. [TNX DX World]

DL, Germany: Operators of the club station DL0VBG from the railway museum Vienenburg (DOK H09) will be working with the special event call DR0HARZ (special DOK 25HSB) during 2017 to mark the 25th anniversary of the return of the narrow gauge Brocken Railway (1141m asl). QSL via DF7AA (d/B).

F - Fought in France in April 1917, the Battle of Vimy Ridge "awakened a sense of national identity in Canadians" which has been described as "the moment when Canada leapt in spirit from colony to nation". Commemorating the centenary of Vimy Ridge, special event station TM100VIMY will be active on 1-9 April. A multi-national team of seventeen operators will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-6 metres around the clock. QSL via N7RO, bureau, Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. See <http://ve100vimy.ca/> for more information.

LZ, Bulgaria: Nasko/LZ1YE celebrates his 45th year on the air with the call LZ45YE throughout the year. QRV on HF on SSB, CW, and digital modes. QSL via LZ1YE (d/B). The Headquarter of the Thracian Rose Club operates with the call LZ73TRC during 2017. QSL via LZ1YE (d/B). Members of the Thracian Rose Club are going to direct our attention to the 114th Roses Festival with the call LZ114RF until July 31. QSL via LZ1YE (d/B). <http://www.trcdx.org/>

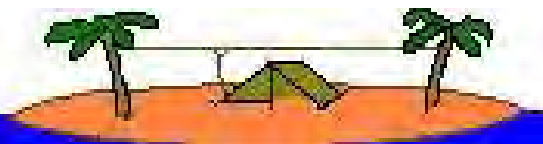
OH, Finland: Finnish hams will be using the prefix **OF** during 2017 to celebrate their country's 100 years of independence.

OM, SLOVAK REPUBLIC: Special event station OM42KYSUCE is QRV until the end of June 2017 during the context of the 42nd ARDF Ky-suca Cup that will be held on June 16 to 18. QSL via OM3CND.

UA - Special event station RY83HN will be active from 17 March to 2 April for the 83rd Festival of the North (the "Polar Olympics") to be held in Murmansk. QS via operator's instructions. [TNX qrz.ru]

XE, Mexico: The radio club Queretaro (XE1RCQ) commemorates the ratification of the Mexican Constitution 100 years ago with the call 6EOC until April 30. QSL via XE1EE (d/B).

YV, Venezuela: The Asociacion de Radioaficionados de Venezuela (ARV) celebrates its 50th anniversary with the special call YV50ARV until the year's end on HF (CW, SSB, digital modes). QSL via YV5DTA/W4DTA, LoTW.



IOTA's

AF-006 - VQ9: Jim, ND9M is going to be active again from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos. His VQ96JC license is valid until July, but he will try and get VQ917JC, as he has used "year-specific special calls every year starting in 2007". Plans are to be QRV for about three hours during his evenings, as he has to commute between his ship and his operating location on the island, then set up and break down each time. He operates mainly CW, with some SSB and digital modes. QSL via home call. [TNX OPDX Bulletin]

AF-021; ZS8: Prince Edward and Marion Islands: David/ ZS1BCE will be stationed on Marion Island until May 2018 and plans to operate during his spare time as ZS8Z on HF. QSL via ZS1LS.

AN-001- div., Graham Land West (Adelaide Island) group: Alan/MW0YCC will be active from the Rothera Research Station/Adelaide Island and other locations until April 2018 as VP8DPJ. QSL only via eQSL.

AS-015 - WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2: Rich/PA0RRS will be active again as 9M2MRS from Penang Island until the end of January 2018. QRV on 40-10m (CW, RTTY, JT65, JT9, and some SSB). QSL via PA0RRS (d/B), ClubLog, LoTW, eQSL.

AS-071 - UA: The website for the R71RRC IOTA expedition to Arakamchechen Island (AS-071) [425DXN 1345] is now up and running: <http://r71rrc.ru/en/>. Plans are for three operators to be QRV on 40, 30, 20 and 17 metres CW and SSB with two stations. Depending on local conditions, activity is expected to take place for "at least 5-7 days" between 7 and 17 April. QSL via UA3AKO, direct or bureau; OQRS on Club Log.

EU-026 - JW: Kaare, LA8EKA (JW8EKA) and Morten, LA9BX (JW9BX) will be active from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 21-22 March. They will operate SSB and possibly some CW on 80-10 metres. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [TNX The Daily DX]

NA-008 - CANADA, VE: Members of the Eureka Amateur Radio Club station VY0ERC will be QRV from Eureka, Ellesmere Island, IOTA NA-

008, beginning January 22 until early April 2017. Activity will be when conditions allow. QSL direct to M00XO.

OC-098 - E5_nc: Cezar, VE3LYC plans to be active as E51LYC from Pukapuka Atoll (**OC-098**), North Cook Islands on 9-23 May. This IOTA group was last activated more than 22 years ago. He will operate CW and SSB on 40-10 metres. More information is expected in due course. [TNX DX World]

OC-130 - DU: Marc, ON5SM will be active again as DU9/ON5SM from

Cagayan de Oro on the island of Mindanao (**OC-130**), Philippines from 4 April to 24 May. He will operate SSB, digital and SSTV on 80-6 metres. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. He will not use LoTW or Club Log. [TNX The Daily DX]

SA-028 - PY: Look for PY2/LU9EFO, PU2KBD/p and PU7TDX/p to be active from Ilha de Sao Sebastiao (**SA-028**) on 24-26 March. They will operate SSB on various bands. QSL via operator's instructions. [TNX DX World]

Contests & QSO Parties

For more details and information, go to:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/contestcal.html>

APRIL

1-2 15-Meter SSTV Dash Contest
1 LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest
1-2 Missouri QSO Party
1-2 Mississippi QSO Party
1-2 SP DX Contest
1-2 EA RTTY Contest
2 North American SSB Sprint Contest
2 RSGB RoLo SSB
3 RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
4 ARS Spartan Sprint
5 Phone Fray
5-6 CWops Mini-CWT Test
5 UKEICC 80m Contest
6 NRAU 10m Activity Contest
6 SARL 80m QSO Party
7 NCCC RTTY Sprint
7 NCCC Sprint
8-9 JIDX CW Contest
8-9 PODXS 070 Club PSK 31 Flavors Contest
9-10 QRP ARCI Spring QSO Party
8-9 OK/OM DX Contest, SSB
8-9 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
8-9 Texas State Parks on the Air
8-9 New Mexico QSO Party
8-9 Georgia QSO Party
8-9 Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest
9 International Vintage Contest HF
9 Hungarian Straight Key Contest
12 NAQCC CW Sprint
12 Phone Fray
12-13 CWops Mini-CWT Test
14 NCCC RTTY Sprint
14 NCCC Sprint
14-15 Holyland DX Contest
15 ES Open HF Championship
15-16 Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest
15-16 YU DX Contest
15-16 CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest
15-16 Michigan QSO Party
15-16 EA-QRP CW Contest
15-16 Ontario QSO Party
15-16 North Dakota QSO Party
15 Feld Hell Sprint



16 WAB 3.5/7/14 MHz Data Modes
16 ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB
17 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
17 Low Power Spring Sprint
17 144 MHz Spring Sprint
19 Phone Fray
19-20 CWops Mini-CWT Test
21 NCCC RTTY Sprint
21 NCCC Sprint
22 QRP to the Field
22-23 UK/EI DX Contest, CW
2-23 SP DX RTTY Contest
22-23 Nebraska QSO Party
24 BARTG Sprint 75
25 222 MHz Spring Sprint
26 SKCC Sprint
26 Phone Fray
26-27 CWops Mini-CWT Test
26 UKEICC 80m Contest
27 RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
28 NCCC RTTY Sprint
28 NCCC Sprint
29 Feld Hell Sprint
29-30 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital
29-30 Helvetia Contest
29-30 Florida QSO Party

MAY

May 2017
1 AGCW QRP/QRP Party
1 RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB
2 ARS Spartan Sprint
3 Phone Fray
3-4 CWops Mini-CWT Test
3 432 MHz Spring Sprint
3-4 MIE 33 Contest
3-4 NRAU 10m Activity Contest
5 NCCC RTTY Sprint
5 NCCC Sprint
6-7 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW
6-7 SBMS 2.3 GHz and Up Contest and Club Challenge
6 Microwave Spring Sprint
6-7 F9AA Cup, PSK

6-7 ARI International DX Contest
7 7th Call Area QSO Party
6-7 Indiana QSO Party
6 FISTS Spring Slow Speed Sprint
6-7 Delaware QSO Party
7 New England QSO Party
10 Phone Fray
10-11 CWops Mini-CWT Test
10 RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data
11 NAQCC CW Sprint
12 NCCC RTTY Sprint
12 NCCC Sprint
13 Jakarta DX Contest 40m
13-14 HPC World Wide DX Contest
13-14 SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
13-14 VOLTA WW RTTY Contest
13-14 CQ-M International DX Contest
13-14 Arkansas QSO Party
13-14 MARAC County Hunters Contest
13-14 Portuguese Navy Day Contest
13 FISTS Spring Unlimited Sprint
13-14 50 MHz Spring Sprint
14 WAB 7 MHz Phone
14 UA2 QSO Party
15 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
17 Phone Fray
17-18 CWops Mini-CWT Test
19 NCCC RTTY Sprint
19 NCCC Sprint
19 Slobzhansky Sprint Contest
20 UN DX Contest
20-21 NZART Sangster Shield Contest
20 Portuguese Navy Day Contest, Digital
20-21 Aegean RTTY Contest
20-21 His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW
21 EU PSK DX Contest
20 Feld Hell Sprint
20-21 Baltic Contest
22 Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
24 SKCC Sprint
24 Phone Fray
24-25 CWops Mini-CWT Test
25 RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW
26 NCCC RTTY Sprint
26 NCCC Sprint
27-28 CQ WW WPX Contest, CW
28 SARL Digital Contest
28 QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint
31-JUN 1 CWops Mini-CWT Test



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Awards Listing

January 16, 2017 to March 15, 2017

High Point - Mountain Goat

K1YAG	1	William R. Wallace	3/4/2017
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160 Meter SSB 100 Point

W5FBK	628	160	David B. Holman	1/26/2017
KG5GOG	629	160	Monte M. Meier	2/26/2017
KA9LYH	630	160	Joshua M. Diehm, III	3/11/2017

160 Meter SSB 1000 Point

N5OHL	31	160	Jimmy D. Richardson	1/24/2017
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20 Meter RTTY 100 Point

AB6YL	86	20	Virginia C. Wonderling	2/11/2017
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40 Meter CW 100 Point

N1RNJ	235	40	Gary R. Sheridan, Jr.	1/31/2017
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40 Meter SSB 100 Point

W9DLP	2934	40	Dave L. Pfeiffer	2/1/2017
KK0SS	2935	40	Steven S. Sparks	2/3/2017
KC3HVZ	2936	40	Jeffrey I. Gehl	2/8/2017
KA9LYH	2937	40	Joshua M. Diehm, III	2/16/2017
KD4GUB	2938	40	Paul B. Miller	2/24/2017

40 Meter SSB 2000 Point

N1RNJ	307	40	Gary R. Sheridan, Jr.	2/6/2017
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40 Meter SSB Nomad

K1YAG	234	40	William R. Wallace	3/4/2017
K1YAG	234	40	William R. Wallace	1/29/2017

40 Meter SSB Numbers Racket

W5FBK	249	40	David B. Holman	1/26/2017
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75 Meter SSB 100 Point

W9DLP	3109	75	Dave L. Pfeiffer	1/25/2017
KC1ELF	3110	75	Thomas R. Kavanaugh	1/31/2017
KC3HVZ	3111	75	Jeffrey I. Gehl	2/8/2017
KD4GUB	3112	75	Paul B. Miller	2/24/2017
WA7ND	3113	75	Richard Conners	2/24/2017

75 Meter SSB 500 Point

KJ8O	154	75	Joseph B. Miller	3/13/2017
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75 Meter SSB Nomad

K1YAG	171	75	William R. Wallace	3/13/2017
K1YAG	171	75	William R. Wallace	3/4/2017

75 Meter SSB Numbers Racket

WK5S	200	75	Steve L. Sparks	2/10/2017
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80 Meter CW 100 Point

WY6N	169	80	Wayne K. Harris	3/10/2017
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80 Meter RTTY 100 Point

KJ8O	95	80	Joseph B. Miller	2/18/2017
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Alphabet 40 and 75 Meter SSB

W5FBK	632	40	David B. Holman	1/26/2017
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Bakers Dozen

KC3CSS	2945	75	Ralph J. Smith	3/11/2017
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Bakers Dozen Cert of Appreciation

K1YAG	2945	75	William R. Wallace	3/11/2017
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Crossword Puzzle

NC4JR	25	Ronald E. Stanley, Jr.	2/19/2017
NC4JR	25	Ronald E. Stanley, Jr.	3/14/2017
KT4CB	26	John V. Spillman	3/10/2017
KT4CB	26	John V. Spillman	3/10/2017
KT4CB	26	John V. Spillman	2/28/2017
KT4CB	27	John V. Spillman	3/10/2017
KT4CB	27	John V. Spillman	3/10/2017
KT4CB	27	John V. Spillman	3/12/2017

Journeyman Award

KT4CB	79	40/75	John V. Spillman	3/1/2017
NC4JR	80	75/40	Ronald E. Stanley, Jr.	3/6/2017

Net Control Operators

WA7ND	192	Richard Conners	1/18/2017
KB9BSK	193	Barbara S. Pfeiffer	1/18/2017
K9GWS	194	Gary W. Slagle	1/18/2017

Net Controllers Basic

WA7ND	331	Richard Conners	3/5/2017
KB9BSK	332	Barbara S. Pfeiffer	3/5/2017

Net Controllers Expert

WB7PTC	110	James R. Hurst, Sr.	3/5/2017
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Net Controllers Journeyman

K5GEB	147	Gary E. Brewer	2/7/2017
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Net Controllers Magna Cum Laude

W9ROG	15	Roger G. Callewaert, Jr.	2/7/2017
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Officers 40 and 75 SSB

WK5S	994	75	Steve L. Sparks	1/25/2017
KC3CSS	995	75	Ralph J. Smith	1/30/2017

Pick 30

WU9T	65	Donald G. Chinnery	2/6/2017
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Quarter Master

KC3CSS	79	75	Ralph J. Smith	1/30/2017
KJ8O	80	75	Joseph B. Miller	2/18/2017



Congratulations! Have Fun! Keep on Going!

Other Award News of Interest

I just checked into my **Logbook of the World**, and saw that our own **Fred Caswell K1UU** was recently awarded the **ARRL Triple Play # 1867**.

Congratulations Fred, job well done!!!

73 de Joe

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Joe Miller, KJ8O
Affiliated Club Coordinator
ARRL Michigan Section

New Products

ANTENNA WAX

□ Dave Suggs, K4MJN, has introduced Macaroni Brand Antenna Wax™. Recently found parchments from the earliest days of ham radio have revealed the secret formula for Antenna Wax—this blend of exotic waxes is now available to hams! Used on any type of antenna, Antenna Wax reduces SWR and QSB and eliminates RFI, TVI and splatting. It also increases antenna bandwidth and gain, repels lightning strikes, improves low-angle radiation and keeps birds off your antennas!

Antenna Wax must be applied sparingly to antennas. It makes a great gift for your friends who can't hit the repeater!

Antenna Wax is available for \$3.98 (postpaid in the US—for foreign air mail orders, add \$3.)



From the Editor's desk

I welcome all comments, questions and articles you would like to share about the club or its operations. And, any ham-related articles that would be of interest to the membership at large.

This is your newsletter and through it you can share your ideas and experiences with the rest of the membership. Let's not forget our DX friends and neighbors either. All members are invited to submit articles for consideration and inclusion.

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