



The 3905 Century Club Telegraph

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A 3905 Century Club Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome!

Welcome to the April 2022 issue of the 3905 Century Club Telegraph.

As I was putting together this issue, I realized this is the First Anniversary of the Telegraph! It's been one year since the first issue of the Telegraph was published in April, 2021. I would like to thank everyone who

penned an article for the Telegraph in the past year. You have helped make the Telegraph a success!

We are always looking for article ideas and contributions. As Kirk would say—The Telegraph would not be the same without your articles!

Please send articles or suggestion for articles to:

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3905 Century Club Eyeball 2022 Is Coming!

The 2022 Eyeball will be held on July 28 thru July 31 2022. The change was due to Gene graciously conceding the August dates to the Football Hall of Fame Induction as they needed all the rooms they could get and the room prices were becoming outrageous. Check the website for details. Remember, all roads lead to Brimfield (Kent) Ohio during the week of the eyeball!



Dean's Column

Notes from the President

By Dean Davis, N7XG



Spring has always been an exciting time for the Century Club and while some nets are winding down for the summer others are ramping up. 40m has always been exciting to watch and this year is no exception. Like this past week on the 40m late net when we had 36 check-ins including 7 DX stations and Gary (K9GWS) made sure everyone had a chance on working the DX. All that I can say that it is looking like we might have a promising summer and the sun is finally going to do some good. A BIG welcome to Cycle 25.



This past month I started my 3rd term as president, and I am very proud of the club and all the members that have stepped forward to help in the leadership of the club. I am also to the point of putting the club on “auto pilot” since they all are doing an excellent job. But wait there is more, we still have more work to do on the website, the membership committee is also in the process of making some changes, and it seems like the Awards committee always has their plate full of projects and still do.

Rumor has it that there are several club members neck in neck trying to complete their 45th anniversary Oak Leaf Cluster award so that they get award number 1. This special award has generated a lot of excitement with club members and has created a huge volume of QSL cards to the bureau. Please, please give our bureau managers the time necessary to process incoming cards.

And finally, Gene (W8NET) announced this past week that we are T-Minus 4 months for the eyeball. If you are planning on attending and have not registered, please do so soon. My trip to the eyeball this year will be very exciting for me. I have teamed up with Clay (WA6LBU) and over the course of the eyeball week we plan on putting up IL/IN state line, IL/MI/OH, and VA/WV/VA tripoints plus all the nets scheduled for the Eyeball. (Sorry Rob (KB8UEY), more incoming cards) I am also aware that there might be some surprises along the way.

73,

Dean N7XG
President

Ben's Column

Notes from the Awards Secretary

BY BEN GOLDFARB, AE4NT

Well, you know, another month has rolled by and here I am, tight against Steve's deadline. That's the way it goes when one is retired and has so much time on his hands that it is not enough time for the myriad activities and projects one must squeeze in. I often muse about how Albert Einstein had forgotten an equation or two in his General Theory of Relativity – the ones that mathematically describe how time accelerates as we age!



Waxing On about the Masters

Well, moving from self-congratulation on my procrastination to the subject at hand for this first day of a new month: the Master's Degree. Do I sound like a broken record about the Master's Degree?

(Only we old guys know what "a broken record" sounds like, but I digress). No doubt I have hit this subject repeatedly, but the Master's Degree is a crowning achievement worth playing up, as it represents a lofty and rewarding goal for any club member.

Those of you who have been with the club for any length of time know that this is the big jewel in the crown, the award of awards, the one that requires the most strategic planning, and the Club's reward for excellent achievement. For you newer members who might be unfamiliar with it, please check it out on the website. This is a wonderful award! Its fee is waived, you get a wood mounting plaque, and you are accorded benefits such as being placed at the top of the check-in list and being eligible for appointment to certain Club functions, such as the Presidential Advisory Committee, just to name one. You also become a "super wildcard" and are prominently displayed on the website in our list of only seventy-four people who have made the grade to date. But it is a very, very hard award.

We Want to Make It Easier

Why should anyone have to go to such great lengths to earn an award? Other clubs out there don't even require proof of contacts made, but we make it so hard to get a Master's that only seventy-four have earned it the hard way. Given our entitlement society, this must change, and your proactive Awards Committee is Johnny on the Spot, right there in line with our national trends! We've heard your complaints and we are prepared to act on them! We want to put the Master's Degree within easy reach of even the least dedicated, casual, once-a-month net check-ins! Why should it be so difficult?

First, the 75-meter DX Award appears to be the biggest roadblock, so we will be doing something about that. Only 246 members have earned the 75-meter DX Award in our

entire history as a Club. Think about it: that's only about five per year. We cannot do anything about the propagation people regularly blame for their failures; however, we can and will do something to put this award with easy reach of everyone. Subject to Board approval, we will require only five DX contacts and four of those can be Canadians. Furthermore, we will ask the Board to amend the bylaws to change the definition of DX to any state other than your home state and New Jersey.

Next, let us consider the Poker Player Award, another major hurdle for the Master's. It is just too damn hard. Only 189 have earned it on 40M SSB and 178 on 75M SSB. (And big kudos to WA0SMQ, who is no longer with us, for having earned it on 160M SSB). Very rare award! We feel your pain! Our proposal to the Board will include the use of sixteen wild deuces and four super wildcards to fill out empty spots in your application. Furthermore, we will propose that the "Dealer's Choice" requirement be changed so that the certificate numbers need not be consecutive. Think about that! These changes put the Poker Player within reach of anyone, even those who when it comes to their turn, just say "back to net"! Who will be the first to earn it on 20M PSK?

If the Board accepts these changes, the Master's Degree will be a slam-dunk for just about anyone. Wait, you think the 2000-Point Award, another component of the Master's Degree, is too hard? Good point! I'll take our proposal back to the Awards Committee for modifications, although that might delay your instant gratification for a month. My idea is that we require only 400 points to earn a 2000-Point Award (you can substitute being a relay on one of Dean's nets for the other 1600 points), and you can use wildcards for Alaska and Hawaii, which are not required under the new proposal, anyway. What do you think?

Before you start making plans, please understand that I am writing this on April 1. Hope you didn't get your hopes up! April fool!

I'll be back next month with something a little more serious (or not), or maybe more details about my IC-7100/Tarheel mobile installation. Or I'll just bash our Teslaphobe Ninth Area Director for his gas guzzler chauvinism. Depends on the mood I'm in.

73,

Ben – AE4NT
Awards Secretary

Eyeball Information Center

HOST: W8NET, Miles “Gene” Marsh

WHERE: BRIMFIELD (Kent), OH

WHEN: JULY 28-31, 2022

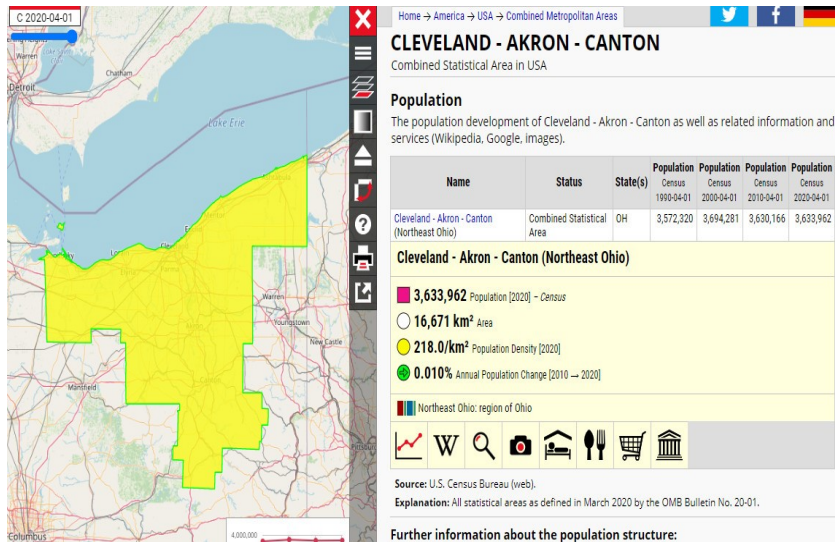
VENUE: Brimfield Community Center



Brimfield Community Center

The Brimfield (Kent), OH area is in the greater metropolitan Cleveland, OH area. The combined area has approximately 3.6 million people. Cleveland, OH is 45 miles away. Akron, OH is 12 miles away. The venue in Brimfield, OH adjoins Kent to the north. The City of Kent is 3 miles away from the Brimfield Community Center.

Kent is a college town, home of Kent State University. Kent has many good restaurants, from fast food to fine dining.



HOTELS (ALL less than 1/2mi away from the venue):

Holiday Inn Express & Suites \$\$

Comfort Inn & Suites \$\$

Hampton Inn \$\$

Econolodge \$

Days Inn \$

Super 8 \$

*** Kent is a college town. In late July, it is not busy. Hotels are begging for business.***

CAMPGROUNDS:

West Branch State Park *RECOMMENDED*

Cherokee Campground

Countryside Campground

Hidden Valley Campground

*** I have visited all except Hidden Valley ***

AIRPORTS:

Cleveland Hopkins Airport (CLE) – 45 miles

Akron-Canton Airport (CAK) – 20 miles *** RECOMMENDED ***

Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) – 93 miles

INTERESTING POINTS:

20 min from Hartville, OH

30 min from Cuyahoga Valley National Park

40 min from OH/PA border

2hr 10min from PA/NY border

2hr 20min from OH/MI border

3hr 15min from OH/IN/MI tri-state

MANY fishing spots, including a few less than 20 min away!

MANY golf courses in the area

40 min - MGM Northfield Park Racino

50 min - JACK Casino Cleveland

45 min – JACK Thistledown Racino

40 min - Hollywood Game at Mahoning Valley Race Course

50 min - Cleveland Indians (now the Guardians) at Progressive Field, Cleveland, OH

15 min – Akron Rubber Ducks, Canal Park, Akron, OH – AA affiliate of the Indians/Guardians

TENTATIVE AGENDA:**THURSDAY:**

8:30am - Pro Football Hall of Fame visit (maybe), Canton, OH (Host: Kevin Marsh, harmonic of W8NET) ***

6:00pm - Dinner – Burgers, chicken, pizza, etc at the Portage County Amateur Service (PCARS) club site!

8:00pm - 40m Early Net and 75m Early Net at the PCARS club site! AWESOME CLUB SITE!

FRIDAY:

8:30am-11:00am – QRP Nets, 40m and 75m

8:30am - Hartville area (Hartville Market, Hartville Kitchen, Hartville Hardware – see details) (Host: Jackie Marsh, XYL of W8NET)

3:00pm-5:00pm – 40m CW QRP Net

5:00pm - Dinner at Mike's Place (Kent) (you buy)

8:00pm - 40m Early Net and 75m Early Net at Brimfield Community Center

8:00pm – Bingo Night with prizes

*** It will be HoF Induction Week, so I must check the schedule and possibilities

SATURDAY:

6:30am - Early coffee and donuts at the venue

11:00am-12:00pm - Mobile Shoot Out - 3 good places, working it for the best venue (I have contacted WF4H and AE4NT for details). Sandwiches and drinks at the Shoot-Out site

12:30pm - Lunch at the venue – cold cuts, chips, salad, etc.

2:00pm - Group Photos/Master Photo

3:30pm - BoD Meeting

4:15pm – Awards meeting

5:30pm - Banquet (SPECIAL DINNER – DETAILS LATER)

8:00pm - 40m Early and 75m Early nets at the venue (will have a good antenna and 500W amp)

XYL Ice Cream Social (my boss, er XYL, Jackie has ideas!)

SUNDAY:

6:30am – Continental Breakfast at the venue

8:00am-10:00am – 20m SSB QRP Net

8:00am – Volunteer clean-up at Brimfield CC

More TBD

*** *NET SCHEDULE IS TENTATIVE* ***

DOOR PRIZES:

Grand Prize will be a new HF Rig (TBD)

Second Prize – DX Engineering Gift Card

Third Prize – Yaesu HT

*** Some events could be rescheduled or canceled

MAIN VENUE:

Brimfield Community Center

4538 Edson Rd, Kent, Ohio 44240

Facilities:

capacity: 89

A/C

kitchen with refrigerator, microwave oven, and sink

two restrooms

two levels

eight 8-foot folding table

four 6-foot folding tables

90 metal folding chairs.

handicap accessible

WiFi

Website:

<https://brimfieldohio.gov/departments/brimfield-community-center/>

VENUE MISC:

Brimfield Community Center has WiFi.

I will have 3 laptops at the venue for Zoom and logging

I plan to run the 40m and 75m Early Nets both Friday and Saturday from the venue. That could change

I will have an OCF dipole (134ft) at 30ft+ at the venue

The radio at the venue will be a Yaesu FT-897 with an EMB 500W Solid State amp

Backup radio is a Kenwood TS-140S, and backup amp is a Heathkit SB-200 (600W+)

We have several 2m and 73cm repeaters in the area. I will be sending info soon.

Some photos of the interior of the Brimfield Community Center



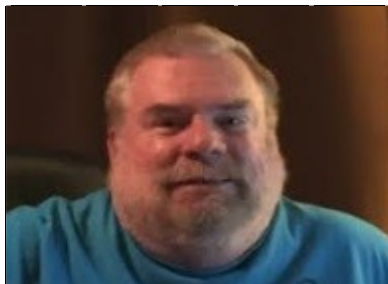
Check the Club's Website www.3905ccn.org often for updates!

Looking forward to "seeing" you at the Eyeball!

Gene W8net

The history of signal reports and why we use them on our nets

By Marty Blaise, AG5T



Amateur radio users in the U.S. and Canada have used the RST signal reporting system since 1934. It was developed by amateur radio operator Arthur W. Braaten, W2BSR (SK). The RST code reports the readability on a scale of 1 to 5, the signal strength on a scale of 1 to 9 and the tone of the Morse code continuous wave signal on a scale of 1 to 9.

During amateur radio contests, where the rate of new contacts is paramount, contest participants often give a perfect signal report of 599 even when the signal is lower quality, because always providing the same signal format enables them to send Morse code with less thought and thus increased speed. *(I find it funny in contests when they say you are 59 your call your call your call your call again?? Again again?)*

A signal strength and readability report are standardized formats for reporting the strength of the radio signal and the readability (quality) of the radiotelephone (voice) or radiotelegraph (Morse code) signal transmitted by another station as received at the reporting station's location and by their radio station equipment. These report formats are usually designed for only one communications mode or the other, although a few are used for both telegraph and voice communications. Here is a chart of the RST system:

ARRL R-S-T System

No.	Meaning		
	R	S	T
9		Extremely strong signals	Perfect tone, no trace of ripple or modulation of any kind
8		Strong signals	Near perfect tone, slight trace of modulation
7		Moderately strong signals	Near pure tone, trace of ripple modulation
6		Good signals	Filtered tone, definite trace of ripple modulation
5	Perfectly readable	Fairly good signals	Filtered rectified a.c. but strongly ripple-modulated
4	Readable with practically no difficulty	Fair signals	Rough note, some trace of filtering
3	Readable with considerable difficulty	Weak signals	Rough a.c. tone, rectified but not filtered
2	Barely readable, occasional word distinguishable	Very weak signals	Very rough a.c., very harsh and broad
1	Unreadable	Faint—signals barely perceptible	Sixty cycle a.c. or less, very rough and broad

Trivia: in early days there was sometimes a report of 599X with the x meaning “crystal controlled solid” signal

Why do we use signal reports on Century Club nets?

1. To indicate how we are hearing/printing the other station.
2. When the net control hears both numbers passed correctly, she/he or a relay can verify it was a solid contact.

3. Makes the net run faster with quick exchanges

Hams have come up with some interesting ways to give verbal signal reports. Some common terms heard on 3905 Century Club nets for voice reports:

- 2-1 Blackjack
- 2-2 Minimum rifle shot bang bang
- 2-4 Piece of Lumber
- 3-3 (rolls the three on the tongue twice) tttthhhhhreeeee by tttthhhhhreeeeee
- 4-4 Magnum
- 5-5 Old Speed Limit nickels nickels
- 5-6 pick up sticks
- 5-7 Heinz Variety
- 5-8 Roller Skate
- 5-9 Maximum Niner Niner

When working a DX station

When you work a DX station, especially if English is not their first language, do not use the cute sayings. Use numbers. Most DX stations know what is called QSO English, meaning they should understand numbers for the signal reports. Some people say to never give a DX station a 2x2 report either.

Examples of signal reports:

Let's say you are on RTTY and are copying almost every character of another ham's transmission. You can send the other station a 599 report. The other station might return a 599 or it could be a lesser report. But you did copy the station almost 100 percent, so that's 599. One thing we all need to remember is that if you are hearing or printing someone solid, they might not be copying you solid. There is occasional one way propagation and I've heard 59 and 21 exchanges. So don't feel bad if you get a 559 or 449. Just report what you received.

Ok, so now you are on SSB and hear a weak station. You send a 33 and the station returns a 33. Note that on nets you will hear a lot of the word "also." Sometimes a difficult contact has a short propagation surge where you might pick up the word also. In this case you would say thank for the 33 – 33 both ways. Our mind/ears seems to hear the word "also" through static and qrm. And, from hearing "also" many times on the nets. (The brain also seems to copy cq and qrz and up up plus numbers)

New station comes on the net: I've heard new check-ins unfamiliar with the net exchanges sound something like this:

3905er: AB1XYZ, you are 59 at my location, you're 59 maximum ok?

AB1XYZ: Thanks I got you at a 57. (did not repeat the 59 the 3905er gave them, this is not a complete contact). Also, sometimes they will just say thank you and not give a report. Just remember you were also once new to the nets and needed to learn the reporting system. *Note to relay stations – it is okay to tell net control it was not a complete contact or that the signal report was wrong.*

The best way I've heard to handle this NEW station situation is to tell them that he/she needs to repeat the signal report sent to them so net control can roger the contact.

Another thing I've heard NEW stations say is you are s20 over 9 here. Most of us know that's a 59. Thank them for the 59. In other nets I've heard some things such as 1 x 1, 6 x 6 and 5 x 10.

What have others heard? How can we help new stations with signal reports? Some of the NCSes do a good job saying anywhere from 21 minimum to 59 maximum. From personal experience, maybe 90 percent of NEW stations are not going to be on NetLogger and that means they cannot see the AIM window. If they ARE on NetLogger, a NCS or Logger could post them a short AIM message about signal reports. (and if not on netlogger, they will need to be told verbally, or texted on digital, how the signal report system works). As stated before, we were all new and had to learn about signal reports. Some other things:

Another trick I've seen on the PSK31 and RTTY nets is to use hard returns to space out the numbers:

229

229

229

2222222222

2222222222

9999999999

The word "also" seems to get through on digital modes as well: you are also also also 339 339. And I've also seen people on digital send "too" when both are 599. U R 599 too.

When I joined the 3905 Century Club back in 1990, the net control would say to put both signal reports on the QSL card when you work a mobile station. I think it's a good idea to put BOTH signal reports on EVERY QSL card you send. You can use S for signal report sent and R for signal report received.

__ Early Net __ Late Net			
Signal	MHz	2x Mode	
		S	
		R	

The signal report on this qsl card includes enough boxes for 5 x 9 or 599 reports, with S for sent and R for received.

I learned a tough lesson in my early days on Century Club nets. Don't give someone who is clearly a 59 a 54 report. He was not very happy about me giving me a 54 and was very vocal about it on the air. I was brand new and was not certain of giving reports. I was trying to be TOO precise. I wanted to crawl under a rock! But don't worry about being exact. Use your own judgement and you will be fine. There is not much difference between a 58 and 59 but there is a difference between a 22 and a 55.

There is a difference in signal reports when operating FT8, but we do not have any nets using that mode. If you do operate FT8, you will be familiar with -17 and +2 as possible signal reports. However, in FT8, it is the software that calculates the report based on signal floor, noise and other measurements. FT4 has the same kinds of signal reports.

Oh, and one thing not to say for a signal report: *your signal is blowing my doors off, you are really blowing smoke, 10-4?*

73,

Marty AG5T

DX on the Nets!

By Stephen Davis, K7QHU

Yes, contrary to popular belief, there are DX stations checking into our nets! I wrote a script to query the NetLogger database for the month of March, to see how many DX stations had checked into our nets. I was pleasantly surprise! The 40m SSB Late Net on Wednesday, March 30 was phenomenal! 6 non-Canadian DX stations and 1 Canadian DX Station checked in. That's about 28% of the stations needed for the 40M SSB DX Award!

The only bummer is that no DX (other than Canadian DX and no offense to our Canadian members intended) checked into our 75M SSB Nets. But there is hope, as Dean noted in his column. Cycle 25 is beginning to fire up!

I have not included the Canadian check-ins as the list would have consisted of 107 stations! Let me know if you would like to see the Canadian DX stations listed as well in future reports.

3905 40m SSB Late Net	Wed 03/30/2022 06:05:42	F4CIM
3905 40m SSB Late Net	Wed 03/30/2022 06:05:42	LZ2CW
3905 40m SSB Late Net	Wed 03/30/2022 06:05:42	ON5VN
3905 40m SSB Late Net	Wed 03/30/2022 06:05:42	HP6LEF
3905 40m SSB Late Net	Wed 03/30/2022 06:05:42	6Y5PW
3905 40m SSB Late Net	Wed 03/30/2022 06:05:42	ON7HJA
3905 40m SSB Early Net	Tue 03/29/2022 02:46:04	KP4Z
3905 40m SSB Late Net	Thu 03/24/2022 05:00:24	DK5ONV
3905 40m SSB Late Net	Thu 03/17/2022 05:16:41	V44RR
3905 40m SSB Early Net	Sat 03/12/2022 01:46:04	8P4RG
3905 40m SSB Late Net	Wed 03/09/2022 06:00:34	IW3IBK
3905 40m SSB Early Net	Sat 03/05/2022 02:29:45	V44IR

The Radio Trip From HELL!

By John Reisenauer, Jr - KL7JR

In an earlier Telegraph I mentioned sometimes a backup plan for the backup plan is required. But when it comes right down to it, just how much extra gear should one take? We had two transmitters, two tuners and four mobile antennas and an EFHW wire dipole. We could operate on shore power or battery power. All gear was tested by me a week before we left for Hot Springs NP in Arkansas. We had high hopes to activate several parks and operate from Alaska and the Yukon! I guess Mr. Murphy picked up on that, hi hi!

Shortly after setting up at Hot Springs my fairly new TS-480 SAT started to show signs of low power only then no power at all after the antennas were tested. We were dead in the water here until Mike unboxed his Icom 706. Now the antennas gave us fits. My MFJ-1699 and MFJ 40m Hamstick played hard to tune. Once they settled down, we struggled with S-15 to S-20 QRN on 40 and 75m. The background conditions here in the park were not all that different from the pine forest I live in SC. I'm really scratching my head now.



R/V Icemobile IV in background of Hot Springs NP entrance.

We rocked and rolled on 40m early mainly through the relay help of Frank AA0ZP who sported a 5x9 signal all night. Thank you, Frank, for helping us fill our log. You made many of the 3905ers happy, including Mike and I! Mike used NCDXA's club call NH7DX and I used the Amigo Fun club WE4FUN. Seventy-five meters was very noisy as

well but we rocked that band too with each of us making 40+ contacts. The late nets were both horrible. We heard nothing. After all we endured at this park, we were happy to make all the contacts we did. It was comical at times as we had so much stray RF inside the RV that the AC and lights kept turning on and off. I shut off the breaker before it drove us nuts. My laptop was shocking me so off it went. More disappointment, later I learned my laptop had fried.

Early the next morning we headed for Big Bend NP in Texas. I had my xyl Claire call around for a new rig. I was leaning towards a FT-891 or a TS-590SG since the TS-

480s have been discontinued. HRO had none in stock anywhere...not a good sign.

Several other places were called and we got the same answer until Mike called Main Trading Co. in Paris, TX. They had one TS-590SG and we told them to mark it sold as we raced to get there before they closed on this Saturday afternoon. Imagine that a ham radio store in such a small rural town. The store was packed full of goodies too!

A 2-day drive put us at Big Bend NP near Presidio, TX on the Mexico border. The park camp grounds were either not open or the few that were open did not have a space for us. The backup plan was the Visitors Center where we'd camp out front after they closed. It was very hot and humid here in the desert forcing us to run the AC which further added to the noise from the generator and QRN. It finally cooled down at net time so we didn't need the AC. We were still plagued by noise as I switched back and forth between the generator (S20) and the RV batteries (S10). The LP generator was running loud then started to spit and sputter profusely. I checked the fuel gauge and we were nearly full. Not a good sign again! Cell phone coverage and the internet were sparse in this area, but Mike did manage to call Bob KN4EUK informing him we were trying to find the net!

Mike KU1V at the Visitors Center at Big Bend NP in TX.

We racked out for the night exhausted and disappointed. In the morning the generator was running worse so we decided to cut our losses and head home. [The gen is mounted to the under belly of the motor home and almost impossible to get at without a hoist.]

Although we drove 3,500 miles RT for a few contacts our experience didn't sour us on National Park activating. Mike has a couple parks planned for Eyeball 2022 and Jeff, K4JEL and I plan to put on Shenandoah NP (VA) and New River Gorge NP (WV) April 23-25. See you then.

73, de Yukon John KL7JR



Mike KU1V at the Big Bend NP Visitor Center

April 2022 Contests

Contests in April that could impact net operations:

- EA RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 2 to 1200Z, Apr 3
- Yuri Gagarin International DX Contest 2100Z, Apr 9 to 2100Z, Apr 10
- OK/OM DX Contest, SSB 1200Z, Apr 9 to 1200Z, Apr 10
- Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest 0600Z, Apr 16 to 0559Z, Apr 17
- YU DX Contest 0700Z, Apr 16 to 0659Z, Apr 17
- CQMM DX Contest 0900Z, Apr 16 to 2359Z, Apr 17
- SP DX RTTY Contest 1200Z, Apr 23 to 1200Z, Apr 24
- North American SSB Sprint Contest 1200Z, Apr 24 to 1159Z, Apr 25
- UK/EI DX Contest, CW 1200Z, Apr 30 to 1200Z, May 1
- Russian WW MultiMode Contest 1200Z, Apr 30 to 1159Z, May 1



Upcoming Events in April, 2022

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.

- 3905CCN Board Meeting: Saturday April 9, 2022

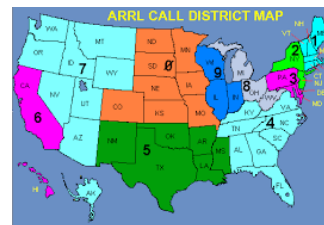


- Weekly Zoom Meeting on Wednesdays at 01:30pm Pacific Time. Check your email for the Zoom log-in information



Road Trips!

Diane N7NGI and Timothy N8TF are planning a big move and will try to provide some excellent mobile contacts on the way from the state of Washington to the state of Arkansas! Below is the information Timothy sent to the Telegraph:



Diane (N7NGI) and I (N8TF) will be moving at the end of April from Washington state to Arkansas. I have 2 potential routes at this time.

The first is to take I90 east to I29. Then I 29 south to Arkansas. That route will involve operating the net mobile from Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Iowa, maybe Nebraska, Missouri, and finally Arkansas.

The second route will be I90 east, I82 east, I84 east, I80 east, I29 south to Arkansas. That route will include operation in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and finally Arkansas.

My actual route can be tracked using APRS with the following link <https://aprs.fi/#!call=a%2FN8TF-7&timerange=3600&tail=3600>.



Map of possible routes for N7NGI and N8TF

Along with operating N8TF, Club call W0ZN, I plan to obtain a special event call for both myself and my XYL along with getting a club call for N7NGI.

I am planning to leave April 25th but with my eye everything is up in the air. I will try to post announcements on www.tim-force.com.

National Parks on the Nets

For those working on the National Parks Tourist Award, John, KL7JR and Jeff, K4JEL plan to operate on the nets from the **Shenandoah NP (VA)** and **New River Gorge NP (WV)** April 23-25.

CLASSIFIED ADS

This section is for members who would like to sell, swap, or purchase ham gear. If you would like to list your equipment here, please send the information to k7qhu@outlook.com. The deadline for ads is the 25th of the month.



SORRY!

No Ham Gear For Sale This Month

The End - Exit with a Smile!

Well I've finally reached
the Wonder Years.
Wonder where my
car is -parked?
Wonder where I
left my phone?
Wonder where my
sunglasses are?
Wonder what day it is?



Thanks and a tip of the Telegraph Hat to Peter N2XTT for the cartoon!

