



THE CENTURION, February 2026

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INTRODUCTION/ EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I am replacing Brian Chaloux, AA1QW, who resigned as Editor late last year. Thanks Brian for all your hard work. My involvement in the 3905 Century Club starts in 1985 when I received my first 100-point certificate. In 2014 I became the 4th Awards Manager, and Awards Secretary, the following year I became 4th Area Director. My Master number is 78, recently received after many years waiting for the last few countries on 75 meter ssb. I am number 3 on the all-time list of award earners. The awards I am most proud of are my unique Clint Wise Awards. I am the only person to have received this award (40 and 75 meter ssb) by operating from the state capitals, all of them. I understand Kirk, AA1NA is chasing the same goal.

I apologize in advance for the appearance of the Centurion. I'm a numbers guy, not a make pretty guy, and welcome any help in achieving pretty.

My goal is to inform the members as to what is going on in the club without them having to belong to any social media platforms. In many cases I will include links to sections of the club website, for example Board of Directors agendas, minutes, etc. In some cases I will include links to public web sites such as ARRL and FCC.

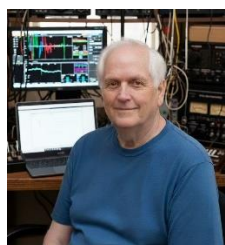
I welcome amateur radio related articles from our members. My aim is to publish monthly around the first of the month. Should you make a submission, I will try my best to acknowledge receipt and also send you a preview of what it will look like when it is published (starting next month, lol). Please make your submissions "article" size, and not "chapter" size.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Centurion Editor, W3BS replacing AA1QW.

Awards Secretary, AC2MT Richard H Walbert, Jr who replaced AE4NT Benjamin I "Ben" Goldfarb who resigned in January.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, Dean Davis KL7OR



Greetings from the west coast and I hope everyone had warm and safe holiday season this past season. I realize that that a lot has happened with the club over the past 45 days or so and I will summarize what has changed:

- Eric Johnson, AA0HF master number 75 has resigned his position as the chairman of the by-laws committee. Eric has made a great contribution to the club as chairman accomplishing many tasks that people said were not possible, including the major update of the primary club documents (constitution, by-laws, Net Controllers guide). This position will remain vacant until such time as I can find a replacement.
- The loss (SK) of Dwight Greenburg, WF4H Master number 72 who also served on the Presidential Advisory Committee, and the By-law Committee.
- Ben Goldfarb, AE4NT resigned his position as the Clubs Awards Secretary after 10 years in the seat. With his leadership many improvements to our awards program have been made.
- Rich Walbert, AC2MT has stepped up to fill the shoes of Ben, as our new Awards Secretary.
- Brian Chaloux, AA1QW has stepped down as the editor of the Centurion and will be replaced by Buddy Spiegel, W3BS.
- As a result of the last election N2XTT will replace AC2MT as the new 2nd area director, and W6PNY who ran unopposed will replace AA0HF as the new 10th area director both effective March 1st.

By the time of this publication our new Awards secretary will once again be producing and sending out award certificates to our members. The transition team appreciates our members being patient during this changeover process.

VICE PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE, KIRK D FRAZIER AA1NA

Going to the Capital of Alaska!

Editor’s Note. All dates are in “Local” Juneau reference.

Several 3905 Century Club members are making a trip to Alaska. From March 11 through March 18, 2026 a group of CCN'ers plan to be in Juneau, Alaska (the state capital) to bring much needed AK contacts to our nets.

Those making the journey include: Debbie and Dave Yarbrough, K9DBB & AI4K, Gene Marsh, W8NET, Mac McCracken, W6PNY, Craig McLoughlin, VE3CMB, Rich Walbert, AC2MT, Doug Wittich, N3VEJ, Mike Rush, KU1V, Mark McClellan, W5LPZ, Brian Chaloux, AA1QW, Joe Fritton, KA0BMX, Clay Statmore, WA2JIM and Kirk Frazier, AA1NA.

The group plans to be in Juneau for a week. The first day will be setting up mobile and portable stations then the next five days getting on as many 3905 CCN nets as possible. Hopefully, band conditions and weather will cooperate. The last day will be take down and get ready to go home. If all goes as planned, we will be on the air Thursday, March 12 through Tuesday, March 17. Late nets will likely be the best options to be heard, but we'll try for all we can. The SSB nets are the main focus, but we'll try some of the digital and CW nets, too.

Operations will center from an Airbnb in the city limits, but some of the group will stay in a hotel. Costs for shipping radios, lodging and vehicle rentals will be shared by the group. And there are a couple of the operators that mentioned bringing recipes for the gang when not enjoying local grub.

Some have asked why go in March? The idea is to be there not quite in the most wintry months and still have a decent chance to get on the 75M SSB nets. And Juneau has had some record snows so far, hopefully the snow removal is good there.

We hope all the moving parts line up to bring the Alaska Capital to the nets.

ELECTION RESULTS

Here are the Election results from the 2026 Club Elections

Position	Callsign	Name	Vote Count
President	KL7OR	Dean W. Davis	54
President	W5UOT	Robert M. Young	37
10th Area Director	W6PNY	Win J. McCracken, Jr.	18
2nd Area Director	N2XTT	Peter B. Summers	5
2nd Area Director	AC2MT	Richard Walbert	3
4th Area Director	K9GWS	Gary W. Slagle	25
6th Area Director	WY6N	WAYNE K. HARRIS	1
8th Area Director	W8NET	Gene Marsh	7

The winners' callsigns are designated in bold. Ninety-two members voted in Election 2026. All voted by on-line voting except one email ballot. No irregularities were noted and the process ran very smoothly this year.

Respectfully,

Virgil Warren, W9WWG

Kirk Frazier, AA1NA

KU1V Travelogue

Editor’s Note, edited for spelling only.

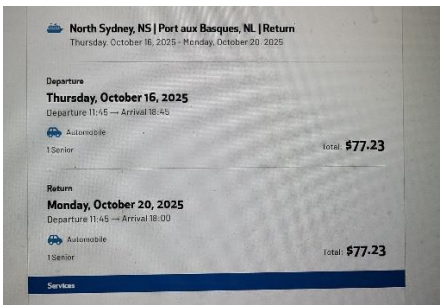


National Parks of Newfoundland, Canada

By KU1V, October 15, 2025

Late fall is a great time to travel the New England and Canadian areas, with great foliage, cool weather and few traffic jams.

I booked round trip travel, with cabin, from North Sydney, Nova Scotia (NS) to Port aux Basques, Newfoundland (NL). I now embark on near 14-hour drive from my home QTH to ferry boat terminal in North Sydney NS.



Passage with auto, cabin was an extra fee.

I arrive about 3-hours early thus affording time to gas-up Jeep and have breakfast.



Waiting in parking area to board ferry, NS



Boarding ferry, NS



Parking and boarding ramp in NS



View of docking area and ferry in adjoining birth, NS



Passing another ferry enroute to NL

Bringing a ship into Port aux Basques, NL, looks difficult as it requires maneuvering in a turning basin, positioning ship into docks stern first.



Approaching Port aux Basques, NL



Birthing area Port aux Basques, NL

Sun light is fading fast and my next several hours will be night driving. Always concerned about animals on the road as there is a high moose population in NL. I arrive within the National Park in time to participate with the 40m EN and 40m LN. My accommodation in Gros Mourn National Park make an easy visit to the visitor center.



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The next morning, I start the drive from Gros-Mourn NP to Terra-Nova NP, distance of about 270 miles. I plan to stop in Gander to secure overnight accommodations. As expected, traffic is very light, making an easy drive to Terra-Nova NP. I stopped at a small aviation museum in Gander. This museum has some real old classic airplanes. One is the Consolidated PBY-5 Catalina, better known in Canada as the ‘Canso.’ I believe this aircraft was manufactured by Canadian Vickers in Montreal. Another classic airplane is the Lockheed Hudson Bomber, probably built in Burbank California.

<https://pbycatalina.com/canadian-pby/>



“Canso”



Lockheed “Hudson”

<https://northatlanticaviationmuseum.com/exhibits/>

Continuing my drive south from Gander, I head to Terra Nova National Park. The park is generally closed for the season, therefore my return to Gander for nights’ accommodations. I did drive to south end of park, but returned North to the Kiosk area for operating on 40EN, and a shorter drive to Gander as well. Kiosk center is well lit and has restroom facilities. Weather is now becoming heavy fog with rain making my return to Gander a slow trip after net. On the map below, I will be at top of green area with red marker.





Terra-Nove NP, NL. Kiosk Center and rest area.



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This park, Terra-Nova, has a Kiosk machine where you can obtain a pass to use the park, not the case in many Canadian parks. You can drive through the park, but if you stop within the park, you may be subject to a violation and fines for not having a valid park pass. This park pass system seems all through Canada, and for non-compliance, the fines may be harsh. In my case, I purchased Canadian Parks seasons pass which is a plastic card one attaches to the rear-view mirror, now.... You are good to go!!

Returning to Port aux Basques on Sunday where I have accommodation for the night before my departure to Sydney NS. Additionally, being Sunday, I check in on the 20m net from POTA Park, CA-0819, being the J.T. Cheeseman Provincial Park. My 18 QSOs have been recorded with POTA, if your keeping track.

CLUB STATISTICS (a first attempt)

Net participation Statistics:

	Jan
Unique callsigns:	549
Unique NEW callsigns:	230
Nets run:	163
Total Checkins:	3446
Unique DX:	7
Unique YLs:	12
Awards:	10

Member Statistics:

Total Members4403

SK- Members675

Non-SKs3728

Clubs

Report includes FCC actions through Saturday, 31-Jan-2026

State/Territory	Novice	Tech	General	Advanced	Extra	Total
Alabama	49	5355	3249	436	2942	12031
Alaska	13	1483	858	113	685	3152
Arizona	89	10538	5020	846	4633	21126
Arkansas	28	4002	1996	263	1639	7928
California	534	54011	18430	2754	15412	91141
Colorado	73	10380	4511	609	3835	19408
Connecticut	92	2948	1837	317	1692	6886
Delaware	16	777	517	75	447	1832
District of Columbia	4	285	119	15	117	540
Florida	332	17789	11705	2115	10104	42045
Georgia	71	8719	4955	687	4269	18701
Guam	1	89	43	8	94	235
Hawaii	22	1833	706	121	668	3350
Idaho	24	6341	2654	224	1727	10970
Illinois	187	8289	5109	828	4396	18809
Indiana	120	7038	4168	587	3237	15150
Iowa	40	2845	1644	331	1503	6363
Kansas	54	3241	1910	248	1565	7018
Kentucky	52	4534	2664	351	2081	9682
Louisiana	46	2503	1678	279	1364	5870
Maine	27	1852	1248	184	1100	4411
Maryland	82	4640	2762	438	2658	10580
Massachusetts	118	5721	3410	551	3293	13093
Michigan	125	9497	5381	822	4678	20503
Minnesota	71	5065	2943	500	2540	11119
Mississippi	14	1994	1329	194	1275	4806
Missouri	77	7246	3875	508	3126	14832

<u>Montana</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>2203</u>	<u>1187</u>	<u>153</u>	<u>851</u>	<u>4417</u>
<u>Nebraska</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1691</u>	<u>1030</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>758</u>	<u>3687</u>
<u>Nevada</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>4304</u>	<u>1846</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>1591</u>	<u>8050</u>
<u>New Hampshire</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>2383</u>	<u>1552</u>	<u>234</u>	<u>1522</u>	<u>5736</u>
<u>New Jersey</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>5841</u>	<u>3113</u>	<u>581</u>	<u>3058</u>	<u>12748</u>
<u>New Mexico</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>3037</u>	<u>1454</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>1329</u>	<u>6074</u>
<u>New York</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>11628</u>	<u>6675</u>	<u>1106</u>	<u>5981</u>	<u>25668</u>
<u>North Carolina</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>10731</u>	<u>6092</u>	<u>834</u>	<u>5385</u>	<u>23151</u>
<u>North Dakota</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>666</u>	<u>405</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>1454</u>
<u>Ohio</u>	<u>238</u>	<u>11807</u>	<u>7304</u>	<u>1054</u>	<u>6207</u>	<u>26610</u>
<u>Oklahoma</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>4807</u>	<u>2554</u>	<u>317</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>9706</u>
<u>Oregon</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>10833</u>	<u>4879</u>	<u>591</u>	<u>3677</u>	<u>20055</u>
<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>10383</u>	<u>6164</u>	<u>1120</u>	<u>5716</u>	<u>23593</u>
<u>Puerto Rico</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>2936</u>	<u>1220</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>774</u>	<u>5153</u>
<u>Rhode Island</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>804</u>	<u>470</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>469</u>	<u>1842</u>
<u>South Carolina</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>4724</u>	<u>2786</u>	<u>407</u>	<u>2500</u>	<u>10459</u>
<u>South Dakota</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>580</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>511</u>	<u>2122</u>
<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>9384</u>	<u>5351</u>	<u>706</u>	<u>4554</u>	<u>20080</u>
<u>Texas</u>	<u>205</u>	<u>26023</u>	<u>13433</u>	<u>1890</u>	<u>11479</u>	<u>53030</u>
<u>Utah</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>12304</u>	<u>3396</u>	<u>267</u>	<u>2255</u>	<u>18252</u>
<u>Vermont</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>921</u>	<u>507</u>	<u>86</u>	<u>506</u>	<u>2033</u>
<u>Virgin Islands</u>		<u>127</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>249</u>
<u>Virginia</u>	<u>133</u>	<u>9150</u>	<u>5306</u>	<u>744</u>	<u>4926</u>	<u>20259</u>
<u>Washington</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>18028</u>	<u>8000</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>5761</u>	<u>32871</u>
<u>West Virginia</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>2849</u>	<u>1427</u>	<u>167</u>	<u>1281</u>	<u>5757</u>
<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>4729</u>	<u>3147</u>	<u>488</u>	<u>2628</u>	<u>11060</u>
<u>Wyoming</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>1039</u>	<u>686</u>	<u>97</u>	<u>509</u>	<u>2339</u>
<u>Other*</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>269</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>555</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>4477</u>	<u>363531</u>	<u>185433</u>	<u>27281</u>	<u>157869</u>	<u>738591</u>

* Other = US territories and possessions not listed above, plus APO/FPO

<u>Amateur Radio Operators by Class</u>						
<u>Number and Change, December 2021 to June, 2025</u>						
						<u>Since 2021</u>
<u>License Class</u>	<u>Dec 2021</u>	<u>Dec 2022</u>	<u>Dec 2023</u>	<u>Dec 2024</u>	<u>Dec 2025</u>	<u>Pct. Change</u>
<u>Extra</u>	<u>154,347</u>	<u>154,442</u>	<u>155,126</u>	<u>156,532</u>	<u>157,837</u>	<u>2.26</u>
<u>Advanced</u>	<u>36,128</u>	<u>34,530</u>	<u>32,364</u>	<u>29,391</u>	<u>27,481</u>	<u>-23.93</u>
<u>General</u>	<u>185,997</u>	<u>186,324</u>	<u>186,742</u>	<u>185,273</u>	<u>185,198</u>	<u>-0.43</u>
<u>Technician</u>	<u>396,232</u>	<u>387,548</u>	<u>374,440</u>	<u>368,992</u>	<u>363,358</u>	<u>-8.30</u>
<u>Novice</u>	<u>6,850</u>	<u>6,312</u>	<u>5,862</u>	<u>5,095</u>	<u>4,529</u>	<u>-33.88</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>779,554</u>	<u>769,156</u>	<u>754,534</u>	<u>745,283</u>	<u>738,403</u>	