

THE 3905 CENTURY CLUB

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NEWSLETTER



The 3905 Century Club 2025 Eyeball

August 14-17

*Welcome*  
to Guthrie, OK

SPECIAL EDITION

Welcome to a special edition of the Centurion highlighting the upcoming Eyeball in Guthrie, OK. Once you go to one eyeball, you will want to go to more. It's a great opportunity to meet the friends you have made on the nets, face to face and a good time is always had.

We also have a great article from our latest master degree award holder (Mac, W6PNY) about his journey starting out with the 3905 Century Club and to how he made his achievement of obtaining master degree # 84. I would encourage others who would like to share their journey to feel free to submit an article to me.

As always, please continue sending me your articles and suggestions to [aa1qw@startmail.com](mailto:aa1qw@startmail.com). Since we are doing a special edition Centurion off cycle and to allow time for people to return from traveling to the eyeball, we will move the next edition from September to October making the deadline for submissions for that edition, September 20. I'm anticipating many of you will be sending in photos and thoughts from the eyeball for the next edition (small hint).

73! -Brian, AA1QW



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

From August 11 to August 24, all sideband nets will operate as special nets to recognize this year's Eyeball event in Guthrie, Oklahoma. The nets will follow a modified rodeo style format, where participants may make as many calls as they choose within a 30-second window during their turn.

## Here's what you can expect:



1. New station free turn is suspended, and all stations will be treated equally
2. The check-in process remains the same.
3. A brief explanation for how the net will run has been added to the reminders.
4. You have 30 seconds on your turn to make as many calls as you want.
5. The NCS will end your turn after 30 seconds, but you may finish any call started before time runs out.
6. NCS or relay stations will not "wake" up a station.
7. NCS or relay station will call a station twice. If someone is either not ready or does not answer they will be skipped until the next round.
8. On August 18, it is anticipated that eight Masters, along with their club and special event call signs, will be located at the four corners, occupying the first 96 lines of the check-in list. Additionally, Debbie and Dave are expected to be mobile at a tripoint location, which will require an additional 18 lines on the check-in list.
9. On the sideband nets during this time, you should develop a strategy for working as many stations as possible during your turn. With a good plan you could expect to make 3-4 contacts each round. Listen to the net and be ready to send signal reports. Calling a station then asking how copy and other unneeded words will take more time.
10. Many club members will be traveling to or from the Eyeball, so expect contacts from new states. These stations may be pursuing mobile awards and seeking as many contacts as possible. Keeping the nets moving benefits everyone.

## Net Reminders:

This is a special net. You have 30 seconds to make as many calls as you want. The NCS will end your turn after 30 seconds, however you may finish any call started before time runs out. The NCS or relay stations will not "wake" up a station. There is no free call for "New" stations.

Dean Davis, KL7OR, Master # 80



# Eyeball 2025 Information

**Hosted by: Clay, WA6LBU**

The 48<sup>th</sup> Annual 3905 Century Club Eyeball is just around the corner and will be held in Guthrie Oklahoma. Dates for the event are August 14 -17, 2025. Guthrie is near the center of the state of Oklahoma north of the intersection of I-35 and I-44. The location of this year's event makes it easy to get to from anywhere in the country.

The venue is the Logan County Fairground Education Building, 215 Fairground Rd, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044. The building has it's own kitchen, a very large auditorium, and two smaller rooms. Since it is typically hot in August, there is plenty of air conditioning. This building has been used in the past couple months as a Red Cross Shelter during our record-breaking fire season and the floods a few weeks back.



Front of Education building





Kitchen



One of two small rooms





Photo of main auditorium

### **What to expect:**

If you have never been to an Eyeball, you can expect plenty of socializing. This is a great opportunity to meet a lot of the folks you have worked on the nets. Additionally, we hold QRP nets during the day. We will run digital nets on Thursday and sideband nets on Friday. In the evening, we will have radios available to work the 40/75-meter nets from the eyeball site. We are in the central time zone so 40 early will start at 1900L.

Except for Thursday night, Lunch and dinner meals will be provided at the eyeball site. The Thursday meal is on your own. Typically, groups go out to local restaurants and Guthrie has plenty of restaurants near the venue.

Saturday morning, we hold the annual mobile antenna shootout. This is an opportunity for you to see how your mobile rigs measure up to others. I have arranged for us to use the cottonwood flats area of Guthrie as the location for this year's shootout. This area has plenty of room and has been used as a concert venue for many years.

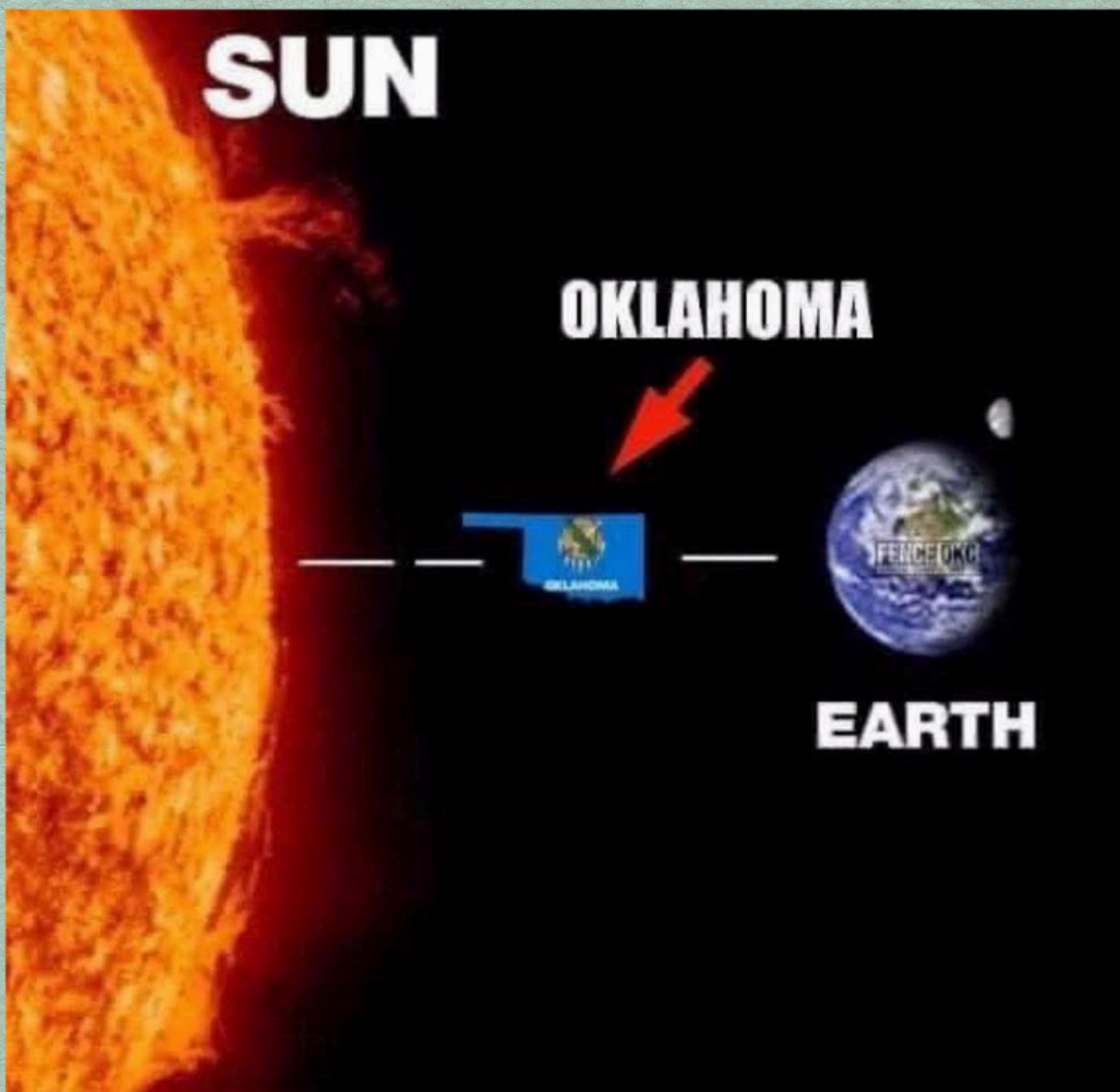
Later that day we will hold a board meeting. The Club President will hand out annual awards and there will be a question-and-answer session followed by the raffle and then a banquet.



## Climate:

Oklahoma is hot in August! We have not hit 100 yet; however, rumor has it that those temperatures are not far away. I will have plenty of bottled water on hand. Please stay hydrated. When you think you have drank enough, drink some more.

At the last board meeting there was a question about tornado season in Oklahoma. There is really no season for tornadoes they can happen any time of year. They are more prevalent in late April and May. Rest assured that the Logan County Emergency Management Spotter team is the best in the state. We have our own Meteorologist on staff, and they will be out on force should severe weather develop.





## **Raffle:**

Every year, we have a raffle. Many of the prizes are provided by the eyeball. We have a tradition where we ask all the eyeball attendees to bring something for the raffle that represents their home state. You can be sure someone from Maryland will bring plenty of Old Bay. We already have a member who cannot attend send me swag from a northern state. It doesn't have to be expensive. If you want to ship something for the raffle instead of carrying it on a plane, you can send it to me. Contact me directly for the address.

Raffle tickets are \$5.00 or \$20.00 for 5 tickets. You can buy them from me via PayPal or wait until the event. I will announce the grand prize once I get it. The Oklahoma City Hamfest (Ham Holiday) is the end of July. I intend to get a couple vendors in a bidding war to sell me something nice.

## **QRP Nets:**

The Eyeball QRP Nets have become a popular feature of the events. These allow everyone at the Eyeball to work everyone else at the site. This allows those at the eyeball to be free to work many more stations on the conventional evening nets.

The QRP nets are run in a modified rodeo style. A list of participants is made, and the first station works everyone on the list. This continues until everyone has worked everyone on the list.

Digital nets will be run on Friday and SSB nets will be run on Saturday.

## **Annual Antenna Shootout:**

An eyeball favorite, the antenna shootout pits mobile stations against one another to see who's mobile station has the best signal. This year's shootout will take place a couple miles north of the eyeball site in the cottonwood flats. The flats have been used for several concerts and large civic events. If you wish to participate, make sure you register for the shootout on the eyeball page. It is important that the Shootout Masters, Ben AE4NT and Dwight WF4H have your rig information beforehand. This information speeds up the competition.



## About Guthrie:

Guthrie is a small town with lots of history. It was the first capital of the State of Oklahoma. The capital was moved to Oklahoma City in 1910 and there are a few residents in Guthrie that are still a little salty about it. Guthrie is located 35 miles north of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The city is about 75% residential, 24% commercial and 1% industrial and has a population of around 10,000 people. Much of downtown looks the same as it did in 1906. Sixty movies have been filmed in the downtown area because of the 1900's era architecture.

## Hotels and RV:

Here are the places to stay in Guthrie (listed best to worst)



- Holiday Inn – 2227 E Oklahoma Ave Guthrie 405-293-6464 (free breakfast)
- This is the best choice according to the Emergency Manager
- Hampton Inn – 401 Cimarron Blvd 405-293-9595
- La Quinta --406 Heather Rd. Guthrie 405-293-6000
- Sleep Inn – 414 Heather RD. Guthrie 405-260-1400
- Territorial Inn – Do not stay here.
- Additional accommodations are available in Edmond Oklahoma which is 30 minutes to the south.
- Hilton Garden Inn – 2833 Conference Drive Edmond 405-285-0900
- Hampton Inn – 300 Meline Dr Edmond 405-844-3037
- Fairfield Inn – 301 Meline Dr Edmond 405-341-4818
- Home 2 Suites -- 321 Meline Dr Edmond 405-285-8380
- La Quinta -- 200 Meline Dr Edmond 405-513-5353
- Holiday Inn Express -- 3840 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St Edmond 405-844-3700
- RV – Guthrie
- Cedar Vally RV Park 725 Masters Dr Guthrie 405 282-4478 (This is the best choice according to the Emergency Manager)
- Pioneer RV Park – 1601 Seward Rd. Guthrie 405-282-3557 (Just off Interstate 35)



## Clay's Favorite Local Restaurants

### Billy Sims BBQ

BBQ, Good Ribs  
1624 S Division St  
405-293-6282



### Katies Dinner

breakfast and lunch, closes at 2pm \$  
120 W Cleveland Ave  
405-282-2462

### Roma's Italian Restaurant

Family-run spot for pizza, oven-baked subs & red-sauce classics  
112 W. Nobile Ave  
405-260-1552

### Stables and Taproom 223

steaks, burgers, salad bar. weekend buffet \$\$ I go into the taproom, less children.  
223 South Division St  
405-282-0893

### **Others to mention:**

#### Boomerang Diner

50s-style diner chain for American eats such as burgers & chicken-fried steak, plus breakfast fare.  
101 E Oklahoma Ave  
405-282-3777

#### Gages Steakhouse

Steak, seafood, pasta  
409 W Oklahoma Ave  
405-282-3955



## **State Capitol:**

If you desire to operate from the Oklahoma Capitol, It is 25 minutes south of the Eyeball Site.

## **Parks on the Air:**

If you are into POTA, the area offers numerous POTA sites within reasonable distance the listed milage is from the Eyeball venue. The two closest are within a mile of the Eyeball site.

US-10658 Lake Carl Blackwell WMA 26 miles  
36.1198, -97.2094

US-11768 Arcadia Round Barn National Historic Site 21 miles  
35.6623, -97.3261

US-11769 Ozark Trail Obelisk Historic Site 53 miles  
35.7241, -96.6984

US-11837 Smallest National Park Historic Site 1 mile  
35.8776, -97.4274

US-2801 Roman Nose State Park 69 miles  
35.9365, -98.4255

US-7684 Lake Elmer State Fishing Lake 36 miles  
35.8855, -97.989

US-7689 Arcadia Conservation Area 21 miles  
35.6238, -97.3895

US-8640 Lake Watonga Fishing Lake 69 miles  
35.9428, -98.4236

US-8645 Oklahoma Territorial Museum State Historic 1 mile  
35.8781, -97.421





## 2025 Eyeball Schedule of Events

### **Thursday August 14<sup>th</sup>**

Early arrivals check-in 0800  
Socialize – Snacks available all day  
Lunch—at your leisure  
QRP Digital nets  
1600 Dinner—on your own or in groups  
1800 40 Early  
2100 75 Early  
2300 40 late  
0001 75 Late

### **Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Hospitality Room open all day  
New Arrival Check-ins 0800-1800  
QRP Nets-Times TBA  
12 Noon—Lunch Provided—Pizza TBA  
1600 Dinner Provided--TBA  
1800 40 Early  
2100 75 Early  
2300 40 Late  
0001 75 Late

### **Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup>**

0800 Mobil Antenna Shoot Out.  
1100 20 SSB  
1200 Lunch Provided—TBA  
1400 Board Meeting local and Zoom (1900 UTC)  
1500 Presidential Awards  
1600 Dinner Provided  
1700 Raffle / door prizes  
1800 40 Early  
2100 75 Early  
2300 40 Late  
0001 75 Late

### **Sunday August 17<sup>th</sup>**

0800-1200 Group Breakfast @ local restaurant – TBA  
Depart the Eyeball—Safe Travels Friends



# Planned Stations

Submitted by: **Debbie, K9DBB**

This list has been compiled by Debbie (K9DBB) of planned stations with their associated club callsigns & special events they are planning to run during the eyeball and is up to date as of July 29, 2025.

<b>STATION</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>SPECIAL EVENT</b>
AA1NA	W5NA	K5F
AA1NZ		
AA1QW	K8ICE	K1T
AA0HF	KJ5EEP	
AC2MT		
AE4NT		
AG5T	WE4FUN	W5V
AI4K	AI7B	N4A
K4JEL	WE4GUN	W4G
K6YEK	VE8RST	
K9DBB	AJ0KE	W4A
K9GWS	KR0DS	W1N
KA0BMX	KS0WC	K0S
KB0EL		
KB0HV	W0AU (card req)	N0I
KC2DAQ	K2SPD	K2C
KF7HNC	W3DOV	W0N
KI5DQ		
KI5JBE		
KL7OR	K7OPQ	K7O
KU1V		
N1ABY	W1LAS	
N3VEJ	W3FT	K3Z
N3WD	K3DUH	W5O
N5MNO		
N5OHL		
N5WGA		
N8BF	KK0LD	N0W
N0PUI	K0CCN	W0R
VE3CMB	VA3TUV	
W5MKC		
W5WJN	KG8UTS	K5G
W6PNY	KP2JR	K0O
W8NET	NN0PE	N5O
WA6LBU	AF5NN	K5K
*Spare of Clay*	WX5LGN	K5O
WA8MD	WC9OH	W8T
WF4H		
WN1F	W1OO	
WO5B		



# My Love of the 3905 CENTURY CLUB - My Journey to the Master Degree

Submitted by: **Mac, W6PNY (MASTER # 84)**

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This may sound like a bit of rambling, but such is the life of anyone hooked on Amateur Radio. Before I get in to my personal 3905 CCN journey, I would like to encourage all members and non members to attend at least one of the annual Eyeball events. You won't find a better group of people anywhere. That's where you can see the genuine humanity and willingness to help others from almost every single one of the Masters. When you meet a Master in person, chat with them, and get their advice, it will be very memorable for you. It will also help you tremendously in your Amateur Radio journey. Any Master that offers advice and or help is not kidding. They will always be there and will always help you. It is literally a **CLOSE NIT FAMILY**. The help does not stop at the Masters either. Many other members are quite knowledgeable and will also help. The phone is an amazing invention. Physically attending the Eyeball will enrich your life in many ways. I can't completely explain it to you; you just need to experience an Eyeball to see for yourself. Please do.

I developed of love for Amateur Radio shortly after receiving my General Class license sometime in 2012. I had obtained a very old Yaesu FT890-AT via the widow of a Silent Key. I purchased a Buckmaster OCF dipole 10m-80m. At the time I was still living in CA and had a large deck on the back of the house. I literally laid the antenna on the deck and hooked it up to the radio. I was dumbfounded at how many signals I could hear on several bands. I was so excited; I thought it best to get the antenna elevated. So I did that and commenced to listening on the bands for about 3 months before I made a single SSB transmission.

I originally got involved with the OMISS Nets. I was having fun there, but it seemed to me their award system was lacking integrity. As most of you know, OMISS has little or no requirements for validation. I'm not bagging on OMISS, I was just looking for something a bit more authentic. I didn't even know about the 3905 Century Club then. Then one fateful day in November of 2017, I was contacted via email by someone named Rog, with a call sign of W9ROG. He very politely asked me if I would come to one of his nets because "he needed my prefix from ND for an award". Well I had no idea what any of that meant, but was happy to oblige him simply because he was so nice and respectful with his request. My first ever 3905 Century Club contact was in fact with W9ROG on 18/November/2017 @ 06:22 Zulu.



Our signal reports were 33/33. And then as most of you can guess, I was absolutely deluged by every swinging HF operator. I was getting called so fast and so often, I started to lose my mind. I said to myself, "what in the world have I done?" It was baptism by 3905 attack and pounce on the newbie form ND. LOL. But that's not what got me excited. Within a few short days, QSL cards started rolling in. One after the other. Before I knew it, I had a QSL card from about 70% of the stations that called me on that net. **THAT'S WHAT HOOKED ME.** I convinced myself this is old school ham radio and I want to be a part of this. Many thanks to Rog, W9ROG for reaching out to me and inviting me to the 3905 Century Club. KB0EL was the NCS for that Net.

I'm a bit of an over-achiever by nature. I didn't understand anything about the 3905 Century Club Awards program. I just knew I like making contacts and getting QSL cards. Fast forward about 15 months. That's when I applied for 20m; 40m; 75m & 160m SSB 100 Point Awards all at the same time. I didn't know then I was actually hurting my own future (at least for the Old Timer's Award). So I officially became a member of the 3905 Century Club on 25/March/2019. A few short months later, I enlisted in NCS training and became a certified NCS operator on 13/November/2019. I've been calling nets ever since then. I really enjoy being an NCS and helping the Club out in that area.

Sometime after I had been doing NCS duties, and the QSL cards started to really pile up, I had to devise a file system so I could keep track of my cards. I ended up getting card boxes, with state separators, with some extra separators labeled YL, Combo, DX, etc. I still use this system to this day. Analog, but it works for me. As soon as I got my cards sorted and boxed appropriately, I then printed out an application for the Master Degree Award. That's when I decided to work solely on awards that were prerequisite requirements for the Master Degree. And that is also when I decided it would be best to also be an Area Awards Manager.

A short time later (15/May/2020), I became the 10<sup>th</sup> Area Awards Manager. I must confess I actually did this purely for selfish reasons. Or at least that's what I was thinking when I agreed to the honor of being an Awards Manager. Little did I know or understand the magnitude of being an Area Awards Manager. My initial reason for becoming an AAM was so that I could more clearly understand the 3905 CCN Awards Program. It seemed a daunting, comprehensive and at times seemed unobtainable. And of course I speak of the venerable Master Degree Award. I have come to really enjoy being an AAM.



From November of 2020 to June of 2022, I was off the air due to building a house. While temporarily living in an apartment, I did not have the ability to TX from the apartment due to the exceptionally high noise levels. I tried for about 3 months then I just gave up. I did a bit of mobile, but in North Dakota, mobile operation loses its luster very quickly in the winter months. I did remain the 10<sup>th</sup> Area Awards Manager during the HF down time. This at least left me with a connection to the Club and the feeling of being useful.

I was able to finally get my 75m SSB 1K & 2K awards. I must give a major shout out to AA1QW for operating Portable out of HI. Brian has actually operated HI/Portable on 75m SSB at least twice. I could not hear him the first time. But the second time Brian operated from HI, I nailed it. I already had my 1K and 2K applications completely filled out. Checked and cross-checked. The minute I received those cards from AA1QW, I submitted my 75m SSB 500 Point, 1K & 2K at the same time in December 2024.

This was when I knew I had to get serious about doing the CW Nets. I was always terrified of CW. Didn't want anything to do with it. So I convinced myself to just use a keyboard and software to send, as well as the software to decode. Somewhere along the way, I started to recognize a few of the CW characters. That's when I thought, "I can do this". So I enrolled in the Long Island CW Club (Teachers of CW) and the Straight Key Century Club. A little over a year and ½ later, I can cleanly send code at 15wpm. I'm still working on head copy, but that too is getting better with continued participation in the Long Island CW Club Zoom classes, as well as 3905 CCN CW Nets, and regular participation in the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC). I now have 100 Point certificates for the 20m; 40m; 80m; and the extremely difficult band of 160m. Very pleased with that. I also have north of 800 CW contacts on the SKCC. I have many awards already through the SKCC. I have learned to send code on all the main CW keys. Straight Key, Iambic Paddle, Bug and the venerable Side Swiper (AKA the cootie). The cootie has become my key of choice. Johnny, KI4WCQ may not know this, but he was instrumental in his advice to me regarding the learning of CW. I'll never forget my conversation with Johnny at the OHIO Eyeball. Thank you Johnny.

When Yukon John (KL7JR) made his trip to St. Martin / Sint Maarten, I was pulling my hair out. I just couldn't hear him. I was on every single net. Depression was slowly creeping in. Then, on the very last night Yukon was operating, I was able to get him 22/22. I had also worked AA1QW/P from CU – Azores. Azores contact was 21/June/2025. FS & PJ7 contacts were on 23/June/2025. That's when I really got excited about the possibility of making Master. The (2) 75m SSB contacts from FS & PJ7 put me at 22 DX contacts for 75m.



Then on 2/July/2025 I worked Eric, KV1J from Miguelon Island as FP/KV1J/P. Now I'm up to 23 DX contacts on 75m SSB. I'm thinking how can this even happen when the bands are so terrible and the propagation along with terrible QSB is not helping either. What I have discovered, as many already know, if you want to make the contacts, you have to be in the seat. If you're not there, you have no chance at all. So just get in the seat and turn the rig on. Either you'll get it or you won't. But at least you'll know you gave it your best shot. Now we get to 3/July/2025. I'm sitting at the radio waiting for the 75m SSB Early Net to open. No one is opening the Net. So about 5 minutes to Net start time, I opened the Net myself. I knew AA1QW had invited a DX station from Bermuda to check in. We got the net started and no check in as of yet from Bermuda. Just about the time we made it through the list for the first round, AA1QW and N2KED both let me know they heard VP9NR from Bermuda wanting to check in. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> round started and I had time to move some dials and knobs on my radio, I was hearing Bermuda very lightly. But I felt I could hear him well enough as long as he could hear me. After the Master's had made their calls, I took my NCS call to VP9NR. I got him on the first try. I sent him a 22. He sent me a 33. Another 75m DX contact in the books. Number 24. Now I'm really getting edgy.

Before I get into getting my last 75m SSB DX contact, I want to thank and acknowledge some of the Club members that have influenced me and have been a big part in my 3905 Century Club journey. There are many, so I doubt I'll be able to acknowledge everyone. So if I have left you off the list, please don't take it personal. The bottom line is, every single member of the Club has helped me to get to this point. Without the Nets and the contacts and then receiving the QSLs, you can't apply for awards. So thanks to all.

WN1F, David; W8NET, Gene; KI7PM, Bob (SK): All three of these guys are unbelievably knowledgeable regarding most all things HF. I relied heavily on them regarding getting my mobile setup to work efficiently. With a large dose of encouragement, top notch folks for sure. And to my good friend KI7PM, Bob, rest in peace. You are greatly missed. N0PUI, Jay: We traveled together to 2 Eyeballs. Jay opened my eyes to the efficiency of the Hustler Resonator system. Besides being very active on the Nets, doing NCS duties and submitting a lot of upper level K awards, Jay is an A1 operator with a heart of gold. Jay even possesses the ability to morph his voice into a quite feminine sounding voice to squeak out a 22 and a successful contact. You know he's good at it when another person on the Net says over the air, that was a YL. LOL Thanks Jay for the good times and lots of laughs.



AE4NT, Ben: Ben is the heart and soul of the 3905 Century Club Awards program, as he is the long standing Awards Secretary. His knowledge of the awards system (and the 3905 CCN in general) as well as the history behind every single award is nothing short of mind boggling. Ben has assisted me greatly in my endeavor as an AAM. Always supportive and willing to explain any question. A true treasure for the Club for sure.

KL7JR, Yukon John: Thanks John for the SCORES of contacts, not just for me, but for the entire Club. This guy could get a signal out of just about anything. He will not stop trying to make an antenna work, until it actually does. His knowledge of mobile and portable antennas is impressive to say the least. All of our logs prove he knows what he's doing.

AA1NA, Kirk: Where does this guy get his energy? He's like the Energizer Bunny, only using a 400 Amp Hour battery and not those little AA's. What an example to the Club Kirk is. Thanks Kirk for all you do and all the help and encouragement you provide. A big hat tip to AA1NA.

AA1QW, Brian: Brian has done so much for this Club it's hard to wrap your mind around, so don't even try. Besides providing SCORES of contacts to all members from the US and many DX entities, Brian is very busy inviting countless numbers of folks to the Century Club Nets, including many DX stations. A tremendous asset to the Club. And somehow in his spare time, he is also the Editor the 3905 Centurion. Well done Brian, well done!!

KU1V, Mike. Another A1 operator that has provided the Club with SCORES contacts. I think I have about the same amount of Baker's Dozens with KU1V and KL7JR. Thank you Mike.

AA0HF, Eric: Definitely Minnesota nice. But don't let that fool you. Eric is the 10<sup>th</sup> Area Director, as well as being very involved in the revamping of the Club Bylaws and the Club Awards Program (Along with AE4NT). The 10<sup>th</sup> Area and the Club in general is lucky to have him. He's a good listener, very supportive and proactive with the Club. Thank you, Eric.

I just scraped the surface with Club members that have been helpful, encouraging and supportive. As I said earlier, I can't list everyone; just know you are ALL appreciated.

Now to the "pièce de résistance". The 25<sup>th</sup> 75m SSB DX contact. Can anyone say "ANTICIPATION?"



On 13/July/2025, Brian, AA1QW checked into the 75m SSB Early Net as ON/AA1QW/P Belgium. I was not NCS for this net, so I had more time to deal with tuning in the rare DX signal from Belgium. After moving a few dials and knobs, I was able to hear Brian very light. But I felt I could hear enough of him to make the contact. When it came to my turn, I immediately called ON/AA1QW/P. I sent him a 22. I could hear him sending me a signal report, but I couldn't quite get it. I asked him to send it again, lots of times. Brian counted out the numbers, 1-2; 1-2; and then the always helpful "ALSO ALSO" 22. I heard it all that time. The call was confirmed and I had just made my 25<sup>th</sup> and final contact needed for the extremely difficult 75m SSB DX Award.

How do you eat an elephant?

If you are happy just making contacts and want to put in for an award here and there; there's absolutely nothing wrong with that. All net participants and Club members are a part of our individual HF Hobby. However, if you're an over-achiever and if you even remotely think you'd like to become a 3905 Century Club Master Degree Award holder, then print off the Master Degree Application. Start working on the prerequisite awards that are necessary for the Master Degree. That's how you eat an elephant. ONE BITE AT A TIME. And of course you have to spend as much time as you possibly can at the radio, without impacting your work or family.

Again, I highly encourage all members to attend an Eyeball. It will leave an impression on you. And it will most likely get you more excited about Ham Radio in general. You won't be sorry.

The 1<sup>st</sup> 3905 CCN Net I checked into is attached for your viewing pleasure. A lot of those stations are still very active. Enjoy taking a look at Century Club history.

Thanks for sharing my journey. I hope my words have helped some of you that have taken the time to read my story.

73 to all

Mac, W6PNY

10<sup>th</sup> Area Awards Manager

Master # 84



# First Net Check in List

**NetDate:**

18/November/2017

**NCS:**

KB0EL Clark

**Freq:**

3.902

**Band/Mode:**

75m/SSB

**End:**

Sequence	Callsign	M/P	State	Country	Name	Award(s)	Remarks	Member
1	W9ROG		WI		Roger	OFF		<a href="#">4012042</a>
2	KM9U		IN		Chuck			
3	WG0I		MN		Mike			<a href="#">4012665</a>
4	W0MYZ		MN		Al	OFF,MAS		<a href="#">1601195</a>
5	K3UHU		DE		Bill			<a href="#">7513116</a>
6	KB4IAN		SC		Brian		Relay	<a href="#">7513018</a>
7	W6BS		CA		Tom			
8	K7HRT		WA		Pat			<a href="#">7512753</a>
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