

# The Centurion

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## 17th Eyeball In Illinois

By Gene Marsh N9OZI 1994 Eyeball Coordinator



It is my pleasure to announce that the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual 3905CC Eyeball will be held at scenic Starved Rock State Park in north central Illinois. Starved Rock State Park is located about 1 3/4 hours west of Chicago, Illinois just off of Interstate 80, and adjacent to the town of Utica, Illinois.

The legend of Starved Rock, from which the park gets its name, comes from the days when Indians inhabited the area. The legend tells of a band of Illiniwek Indians being tracked by a group of Ottawa and Potawatomi. The Illiniwek took refuge on a 125 foot outcrop of rock which overlooks the Illinois river and were surrounded. The Indians were held there for many days until they starved to

death. I hope to be a bit more hospitable! While many of the details have yet to be finalized, I can assure that you will be warmly received and well fed!

The Starved Rock State Park area has many motels, campgrounds, restaurants, antique shops, etc. The park itself has a newly remodeled, beautiful lodge and 18 equally beautiful cabins. Unfortunately, virtually all of the rooms and cabins have been reserved since late October, 1993! I have reserved the last couple of rooms and cabins and will hold the reservations for the first club members who express an interest in them.

Not far away in Aurora and Joliet, Illinois are the State's newest attraction, riverboat casinos. These have proven tremendously popular and reservations are recommended.

As in the past, we will have nets in operation from the eyeball on Friday and Saturday evening. Our Board meeting will be on Saturday afternoon, followed by dinner for all. I have arranged for a few nice "door prizes" so far, with more to come. There will also be Bingo and other activities for the non-hams.

The Starved Rock State Park area is easily accessible by road from almost any direction. You can get to Interstate 80 in Illinois from the southeast by I-65 or I-57, from the south/southwest by I-55, and from the north by I-43.

For more information regarding the 3905 Century Club Eyeball, please send a SASE with two units of First Class postage to Gene Marsh, N9OZI, 703 N. Lew St., Plano, IL 60545. Included will be a map of the area, some information regarding accommodations, and registration materials. You may also call me at home - (708) 552-3024 or at work - (708) 818-1868 for any additional help or information.

I look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones this August. I think we will all have a great time. For any of you who may have attended the Century Club Eyeball in the past, you know I have big shoes to fill!

## Hawaii, The Second Time Around

By Jim N5OHL

I could hardly wait to get there and set up the antennas. It was our second trip to Hawaii. Many of you may remember back in March 93 when Fred KB5MRU and myself N5OHL operated portable Hawaii combo on 40 and 75 meters. This time we had high hopes for more contacts. Steve AA8DP had helped out by providing an antenna that would work 40, 75, and also 160 meters. I can tell you that was one long mess of wire! We stayed with Terry Clayton (KH6SQ) and his gracious wife Donna. They have a bed and breakfast on Maui with a marvelous view of the entire valley. Terry let us use his station which includes a six-element tri-bander at 35 feet. One of the first things I did was to climb up the tower and attach the dipole center. We managed to get the antenna up easily in one direction but had to go around the neighbors house with the other side. It tuned up fine and I had really thought it would work. At net time on 40 we heard nothing. Same thing on 75 and 160. Next morning it was time to get the mobile antenna out. Fred had bought a new Texas Bug Catcher that had been tuned up already back in Texas. What a nice antenna! We had a rent car and put the antenna right on top with a magnetic mount and three nylon guy ropes. I can tell you we really go some weird looks driving around the island. Even the local hams were amazed, having never seen anything like it before. Fred had bought a new Kenwood TS-50. This small rig is wonderful for mobile or portable use.

We tried on 40 and 75 meters for the next three days but heard nothing. We drove all around trying to find a place we could hear the net., One night we went down to the beach and put a ground wire directly into the Pacific Ocean. This time we could just barely hear one or two stations on the 40 meter net. Signals were very weak, so it was no surprise that we could not get checked in. On 75meters it was again, no signals. We even tried a dipole in a tree down by the ocean. It was so disappointing after going this far. Our last effort was to drive the car to the top of the 10,000 ft high Haleakela Volcano. This time we finally got checked into the 40 meter net and made a few contacts. Fred made four contacts while all I could do was to make two contacts. Band conditions were just not cooperating. Signals coming into Hawaii were weak and basically we could only hear the west coast. On 75 and 160 - no propagation at all. I even tried a delta lop but heard nothing on 75. Looks like we went just a little to early in the year. Never-the-less, the trip was great because of the relaxing time we had acting as tourists with the very weird car antenna. We saw all the major sights on the island and dined at several wonderful restaurants.

I know that several Century Club members helped out with small contributions. We certainly appreciate your support. your investment is still good because we are thinking about going again to Hawaii or perhaps to the Caribbean.

## Club President Paul Vandergriff WI4Y



Paul is now serving his second term as President of The 3905 Century Club. Don't try and find his home QTH on the map, best I can figure out it don't exist(maybe he is the only one that lives there), but it's somewhere in Alabama just south of Chattanooga Tennessee.

Hobbies include fishing, hunting and most sports, besides ham radio, gardening rates very high(that's because of his love for food). Paul also makes almost all of the fishing equipment he uses, including rods and lures.

Livelihood is earned as a substation inspector for the Electric Power Board of Chattanooga TN. Service with the board has been over 33 years.

Radio equipment in his arsenal includes Omni 6, Icom 765, Delta 2 Ten Tec mobile rig and an all mode Icom 251. You can find him on just about every band and mode the Century Club has.

## Thanks, Mike!

by Gene Marsh, N9OZI  
9th Area Director

After many years of dedicated service to the 3905 Century Club, Mike Morrow, NJ3Z, is resigning as 9<sup>th</sup> Area Awards Manager. As you probably know if you live in the 9<sup>th</sup> Call Area, Mike has done a superb job for us, and his services will be missed.

Mike has just finished work on his dissertation for his PHD which he expects to complete shortly. He will then be moving out of Indiana in June of this year. Due to his work load and on-going interview commitments, Mike has asked me to accept his

resignation ASAP. At this time a replacement has not been chosen.

Because of Mike's resignation, I am asking all 9<sup>th</sup> Call Area members to please hold off on sending in award applications until a new awards manager has been chosen. Please check net frequencies for announcements regarding the new awards manager.

Again, Thanks Mike, and good luck to you in the future!

(Late news on 9<sup>th</sup> Area Awards Manager)(received at press time)

It is my pleasuse to announce that effective April, 15 the new 9<sup>th</sup> Area Awards Manager will be:

**Dave Czerniak KE9OI**  
**694 E. 1100 N.**

**Wheatfield IN 46329-8398**

(Please note this is Daves's new 911 address)

For those of you in the 9<sup>th</sup> area you can now start sending your award applications to Dave. I'm sure the 9<sup>th</sup> area awards are in good hands, Dave will do his usual outstanding job for the 9<sup>th</sup> area and the Century Club.

## Dead Tree Limbs Don't Support Heavy Amateurs

-or-

### Be Sure To Take EVERY Precaution When Working On Antennas

By Marty Blaise AB5NN

I was absolutely determined to get on the 160-meter Century Club net. I tried a trap dipole. It didn't work. Then I put together a 1/2-wavelength dipole. It worked much better and I made contacts in several states. Of course, while I was putting it up in the tree, I fell from about 12 feet above the ground and landed on my knee -- it was bruised for awhile, but I recovered.

So ... could I leave well enough alone? NOOOO, I had to fix the antenna better. Two tree limbs were keeping part of the dipole from being as high as I wanted it. I was determined to saw off those two limbs. I just HAD to get that antenna HIGHER.

On Super Bowl Sunday, I told my wife, Susan, that I would be going out into the woods behind our house to work on sawing off those two limbs. She wasn't exactly too happy with me climbing on the ladder, since my knee was still sore.

I went back out into the woods where I put up the 160 dipole. I placed the ladder against the tree, and tied a hand saw to my belt loop with a piece of cord.

I climbed up to the top rung and then attempted to pull myself up into the tree. I reached for a limb to pull myself up and then "CRACK!!!!" the limb broke off, I lost my balance, the ladder fell and I crashed to the ground, 14 feet below.

I landed right on my back and had the wind knocked out of me. In addition, one of my tennis shoes had caught hold of something and had torn to pieces with my big toe being cut and bleeding.

As soon as I was able to get some of my breath back, I hollered out for help, hoping Susan could hear me. She did hear me (later on she told me she was REAL MAD that I went climbing in that tree) and came out to see what had happened.

I had landed at the base of the tree with my head on the tree. I tried to get up, but couldn't. The pain was excruciating!

I tried several times to get up, but just could not do it. I asked Susan if we should call 911. First, I didn't want to, but then I decided we had better do it.

Susan went back to the house and called 911. She also called my dad. Since there is a fire station only about 1 mile away from our house, I soon heard the fire truck siren as one of the trucks rushed to our street. I was totally embarrassed, but what could I do? I was flat on my back and couldn't move. My dad had told Susan I should not try to move, because I could have had internal injuries.

#### Paramedics and the Emergency Room

The fire station crew came out into the woods and looked over my situation. They took some vital signs while they waited for the ambulance to arrive. The ambulance arrived a few minutes later and the paramedics came out into the woods. The paramedics were great -- they were able to put me onto a stretcher and carry me out to the ambulance. By regulation, though, they had to strap me down, put me in a cervical collar and make it where I couldn't move at all during the ambulance ride.

They took me to one of the hospitals in Houston, but ran without lights or siren. Even in pain, I chatted with the Paramedic about scanners and radios and dispatching, etc. -- talk about being a radio nut -- I guess I am addicted.

Susan told me a bunch of folks from the neighborhood watched as I was loaded into the ambulance. She went to talk to a couple of neighbors. One of them said "How many more antennas does he need?" to Susan (believe me, I DON'T NEED any more antennas for awhile).

I was taken to the emergency room and put into a room where the ER doctor on call came in and checked me. I had extreme pain in my right rib cage and back just above my posterior. I also had shortness of breath because of the rib pain.

First an IV in my hand. Ouch! Then it was on to the X-Ray room. I had X-Rays of my chest and then I had to drink this chalky white junk called Barium so I could have a Cat Scan of my abdomen. Did you ever drink Barium? It's no margarita, believe me.

Back to the emergency room. Wait wait wait. Whoops, they forgot to get a Pelvis X-Ray. Back to X-Ray. Pelvis X-Ray taken. Then back to the emergency room.

Finally, the doctor said all X-rays were negative. The only problem was that a urinalysis showed my red blood cell count was higher, possibly from some internal bleeding.

It was certainly hard trying to stand up. I had to get mobilized though so I could go home. Before I left, I got a pain shot and a pain pill. They helped a lot. Then ... it was on to home ... with me walking VERY VERY slowly to my dad's car.

Folks, I WAS LUCKY! I could have broken my neck or worse. I must have had an angel with me during my fall(s).

I was still in pain as I was writing this story. I had to take two days off from work. I have learned quite a few lessons from all this and that is why I wanted to write this story - so others will practice safety.

What can you learn from my story? Here are some points:

- Never work on antennas alone.
- Do not try to pull yourself up by a dead or almost dead tree limb.
- There is more to life than antennas.
- Don't use a short ladder when you really need a much longer one.
- Remember, there are other things in life much more important than radio -- my wife Susan is due to have a baby on May 27 -- can you imagine if I'd lost my life that the baby would never have known its daddy?
- While trees can be great antennas supports, they aren't towers and they can be extremely dangerous.
- Listen to your spouse or significant other. If you've been injured, don't take foolish risks while you are healing.
- I really was LUCKY. It could have been much worse.

Please use safety when you are climbing a tower or a tree or whatever you are doing when working with antennas. It is your life and I want to see all of you stay alive.

## Election Results

Here is the results of the 1994 election:

President - W14Y Paul Vandergriff

Vice President - N8IFS Ralph Mitchell

2<sup>nd</sup> Call Area - WU2M Rocco Conte

4<sup>th</sup> Call Area - K8MZA- Ricardo Meana

6<sup>th</sup> Call Area - AB6TX Wendell Turner

8<sup>th</sup> Call Area - KM8O Wells G. Gardner

10<sup>th</sup> Call Area - KF0RH Harold Schelin

Harold Schelin KF0RH was elected by the Board of Directors as Chairman of the Board.

## BOD Minutes

12/11/93

Nominations for Club Officers

K15RN nominated for President by KD1BM

N0IFL nominated for Vice-president by KF0RH

N8IFS nominated for Vice-president by KM8O

Election plans for January 20, 1994.

KA3SQL will conduct the 75 meter election with KF0RH to assist. No one volunteered to conduct the 40 meter election.

W14Y moved to approve Starved Rock State Park at Utica, IL, as 1994 eyeball site with Gene, N9OZI, to host. Eyeball will be held the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 1994. Approved

KM8O moved that beginning January 1, 1994, start the 75 meter net at 0100Z with late net to begin at 0900z. Early net will change back to 0200z during Daylight Savings Time.

Defeated

KF0RH announced that K0AFY is the 10<sup>th</sup> Area Awards Manager, effective December 11, 1993. WBOVRN has resigned that job.

Meeting adjourned.

1/8/94

W4BKP moved to close nominations for Club President and Vice-President. Approved

N0UCCG will conduct the 40 meter election with N5LIB to assist.

W4BKP moved that 100 point certificates issued through January 29, 1994, will entitle the holder to vote in the January 1994 election. Approved

Net Control Stations for Anniversary (Old Timers) night will be: WD0GAH for 75 meters and N8IFS for 40 meters.

KA3SQL moved to amend By-Laws (II.A.1.) to read:

"President - Shall be responsible for presenting and administering the policy of the Board of Directors to the general membership, overseeing the operations of the nets and associated activities, and announcing each month's Board of Directors meeting agenda on the early 40 and 75 meter SSB nets on the Monday preceding the board meeting. He shall have the right to designate members to act in his stead in these functions. (All past presidents have permanent VIP status with the club)" Motion Withdrawn

N05C moved to authorize the 1993 eyeball host, K15RN, to transfer left-over 1993 funds to the 1994 host, N9OZI to use for the 1994 eyeball. Approved

2/12/94

W4BKP moved to approve the results of the 1994 club on-the-air election as reported by KF0RH.

W14Y elected President.

N8IFS elected Vice-president.

Approved

W4BKP moved to approve the results of the club Directors election as reported by KD1BM

WU2M elected 2nd Area director

K8MZA elected 4th Area Director

AB6TX elected 6th Area Director

KM8O elected 8th Area Director

KF0RH elected 10th Area Director

Approved

W4BKP expressed his appreciation to the Board of Directors for its cooperation during his three year term as Chairman, particularly when meetings were affected by adverse propagation and/or deliberate interference. Numerous Board of Director members thanked W4BKP for his services

Meeting adjourned

## Numbering the Centurion

By Jim Byrd KD5FW

There seems to be some confusion as to how the newsletter is numbered. I'm going to try and attempt to explain how the process works. I do not care for this system as it seems to confuse some people (that includes me). But, it will have to do until I can come up with a better system, which doesn't seem to be easy.

First is the Volume number, this is done by the year, as you can see the Centurion is into it's fifteenth year. Of course there are four issues a year starting with number one and the Winter issue, number two is the Spring issue and so forth through the Fall issue.

As I have said before the numbering system is confusing even to me, so once in awhile I goof up when entering a new subscription. It is a honest mistake on my part and not done to cheat anyone, the biggest problem is getting the wrong year on the mailing label, causing it to expire with one issue. If this happens please let me know; it is not necessary to send copies of your canceled check as I make copies before I deposit it. Just bring it to my attention and I will make the corrections and keep your issues coming your way. Thanks for your patience with me and my mistakes, I'm only human (well most of the time).

## Subscriber Notices

Notices are available free to all current subscribers. Deadlines; Jan. 15 for Winter, Mar. 1 for Spring, June 15 for Summer and Sept. 15 for Fall

**ARO-LOG 2.0 (IBM-Format)** Here's a dedicated 3905CC logging program... All nets including RTTY. Keep track of the awards offered by the club plus dupe checking, QSL information, Hit list, points checking, and more. And this for only \$20 and includes a 5-1/4 disk, operating manual and shipping charge. Jim Tester, K17GO, 1004 Cowlitz Way, Kelso, WA 98626

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This very fast Commodore-64 based logging program includes soft/print. Move from file to file, and other great features. No other program is faster. This new version is completely compatible with older version. Mention 3905CC for a special price of just \$10. Wayne Gurley K15F, Rt. 1 Box 379M, Wills Point, TX 75169 (903-873-3172)

### PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED!

If you have a photograph of yourself, alone, in the shack or with the family please send me a copy. I have been collecting Century Club photos for several years and have an extensive collection. If you have a photo of a member you wish to part with please include it so I can add it to my Rogue's Gallery. My address as of April 15, 1994 is: Rita A. Weed - KD1BM, 1176 Iranistan Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06605-11121

☆☆☆☆ Awards Update ☆☆☆☆

**NCS AWARD**

**BILL ASHELY WB4NWR**

**75 METERS**

**100 POINT** 1942 N0LOH, 1943 KF9PG, 1944 KB8ESY, 1945 KR4DU, 1946 WA0CLR, 1947 KA2NMH, 1948 KB0IHH, 1949 N7WWQ, 1950 WA0SMX, 1951 AA3FC, 1952 W3DHN, 1953 KC4WKR, 1954 KF2RX, 1955 KB3PJ, 1956 AA0KK, 1957 KB0IHH, 1958 KA4SWL, 1959 N3OWG, 1960 KF4D, 1961 N6YNI

**500 POINT** KB2MN, VE3OVX, KC1NA

**1000 POINT** 316 KQ4CJ, 317 KC1NA

**2000 POINT** 88 KO4VI

**5000 POINT** 9 KF9GP

**8000 POINT** 1 W9RMP

**ALPHABET** 161 K2LJJ, 162 KF2EY, 163 KI7RI, 165 KF8KW, 167 KD1HH

**BAKERS DOZ** 301 K2LJJ

**MOB ENDOR** WU9T

**CALL AREA** (6) 123 KD0OK, (3) 124 KC1NA, (6) 125 KC1NA, 165 KF8RW

**CERT HUNTER** 133 WD4OMP, 134 WB1BTJ, 135 KI7RI, 136 KN4WL

**NITE OWL** 133 KG7YQ, 134 KN4WL, 135 N0OKS, 136 KI7RI

**NOMAD** 1500 N3DRO

**NUMB RACKET** 32 KF2EY

**VIP** 401 KG7YQ, 403 KN4WL, 405 AA3FC

**WAS** 441 KG7YQ, 442 KN4WL, 445 KD1HH

**WAS - CAPS** 346 KI7RI

**W/V E ENDOR** WY8V

**40 METERS**

**100 POINT** 1644 KA2JUQ, 1645 AB6WS, 1646 AB5OK, 1647 N6FSH, 1648 K5GJ, 1649 KF9OH, 1650 KN4WL, 1651 KB0IHH, 1652 KF9IO, 1653 N7WWQ, 1654 WA0CLR, 1655 K5RHR, 1656 KM6QF, 1657 NU5V, 1658 KA4SWL, 1659 N7LOO, 1660 KF4D

**500 POINT** KC4WKR, KB8ESY, KF9OH, WB5FKH

**1000 POINT** 296 KI6D, 297 KB8ESY, 298 AAOCK, 299 KA4SLQ

**5000 POINT** 20 N7DZK

**9000 POINT** 7 K6FO

**12000 POINT** 2 KOAFY

**ALPHABET** 164 KB8ESY, 166 KF8KW

**BAKERS DOZ** 302 N0UCG

**MOBILE** 68 KA2JUQ

**CALL AREA** 1,3,4,5,7,0- 117 N7UDT, 118 N7UDT, 119 N7UDT, 120 N7UDT, 121 N7UDT, 122 N7UDT

**NITE OWL** 100 KG7YQ

**NOMAD** 52 KF8KW, 2300 N3DRO

**VIP** 404 AA0KK

**WAS** 443 KD0OK, 444 NOUCG

**WAS-CAPS** 347 N5OHL, 348 KB8ESY

**W/V E ENDOR** WY8V

**160 METERS**

**100 POINT** 128 W9RZW, 129 KF9PG

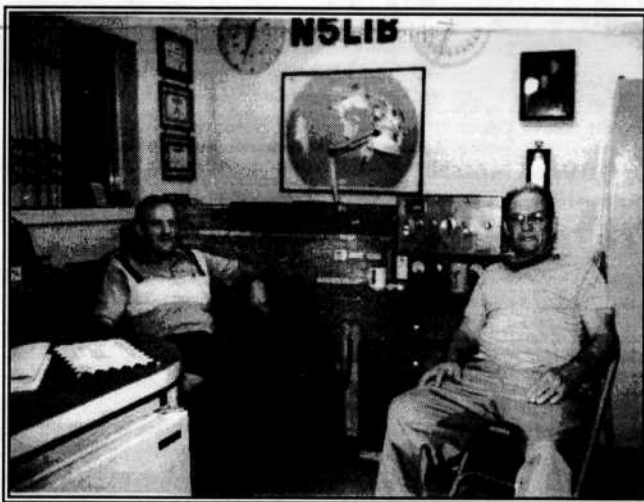
**ALPHABET** 1 W8GDQ

**CERT HUNTER** 1 W8GDQ

**NITE OWL** 5 AA8DP

**CALL SIGN CHANGES**

**N7WOC NOW KI7RI**



**Wendell AB6TX  
visiting the shack of  
Hale N5LIB**



**Wendell AB6TX Holder  
of the first Masters  
Award at the shack of  
W6RO(THE QUEEN  
MARY)**



**Price increase**

By Jim Byrd KD5FW

Because of a thirty percent increase in the cost of printing the newsletter, I am forced to increase the cost of the subscription of The Centurion. When I went to print with the last newsletter, my printer informed me that because of his cost increase, mine was going up. I have searched for a printer that will do the printing cheaper with good quality, but it has been in vane. At best in the past printing and mailing the newsletter was a break even deal, this does not include my expendables. So as you can easily see it's not a money maker (but actually some of the cost comes out of my pocket), but it's not intended to be, you hope only to break even. With the printing increase and the upcoming postal increase I really have no choice. I do hope everyone understands. With this issue the price of both the U.S. and Foreign Centurion will increase by fifty cents per year. That's \$4.00 U.S. and \$5.00 Foreign. U.S. funds please, the banks here charge to exchange money.

