

## THE 3905 CENTURY CLUB

# THE CENTURION NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME TO SUMMER AND THE AUGUST 2024 EDITION!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and have been enjoying the Centurion editions thus far. I hope everyone that is able is making plans to be at the September eyeball in New Hampshire. I am from there and can say it's definitely worth the trip! Be sure to be on the nets as there are several road trips being planned by members and some great contacts to be had as they make their way toward Laconia, New Hampshire.

As always, please continue sending me your articles to [aa1qw@startmail.com](mailto:aa1qw@startmail.com) by the 20th of each month to be included in the next month's edition.

73! - Brian, AA1QW



# REGISTER NOW!



The 47th Annual 3905 Century Club Eyeball is right around the corner! Come join us in Laconia, NH September 05-08, 2024, for what is always a great time.

Registration is \$95.00.

Please visit [www.3905ccn.org/eyeball2024.php](http://www.3905ccn.org/eyeball2024.php) to register and for more information.



Photo from Eyeball 2019 in Newark, DE



## FROM THE PRESIDENT



From the Prez,

By the time most of you will be reading this it will be just a short month before the eyeball. This annual event is an excellent time to meet up with old friends and connect with people you have only talked with on the radio. As in past years, I will be riding shotgun with Clay, WA6LBU. Our sojourn will begin in St Louis where Clay will pick me up and head east. On our trip we expect to pick up 8 new states. What will be nice about this eyeball for us is the short drive to New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine, and Massachusetts from the Eyeball

location. Ton, AA1NZ has also developed a schedule that is full of activities, but not so much as to not leave room for time to chit-chat with people. This an eyeball QSO.

This summer seems to be a lot more low-key than in previous summers. It does not help when the propagation is bouncing all over the place. 20m has been a bust for the past couple of months and many NCS stations do not have enough checkins for a valid net. I can't report on nets other than the 40m late net and on most nights is like a roller coaster with stations fading in and out. When KL7JR checks in at the top of the hour, I have a light copy on him and it only lasts for about 15-20 minutes, then he is GONE! My track record of making contacts during the month of July is not the kind of activity for me generating more awards (now if I could get HI on 20 I would have another WAS).

During the June board meeting the board approved another section of the by-laws that went into effect effective July 1st. In this update they identified in a separate section that includes all of the approved net policies (yes all in one place).



## FROM THE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

Our NCS Procedures manual task force got busy and have been able to re-arrange and update the Net Controllers guide to support the policy of the club. Hold on and don't get excited, there were no new policies that we have to get excited about. Our plan is to present this updated guide to the board at the August meeting, send it to Joe St Columbia, and the current Net Coordinators and NCS stations. Also keep in mind that this document is a living document and subject to making changes with input from the club. As the by-laws committee wraps up their review is my understanding that they will be providing me with a document of prior net approvals board actions that affect our nets that were never implemented.

And finally, I have been spending a great deal of my time on a major new release of the Century Club Logger. Cleaning up some old issues and adding a new feature that will allow users of the logger to be able to email QSL confirmations via email rather than sending cards to the bureau. This is in response to the rising postal rates that are expected to be about \$1.00 for first class postage by the end of 2025.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT, KIRK, AA1NA



The Eyeball is getting really close! Our club's premier event takes place September 5 - 8, 2024 in Laconia, NH. Tom Bates, AA1NZ our Eyeball Coordinator has a great experience planned. Returning members and new participants can enjoy an action packed array of activities. Besides meeting, visiting and catching up great New England food in a charming New Hampshire setting, participants can enjoy the Mobile Shootout, QRP Nets, club discussions, a group photo, toasts to our newest Master's Degree Holders, nightly net participation on two QRO stations, our Annual

Membership Meeting, the September Board of Directors Meeting, presentation of the Annual Presidential Awards, etc., etc.

Eyeball Week begins earlier and lasts longer than just the couple of days in Laconia. Many participants start out mobile and work from highly sought-after places on the way. There will be operators from new states, capitals, state lines, tri-points, high points, low points and everything in-between before, during and after the Eyeball. Be sure to catch these on the nets as New England is over-run with 3905 Century Club members! Rumor has it that one member will operate from thirty states on the way to and from the Eyeball, Wow! Look for these stations on the nets and for an added bonus, most of these will check in with clubs and special events.

So, with all these folks coming to the Eyeball, who will mind the store? Presently, there are ten of our usual NCSs slated to be at the Eyeball. There will be some nets that are operated from the Eyeball, but many will be rudderless the week before and after. If you are among these, please be sure to ask a fellow NCS to cover the nets you will miss.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR VICE PRESIDENT (CONTINUED)

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And here's a request for any time, not just during the Eyeball. If you find a net is not opened at least ten minutes before its scheduled time, please, please open the net. Especially if you are a trained NCS, please go ahead and get it started. And even if you aren't NCS trained, keep a paper log of who checks in and get it to that Net Coordinator. Any NCS is always better than no NCS and will be very much appreciated. Please pitch in!

The Eyeball brings a lot of fun and activity to our nets. Let's all have a great time whether we can be there or can't and be safe. Thanks again, Tom!

Kirk, AA1NA



# BEN'S COLUMN

## Notes from the Awards Secretary & Co-Shootout Master August 2024

By Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT



Greetings, 3905ers! I hope your summer is going well and you are enjoying all the outdoor activities available to you. The good thing about August, other than signaling the waning dog days of summer, is that football season is right around the corner.

This month's column sidesteps club awards and nets while I temporarily put on another hat from my copiously populated Club hatrack. My primary subject for August is the Mobile Shootout, which we will run at the Laconia Eyeball on Saturday, September 7. Since 2019, **Dwight Greenberg, WF4H, Master #72**, and I have been the organizers of the competitive event.

### What is the Mobile Shootout?

For those new to the Club, our annual Eyeball gatherings usually include a subevent called the "Mobile Shootout." Its purpose is to measure the effectiveness of entered contestants' own mobile installations. Typically held on the Saturday morning of the gathering, it is a fun event that even those not competing can enjoy. Betting is optional.

An effective mobile setup requires more effort than just slapping an antenna on your bumper and connecting it to a radio. Analytical methods are available to fine-tune your mobile installation, and this competition provides valuable clues about how each mobile rig stacks up.

Producing the most powerful signal downrange depends on the components that make up the complete **mobile system**. The mobile system includes the antenna itself, the vehicle, the mounting location, the quality of grounding and bonding, and so forth.



The Mobile Shootout provides a measurement of the combined effect of all these factors via the observed signal strength at the far end of the range. The top mobile station in each year's competition receives the honor of "Top Gun," and reigns as such until we crown the next Top Gun.

## Shootout History

The Antenna Shootout, as it was originally known, was the brainchild of **Tom Bates, AA1NZ**, this year's Eyeball host. Tom is the creator of this event enjoyed by so many, which got its start when Tom suggested it to Club President **Bill Martin, WM4SG (SK)**, to fill out the activity schedule at the New Jersey Eyeball in 2002. Tom was the driving force behind the Shootouts for Eyeballs in 2002-2009. Subsequently, **Lon Martin, K0WJ**, who aided Tom in prior shootouts, took over as Shootout Master for Eyeballs held in 2010-2015.

The Board of Directors recognized the significant accomplishments of these two pioneers, Tom and Lon, bestowing upon them permanent VIP status in the 3905 Century Club as Shootout Masters Emeritus in 2019. Between 2016 and 2018, **Bill Dobson, N3WD**, **Roger Goodreau, W3ROG**, **Marty Blaise, AG5T**, and **Roger Callewaert, W9ROG**, organized or ran shootouts. We are grateful for their contribution of time and effort to keep the tradition alive.

## The Modern Era

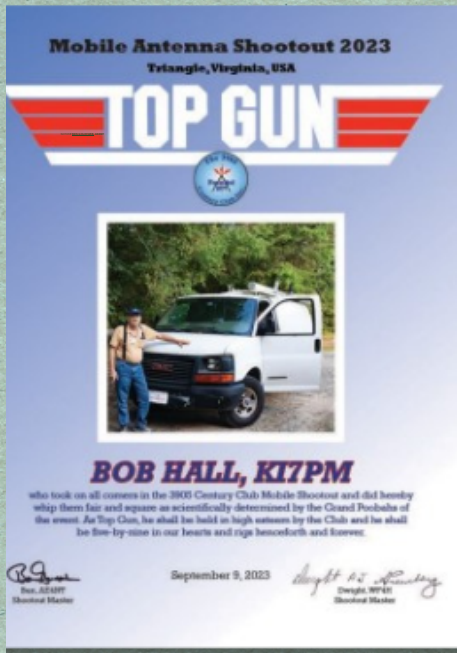
Back in 2018, Dwight germinated the idea that we could run the shootout. We gathered equipment while developing procedures and measurement techniques. However, fate intervened, and it would be almost three years before we would run a shootout! We missed 2019 and 2020 due to venue issues and Covid-19, respectively. After those two false starts, in 2021, we at last conducted a successful shootout at the Louisville, Mississippi Eyeball, using a private air strip arranged by the Eyeball host, **Kirk Frazier, AA1NA**, Master #74.

Then, we had to skip 2022, when we did not predict that old guys get sick sometimes. When I could not make the trip due to illness, Dwight had to cancel the event. In the wake of that failure, we added redundancy and backup for future shootouts. We then conducted an exciting shootout in 2023, during a successful and well attended Eyeball in Triangle, Virginia.



## Our Reigning Top Gun

We crowned our 2023-2024 Top Gun at the Awards Presentation segment of the Triangle, Virginia Eyeball. The overall winner was **Bob Hall, KI7PM**.



Dwight and I presented embroidered winners' caps to the *Top Gun*, *Big Gun*, *Son of a Gun*, and last, but not least (I am kidding – definitely, least!), the *Pop Gun*.

The Top Gun also received a printed award certificate honoring his accomplishment (shown here, at left).

TOP GUN: **Bob Hall, KI7PM (-57.74 dBm)**

BIG GUN: **Joe Wussler, WA0O (-59.70 dBm)**

SON OF A GUN: (daughter, really) Lisa Neuscheler, KC1YL (-61.50 dBm)...and of course, our man of singular distinction, none other than our Chairman of the Board, who finished last:

POP GUN: **Clay Mayrose, WA6LBU (-66.87 dBm)**

## My Comments on the Results

Adjusted measurements ranged from our Top Gun's -57.74 dBm to our Pop Gun's -66.87 dBm. First, second, and last place were clear. **Bob, KI7PM** (-57.74) won by a large margin over **Joe, WA0O** (-59.70 dBm). For third place, **Lisa, KC1YL**, at -61.50 dBm edged out **Jay, N0PUI** (-61.74), and **Paul, W1IP** (-61.94). In fact, a mere 1.6 dB separated third and eighth places, so the closest competition was for Son of a Gun. At the bottom, the nearest competitor for Pop Gun to **Clay, WA6LBU** (-66.87 dBm), was **Dwight, WF4H** (ninth place at -65.07 dBm). Thus, Clay won the last place distinction by a big 1.8 dB!

## Bob's Story

Our overall winner, **Bob, KI7PM**, is no stranger to the role of Top Gun. He won the competition two years back-to-back in the early days of the shootout before he took a hiatus for sixteen years or so. Bob was Top Gun in 2006 at LeSueur, Minnesota and again in 2007 at Guthrie, Oklahoma. And now he reigns as Top Gun 2023!



In a conversation on Thursday of Eyeball Week, Bob told me about how he had solved the problem of a compromise shunt coil match on his Tarheel 100A. By using a variable matching box, he had been able to tune the antenna to close to 1:1 VSWR across multiple bands. I use the same antenna with a fixed shunt coil, so I can attest to the compromises that fixed shunt coil entails. If the inductance is optimal for 75 meters, it is out of whack for 40, and viceversa. Bob has attacked that problem and achieved an optimal solution, as reflected in the results of this competition. And the huge van serving as a massive capacitor plate could not have hurt!

## This Year's Event

We will conduct the 2024 Mobile Shootout at Risley Field, part of Robbie Mills Sports Complex, in Laconia, New Hampshire. In case of rain and mud, the alternate site will be at Leavitt Park, our main Eyeball venue. Big thanks to Tom, AA1NZ, our 2024 Eyeball Host, and the Laconia Parks and Recreation Commission for arranging these fine locations. The rules will be like prior years, with specific accommodation for this year's venue.

## A New Twist

I have scratched my head to near baldness seeking to understand unexpected results in the past, so we are working on a new feature for 2024. We are hopeful that we can measure both forward and reflected power while we adjust each mobile station's power. We will provide this information as a service to contestants for their own use **later** only if it is significantly high, so they can tune up their systems. I emphasize **later** because we require contestants to finish their tuning (other than power adjustments) **before** their turn in the competition.

SWR issues might help explain the graphic differences we have noted in the past between similar configurations. Modern rigs use "foldback" circuitry that kicks in at a predetermined reflected power level, "folding back" the transmitter output power to avoid damaging the rig. With VSWR greater than 1.5:1 or so, chasing our thirty-watt forward power bogey might be interesting if the rig detects significant reflected power starts reducing output.



Even without considering the effect of foldback, if one rig produces thirty watts forward power into a mismatched antenna system that reflects ten watts of power, while another rig outputs thirty watts into a perfectly matched load, you can easily see how thirty watts is not thirty watts.

In any case, significant reflected power can be one cause of the discrepancies we have noted. We will perform the measurements quickly for minimal time impact. This experimental feature is a work in progress, subject to Dwight and I becoming organized before the shootout.

## What to Expect

Each mobile operator will drive his or her vehicle to the designated test range where, after the operator is satisfied that that he or she has successfully fine-tuned the antenna, volunteers will insert a calibrated in-line wattmeter between the transmitter and the antenna to ensure that they will be outputting the prescribed power level. As I mentioned above, we will also measure reflected power at this time if we can do so quickly and accurately. Following power measurements, we will direct the contestant to transmit multiple times for three to five seconds.

We record each contestant's signal strength at the measurement station, located in the far field, multiple wavelengths away from the shooting line as space allows. When we have finished measuring all participants' signals, we will calculate the results. On Saturday evening at the awards ceremony, we will announce the winners.

Remember, unless special categories are announced, the Mobile Shootout is for street-legal mobile setups, so the highest point of the antenna must be no higher above ground than what is legally allowed on public roads and highways—no taller than **13.5 feet high at the highest point and no greater than 8 feet wide**, including any capacitance hat.





If you can build a roadworthy, eight-foot diameter cap hat, you can enter it. We have seen wild efforts through the years, so if there is doubt, we will measure. To sum it up, the vehicle and the antenna system must be completely roadworthy. You must be able to drive in and out of the contest area with the antenna installed and must also be able to operate the vehicle at highway speeds.

All rules for the shootout, along with more venue information and locator maps are available in the **2024 Shootout Brochure** on the Club website.

**Online Shootout Registration** is in progress, also via the website.

Dwight and I hope to see you competing in Laconia! If you have not yet registered, you can find **all Eyeball information and on-line registration** on the Club website.

*I will not be writing a September column due to pre- and post-Eyeball travel commitments and Eyeball related workload. I am planning to return in October with a recap of the shootout and awards highlights from the Eyeball.*



# Refurbishing a High Sierra Sidekick Antenna

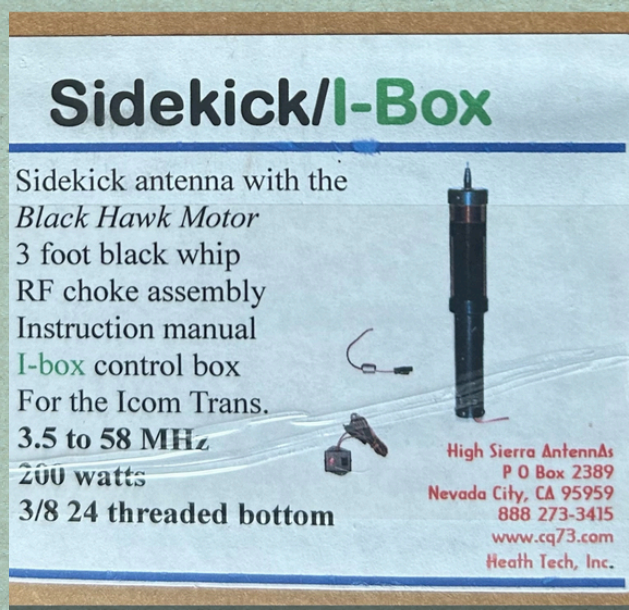
Submitted by **Gene Marsh, W8NET (MASTER # 47)**

It's antenna season! This one was easy and fun. I always wanted to try a "screw driver-like" antenna. The issue was cost. I did NOT want a Yaesu ATAS-xxx, Diamond, MFJ, or other less capable antennas. I wanted a Tarheel, Scorpion, Hi-Q or a High Sierra.

Enter, my friend from the 3905 Century Club, Glenn Silver, KM4P. Glenn was trying to sell a couple items from an estate sale. One of the items was a "new in the box" High Sierra Sidekick. This was my chance. Done deal!

When the box arrived, I examined it very carefully. The box was opened, and a couple of the original packing foam pieces were not there. However, it looked like the original owner pulled out the antenna to look at it and put it back. It didn't even have fingerprints on it! It was pristine.

I believe my Sidekick was manufactured in 2004 or 2005 (but, that is a guess). The original owner was in Florida. That was an issue - I will explain later.



Sticker on the original box. It had the Black Hawk Motor and the I-box control box.



High Sierra badge on the Sidekick.

Newer High Sierra antennas used the very dependable Black Hawk Motor. I knew that I would not have a problem with the motor... ever. The I-box control box is VERY simple. It controls up and down, with a ICOM connector for power. That's it.



The first thing I did was cut the off the ICOM connector.

I used a battery to power the antenna to check it out. Second, I turned it to the most-exposed coil position (higher height/lower frequency), then disconnected the power. Next, I disassembled the Lexan tube to expose coil; and disassembled the collar on top of the coil assembly.

Why worry about it being in Florida for 20 years? OXIDATION! If was in Arizona, or someone's closet in Montana, it would be less of an issue. But, 20 years of high humidity takes its toll.

My plan of action? 1) washed the coil down with contact cleaner. Same for the stainless steel 1/4" coil that makes contact with the copper induction coil; 2) wiped down the induction coil with DeOxIt (2 times); 3) with my finger, I spread a VERY, VERY thin layer of Jet Lube on the 1/4" stainless steel coil (for better conductivity and very small amount for lubrication). This is very important to do this often - a replacement 1/4" stainless steel coil is VERY hard to find.





T Sidekick at a 40m position (see the exposed coil).

After reassembly, I connected the power and tried the antenna couple times, up and down. Smooth as silk!

Now, to try it on the air!

I will use the Sidekick mobile. However, I wanted to try it first before mounting it to

my Jeep. I used a portable mount (that I have used many times before for portable operating and for POTA). It has 4 x 16" radials and a shunt coil.

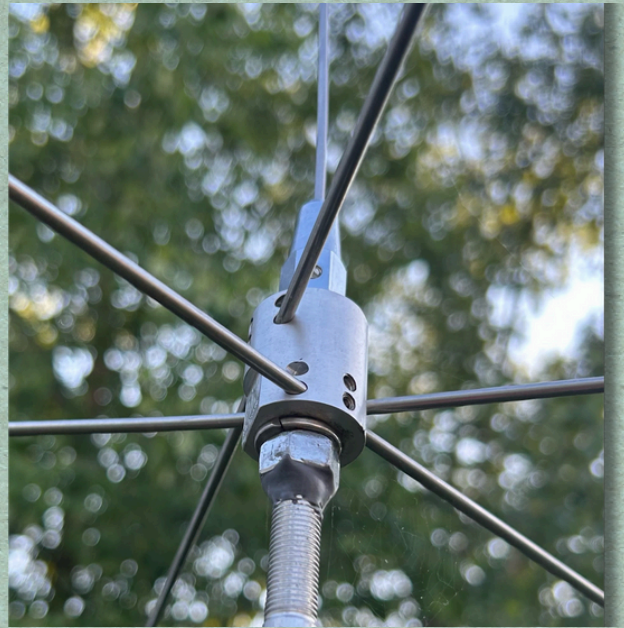


Portable mount stand, with shunt coil and radials.

I installed a 2' stainless steel mast on the bottom, and a 2' aluminum mast on the top. Then, I installed a DX Engineering Hot Rodz capacity hat.



The results were outstanding! I tuned every band from 75m to 10m, flawlessly. I will test it for a few more days before I install it on my Jeep. I hope to use my "new" Sidekick next week for a few POTA activations and then use it on my trip to the 3905 Century Club Eyeball in New Hampshire on September 5-8, 2024!





# QSLing, What Method? And How Much Does it Cost?

Submitted by **Buddy Spiegel W3BS (MASTER # 78)**

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Old Timer # 17

All Time Award Earner List - # 3, 300+ awards

ROADRUNNER, 40 and 75 meters SSB

Only ROADRUNNER to tx/rx only from state caps

Our net control stations read the required preamble at the start of our nets. A phrase we hear every time a net is started reminds us of the necessity of confirming contacts (which we know as QSLing). The 3905 Century Club has approved 2 methods, exchanging QSL cards, and eQSL. If the Century Club Bureau is used, fair estimate of the cost is \$0.20 per QSL card. If sending direct (no SASE) via USPS the cost is fourfold, or \$0.80 per card. eQSL is free for the basic service of creating a generic QSL card for outbound QSLs and also for receiving QSL cards created by others within eQSL. For a nominal fee personalized eQSL cards can be created, and you are limited only by your imagination.

At the present time CCLogger can upload your QSO data to eQSL after you click the "LOG CONTACT" lightning bolt.

Why not consider another option. What do you think about using those fancy personalized four color glossy QSL cards (or any other hardcopy card you use) - AT NO POSTAGE COST.

1. Fill out or generate a QSL card exactly as you do today.
2. Scan that card, both sides if necessary, and save in a folder on your hard drive.
3. Create an email to the recipient (assuming you have the email address, possibly from QRZ).
4. Attach the image(s) saved in step 2 to the email.
5. Send the email.



What if we could super-size the previous method. What if we had software which would create the QSL card as a jpg file and email it and/or upload QSO data and eQSL it to the intended recipient, all with a few mouse clicks. Not only is the cost ZERO, but we also never have to touch the QSL card physically. Spoiler Alert, maybe we will see this in a future release of CCLogger.



# "PAIRED AWARDS", KINDA SORTA

Submitted by **Buddy Spiegel, W3BS (MASTER # 78)**

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## Century Club Honors

Old Timer #17

#3 All Time Award Earners List, 310+ awards

ROADRUNNER, 40M SSB & 75M SSB

Only ROADRUNNER to tx/rx from all 50 State Capitals

Ex 4th Area Director

Ex Awards Secretary

Ex 4th Area Award Manager

## **KINDA**

### Low Point

The EXPLORER version of this award is earned for four (4) contacts made while operating FROM each of ten (10) Low Points – 40 cards required. This award must be applied for.

The SEEKER version of this award is earned for confirmed contacts made WITH each of any fifteen (15) different Low Points – 15 cards required. This award must be applied for.

### High Point

The MOUNTAIN GOAT version of this award is earned for four (4) contacts made while operating from each of ten (10) different High Points – 40 cards required. This award must be applied for.

The HIKER version of this award is earned for confirmed contacts made with each of fifteen (15) different High Points – 15 cards required. This award must be applied for.



## **National Park**

The National Park RANGER version of this award is earned for four (4) confirmed contacts made from each of ten (10) different National Parks – 40 cards required. This award must be applied for.

The National Park TOURIST version of this award is earned for confirmed contacts made with stations located in twenty (20) different National Parks – 20 cards required. This award must be applied for.

## **Roaming Master**

The ROVER version of this award is earned for four (4) confirmed contacts made by a Master's Degree Award holder while operating mobile or portable away from home from each of twelve (12) different US States, Canadian Provinces or Territories, or DX entities – 48 cards required. This award must be applied for.

The TRACKER version of this award is earned for confirmed contacts made with a single Master's Degree Award holder located in twelve (12) different US States, Canadian Provinces or Territories, or DX entities – 12 cards required. This award must be applied for.

## **Tri Point**

The BORDER PATROL version of this award is earned for four (4) confirmed contacts made while operating from each of ten (10) different tri-points. This award must be applied for.

The TOURIST version of this award is earned for confirmed contacts made with each of twenty (20) different tri-points. This award must be applied for.

**SORTA(Please note the difference between this award and all the previous awards discussed)**



## Bakers Dozen

The Baker's Dozen Award is earned by contacting the same operator mobile or portable in thirteen (13) different US states, Canadian provinces or territories, or DX entities. This award must be applied for.

This is a dual award consisting of: An award certificate to the applicant, and a Certificate of Appreciation to the operator worked thirteen (13) times. This award is NOT applied for. It is awarded if and only if a Bakers Dozen Award is applied for and granted.

Why did I emphasize the last sentence of the previous paragraph? Please read to the end of the article. Let's examine a manufactured example. AA1NA travels from his home in Mississippi to a 3905 Century Club Eyeball in Montreal PQ Canada, and returns home. On the way he made the following stops and checked in to the 40M SSB net (in actual practice he would also probably check in to a 75M SSB net as well).

- MS/TN line
- NC/VA line
- DE/MD line
- NY/NJ line
- CT/MA line
- VT/NH line
- Montreal, PQ
- Toronto, ON
- MI/IN line
- TN/AL line

That is 15 different states, 2 Canadian provinces, at 10 different locations. Now, let us further assume that on the first round of the net he is /M (mobile), and on the second round he is /P (portable), and you work him on both rounds. Kirk will send you 36 QSL cards for your combined efforts on 40M SSB. Why is this so important?



Because, on many of our club award applications AA1NA, AA1NA/M, AA1NA/P all in the same state are considered three different stations. Kirk has greatly eased your pain on the Progressive Awards, and several others. You called him 20 times and will receive 36 QSL cards in return.

So, why am I belaboring Kirk's efforts? Kirk has done you a big favor, and the best way to thank him (in addition to expressing yourself verbally, and/or in writing) is to file an application for the Bakers Dozen Award – you apply for the award, and Kirk receives a Certificate of Appreciation. If you do not apply for the award, Kirk does not get an award for what he did for you.

That is why I separated this award from all the other awards mentioned in this article, and in the article title, I placed Paired Awards in quotation marks. It is different, in that in the Bakers Dozen Award, the number of contacts on both sides of the pair is the same, and all the contacts are made between the same two stations, and yet they are similar. However, only 1 station can apply for the award.

Check your log, check your QSLs, and if you worked a station in 13 different states /P and/or /M, spend a few bucks, and apply for a Bakers Dozen Award, thus saying thanks to the other station, he/she will appreciate the Certificate of Appreciation, I know I do.



# FROM THE OLD TIMERS

Submitted by **Rex Symonds, KB8ESY**

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I took a trip to New England in 2004. This may be a little old, but here goes. After Labor Day in 2004 and after getting my TS 140 and antennas set up, I left town. First stop was Orlando, where I did a little re-adjusting. The clerk from AES helped quite a bit. Although I did not get on the air that night, the next day I was in SC.

I was at a truck stop and obtained a ground wire. What a difference! I checked in to the YL net on 14.332 where KB5YQ and w5vtm were system controls. I spent most of the day there and went to the OMISS net on 20. Wow worked about everyone. That night ended in Va Beach where I checked into the CCN. Propagation was screwy. I worked 3 or 4 stations.

The next day leaving from Salisbury MD, I took route 13 through Delaware where I got on the OMISS net. Worked many stations there and then went toward NJ. I stopped in Patterson NJ off I 287 and worked a bunch from there. I then went into New York.

The next morning, after getting lost several times I made it to ARRL HQ; a trip every ham should take. After working the station, I headed to RI and then MA. I operated the 40 early net near North Uxbridge, MA. I Then Headed to the state line. I tried CW but not much luck. I was on route 3 in Nashua, NH. I worked the 75m early and 40m late net from the NH/MA line.

The next day, I went to Maine. Being Sunday, there was not much activity. That night after talking to a couple, I got on the Scotia Princess and landed in Yarmouth, NS in Canada. I tried to get on the air but no luck.



Two days later, I took a little cruise to NB, Canada. Near the state line with the U.S., I checked in as mobile NB, which was my first dx-pedition!

After driving through ME and NH, I made it to VT where I worked the Omiss net. (Sorry they got all the good states). While traveling through NY, I was able to give more contacts from there. I slept in the car again that night and the next day headed to Ohio where I am from. 12 hrs later in Sandusky, OH, I checked in as Portable Ohio. Even though my dad was a ham we did not check as a combo. I wish that happened (I did get to work him when I was mobile in NY). After a trip to NW Ohio (Indian Lake State Park), I visited with my mom. I worked the net from there in Logan County. For the next adventure, I stayed in Medina, OH and the next day attended the Cleveland Hamfest.

That night I wound up in WV capitol, Charleston. I made a lot of contacts. I had to send more envelopes to the bureaus so when I arrived to TN, I mailed them out. I ended that night in SC in a small town. The next day I went to GA and then onto FL. I didn't have much action on the CCN, but made many contacts on OMISS. Near Tucker, I had another good turnout there on OMISS. I worked mobile and then headed back to FL. I ended the trip in Clearwater FL where I lived at the time.

The antennas used were a hamstick and hustler. Even though it was 20 years ago I remember it well.

Thank you and 73's from Rex Symonds, KB8ESY



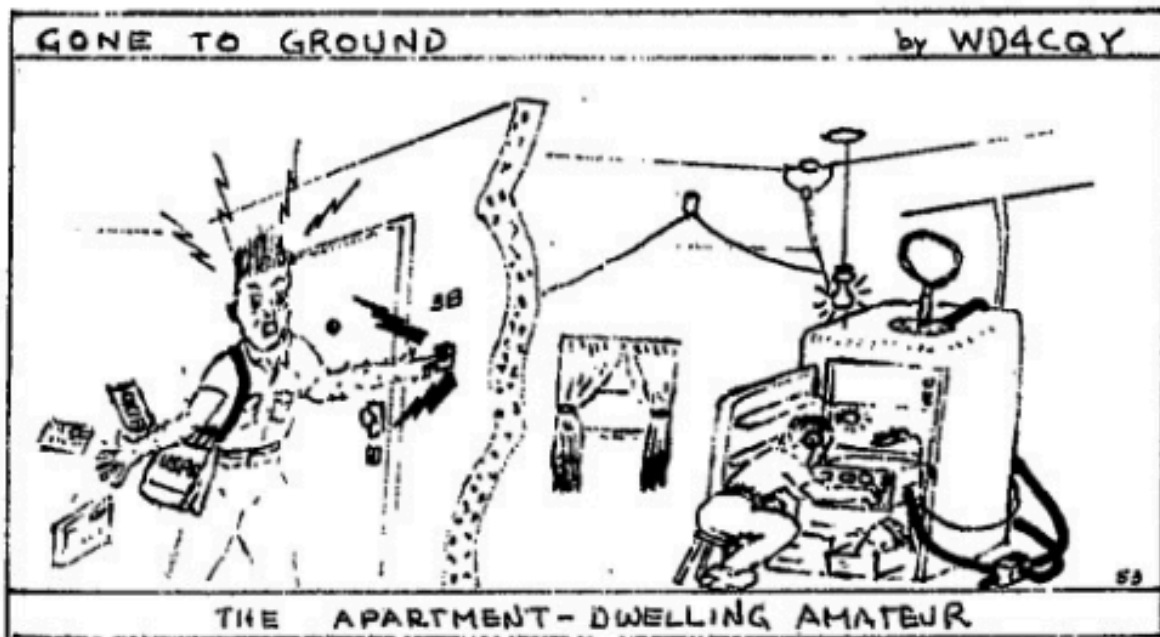
## From the Archives

I came across this article from the February 1984 edition of the Centurion where people were starting to utilize computers for keeping track of Century Club contacts. I thought some would enjoy this (plus an extra illustration by WD4CQY).

### The Helping Hand

We understand that Armand, VE3NQG, is using a computer program on his TRS-80 Model III to keep track of his contacts on the 3905 Century Club. Roger, KCØUM, is doing the same thing with his Apple IIe.

Anyone using a computer to do this, along with these two, we would appreciate receiving all of the particulars about it (memory required, disk or tape needed, etc.) if you would be willing to share it with others in our group who may be interested in doing it, too. Send particulars to me at the address on the front of the "Centurion".





## KL7JR 2024 Road Trip- Part 2 Alberta and Northwest Territories

How many VE8's have you heard on our nets? How many from a National Park? That's about to change! I'll be roaming up north, mobile and portable, for about 3 weeks starting around **August 8** from the following locations:

VE6...Elk Island NP, ABVE6

and

VE8...Wood Buffalo NP, AB

and NT

VE8...Nahanni NP, NT and

Ft. Liard, NT

VE6...Jasper NP, AB



KL7JR and KL7RST are card requested. Please ensure you put the park name and whether I was /m or /p on cards. Relay stations will surely be appreciated as I probably won't have internet or cell phone service in most of these remote locations. All who have submitted me for a Bakers Dozen award will receive priority QSLing!

*73 de Yukon John, KL7JR*

Ps: My temporary address now is: J Reisenauer, The Franklin #607, 1515 Geo. Wash. Way, Richland, WA 99354

**Editor's Note:** John wanted to share this link about Hyder, Alaska (John operated from here in 2023):

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCm\\_fA54E2g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCm_fA54E2g)



## August 2024 Club Events

Note: Regular Board Meetings are always held on the second Saturday of each month, local time at 9PM Eastern, 8PM Central, 7PM Mountain, 6PM Pacific.



### Next Meeting:

3905CCN Board Meeting:  
Saturday, August 10, 2024

**SPECIAL  
EVENTS**

Did you know that videos of all Board Meetings are posted on the Club's YouTube channel? Courtesy of the Board and produced by Sammy KB1XP, you can view them at: <https://www.youtube.com/@3905CenturyClub>



Weekly Zoom Meeting on Wednesdays at 01:30pm Pacific Time. Check your email for the Zoom log-in information.

**Be part of the next issue!**

**Send in your articles - remember the deadline!**

Centurion Deadline Reminder: Please remember my deadline is the 20th of each month for inclusion in the next edition.

Please send your articles to [AA1QW@startmail.com](mailto:AA1QW@startmail.com). Thank you.