

The SKCC Centurion

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the SKCC Centurion. The intent of this newsletter is to be a communication vehicle that will reach members and non-members alike. Initially a copy of each monthly newsletter will be available in PDF format in the file section of the SKCC Yahoo Groups and on <http://www.skccgroup.com>.

Why an SKCC newsletter? Successful radio clubs have a newsletter. It is part of what makes them successful. Look at FISTS, NAQCC, QRP-ARCI, 10-10 International. All have a newsletter.

The newsletter is a great way to introduce the Straight Key Century Club to non-members and the PDF format makes it easy to share with friends. Additionally, a newsletter is a great way to share information and experiences with your friends.

The SKCC Centurion will have regular features like, shack of the month and key of the month where you can showcase your shack and tell us about your keying device, new members to announce new arrivals, and awards we all work hard to earn. Consideration is being given to several ideas including an Elmer's Corner where new hams, CW operators, and members can find helpful information to get started. We encourage members to share their ideas for newsletter content with us.

The Straight Key Century Club is a rapidly growing club with over 2700 members in just over a year. For this growth to continue and our members to remain active, it is imperative we have a good communication vehicle. The SKCC Centurion is just the vehicle for the job.

Happy Anniversary SKCC

Happy 1 Year Anniversary SKCC! Well, it's been a year since the Straight Key Century club was founded and the group has grown more than we ever imagined. It would have fizzled out very quickly if it were not for the hard work, determination, and imagination of the **membership**. For this, we thank each and

every one of you who have supported us (and put up with us) over the past 12 months.

And it's more than just a "club" or a "group", it's a family. I'm sure I speak for many others, but I've made many friends through this group that I probably would have never met without a club affiliation. It is nice to finish a QSO and have someone drop in for a quick "howdy". Hopefully, if we make it to Dayton this year, I'll get to meet some of you. If not, maybe I'll see you the next time we make a cross-country road trip.

Here are the highlights of what the membership has accomplished:

- Over 2500 members as of the end of December
- Over 300 members added during the month of January alone
- 58 members have received their "Centurion" award for working 100 members. These members use their SKCC number plus "C" for Centurion.
- "Straight Key Sprint" (second Wednesday of the month – 0100-0300 UTC)
- "Higher Speed Gathering" each Wednesday night (0300-0400 UTC).
- Club call – KI4SLY – and QSL card
- Special event call for our one-year anniversary – K1Y
- List of Elmers
- Our very own Newsletter!

And there are other ideas "in the works".

Instead of just one or two leaders, this has been a group effort with over 2800 leaders. Every suggestion and idea is forwarded to the moderators for discussion and consideration off the list (you see some of the items on the list also). Not everything gets acted on immediately, and some things take more discussion and preparation than others, but rest assured every suggestion and idea gets considered. So, if you have an idea or a suggestion, pass it on to the moderators – moderators@skccgroup.com.

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73 and see you on the air!
Melinda / KI4CIA
SKCC # 2C

FCC Actions

The FCC delivered amateurs two new decisions at the end of 2006. These were new band plans and the elimination of the Morse code requirement for any amateur license.

The new band plan for 40, 20 and 15 meters was not too bad. The 15, 20, and 40 meter plan now allows Novice, Technician Plus, General, and Advanced to operate CW, RTTY, and data down to 21.025, 14.025, and 7.025 MHz. However the 80 meter plan expanded the phone portion of the band down to 3.600 MHz, and CW operators lost 150 KHz. This sent the CW nets scrambling to find a new frequency. Consequently, there is a lot of CW activity on the lower 75 KHz of 80 meters. Be patient, courteous, and make sure you send QRL a few times before calling CQ.

The Morse code requirement for all amateur radio class licenses was eliminated and it becomes effective 2/23/2007. This move was not unexpected as this debate has been raging for several years. It was only a matter of time before the Morse code requirement disappeared from examinations.

Morse code is still a legal emission mode, and by the sounds of the bands, very much still alive. We may actually see a resurgence of CW operators simply because we want to demonstrate how many amateurs actually use CW. A good example is Straight Key Night. In 2006 there were only 87 soapbox entries for SKN and the 2007 event already has 188 entries.

What has changed? We are a little more crowded and everybody but Extra class operators got more spectrum in which to operate. CW is still a viable and efficient mode of communication, use it.

K1Y Operations

To commemorate the one year anniversary of the Straight Key Century Club, a volunteer group put together a special event station operation. The special 1x1 callsign, K1Y, was assigned to SKCC for the entire month of January. The idea was to make K1Y available to as many SKCC members as wished to participate and spread the word about SKCC.

Headed by Kevin K4VD, a group of volunteers coordinated the schedules for each of the 10 U.S. call areas to ensure only one operator activated K1Y at any given time in each call area. Initially it was slow getting members to reserve time to operate, but as time passed and K1Y went on the air, requests for time started coming in. Some call areas were more active than others, but the point was to put K1Y on the air and spread the word about SKCC.

The K1Y special event stations started off with participation in the ARRL Straight Key Night operating event and participated in the Straight Key Sprint. The K1Y guest operators generated lots of interest and interestingly enough, the SKCC membership took a sharp up tick after K1Y operations commenced, see New Mem-

bers in this issue.

Stations contacting K1Y and wanting a QSL card should send an SASE via Kevin K4VD. A K1Y Sweep Certificate was awarded to any operator who logged K1Y in each of the 10 U.S. call areas. An 8.5 x 11 inch SASE envelope is required for a Sweep Certificate.

The K1Y guest operators did an outstanding job racking up over 4200 contacts. This first anniversary special event was a huge success. Congratulations and thank you to all the K1Y guest operators.

Awards

The Straight Key Century Club Hall of Fame recognizes members who exemplify the ideals of the Straight Key Century Club. The inaugural Hall of Fame members are keeping alive the traditions of CW operation through their on-air activities and have become ambassadors for the club. Inductees into the Hall of Fame have earned the recognition and respect of the Straight Key Century Club membership. Induction into the Hall of Fame cannot be refused and is irrevocable.

Let it be known, that the following members have earned Straight Key Century Club's highest honor, without whom the Straight Key Century Club would not exist or be as well organized as it is today.

K4VD - Kevin der Kinderen - SKCC #605 - Centurion #4 - Kevin runs the monthly SKCC sprints. He secured the club call-sign, then the vanity callsign, proposed the Honor Roll and the Hall of Fame and continues to bring exciting ideas like the Elmer program to the club. His enthusiastic spirit and dedicated promotion of the club has earned him the honor of being the first SKCC Member inducted into the Straight Key Century Club Hall of Fame.

KC9ECI - Tom Peterson SKCC #1 - Without Tom, there would be no SKCC. Tom takes care of new memberships, gives out new numbers and works with the membership database updates.

KB4T Frank Haas - SKCC #981 - Centurion #31 - Frank setup much of the yahoo group and takes care of keeping the spam out of the message boards. He also coordinates the weekly SKCC Higher Speed Gathering.

W5ALT/YV1 Walt Fair, Jr - SKCC #103 - Walt setup the SKCC forum software and the membership certificate generator.

KA3CTQ Dan Rhodes - SKCC #2338 - Dan proposed, setup and manages the SKCC QSL Bureau.

KI4CIA Melinda Alsobrook - SKCC #2 - Melinda has served the past year as Public Information Officer and issues SKCC press releases.

W2LJ Larry Makoski - SKCC #49 - Larry has put together the

Centurion and WAS awards certificates for the past year. He creates them and sends them to Tom KC9ECI, to sign.

KB3DNZ Sam Garula - SKCC #1749 - Sam is the SKCC Webmaster. He created and maintains the main SKCC website. He regularly posts updates to the website and works with the membership databases keeping the member search function current.

N6WK Gordon Benjamin - SKCC #3 - Centurion #40 - Gordon provides the SKCC domain name registration and hosting for skccgroup.com. Gordon also regularly works with the membership databases. He approves awards applications and has acted as moderator for the past year.

Please join us in congratulating these deserving members.

A Message From KA3CTQ

It amazed me how fast this group and the bureau are growing. I know the QSL bureau is only one month old, but I wish the bureau would grow as fast as the group

We have 70 call signs listed now. We need more to be at "critical mass." That is, enough hams listed to make it worth while to use the bureau.

There are cards for 100 hams waiting envelopes. These were sent in the beginning by a couple of people with their SASEs. They were hoping that these other ops were going to send in envelopes also. I don't want to send them back. They will be here for two more months.

We have been advertising on ham web sites, the SKCC web page, and on the group emails. This has helped up grow, many don't know about this service.

Now, we need your help two ways. First is to get your envelopes in. Next is to get the word out by suggesting the bureau on the air.

You can tell someone "QSL via buro." When you ask, they may want to know more. During a QSO, you can say "pse qsl. gud in skcc buro." They come back with "didnt knw abt skcc buro." You can send "chk out buro on skcc web page."

One last thing, when you send in envelopes, please put your call sign in the upper left corner. This is how we sort the envelopes.

TNX and 73,
Dan, KA3CTQ

SKCC QSL Bureau

Exchange QSL cards with fellow SKCC members via the SKCC QSL Bureau operated by Dan K1GGG. This is a free service to SKCC members and operates like other club QSL bureaus. SKCC FREE QSL Bureau is for all stations, members and non-members, for confirmation of contacts. You do not have to

be a member of SKCC to send in card to hams that are "Good in the SKCC Buro."

Please QSL. Even though cards are not required for SKCC awards; members who may be working for other awards need your confirmation. Do not wait to receive cards before you send. When you have enough outgoing QSLs to fill an envelope, send them in along with some Self Addressed Stamped Envelopes (SASE's).

If you would like to use the bureau, send SASE's, with at least one units of postage each, to the bureau. You may want to send in more than one SASE to start.

It is highly suggested to use only #10 business sized envelopes (4-1/8" x 9-1/2") when sending SASE's to the bureau. This helps with organization, and 99.9% of all cards fit in them without the need for folding.

For easier sorting, we require the following format for addressing your return envelopes.



When there are enough cards coming to you to fill an envelope, the bureau will send them out. This may be 6 to 10 cards depending on weight.

Notes for good QSL Cards:

QSL cards with cross-outs, write-overs, erasures, etc., cannot be accepted for awards. If you make a mistake, throw the card away and write a new one.

- If the frequency is in MHz, be sure to put the decimal in the right place.
- If the station you worked was mobile or portable, log both reports and indicate on the card where the station was mobile at the time of the contact.
- Most hams use UTC time format. Please take note of the proper date for contacts after 0000 UTC.

DX

The process for handling DX cards to be determined. May ask for payment instead of sending in envelopes with postage. We will let you know when this is set up.

Checking Your Status

You can [check your status](#) in the bureau at any time to see how many envelopes are in inventory. They are listed by call sign. The bureau is updated regularly and the date of the page represents the most recent list.

Mail your cards and envelopes to:

Dan Rhodes, KA3CTQ
5408 Chillingham Place
Frederick, MD 21703

Contest Corner

Upcoming contests in February and March 2007

February, 2007

FYBO 1400z-2400Z, Feb 3
Vermont QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 3 to 2400Z, Feb 4
AGCW Straight Key Party 1300Z-1600Z, Feb 3
YLRL YL-OM Contest, CW 1400Z, Feb 3 to 0200Z, Feb 5
ARS Spartan Sprint 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 6
KCJ Topband Contest 1200Z, Feb 10 to 1200Z, Feb 11
FISTS Winter Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, Feb 10
North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 11
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint 0130Z-0330Z, Feb 14
AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening 1900Z-2030Z, Feb 14
ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 17 to 2400Z, Feb 18
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 1
Road Kill Roundup QRP Kontest 0230Z-0400Z, Feb 22
High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1100Z, Feb 25 and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 25

New Members

New Members for January 2007

2513 KM5WX Richard Batesville MS
 2514 KD8AZQ Robert Lexington OH
 2515 W0VD Dan Carthage MO
 2516 N3ZL Greg Florence SC
 2517 W3SAL Jim Bakerton WV
 2518 NS2X Greg Cookeville TN
 2519 IK0JFS Cosmo Gaeta Italy
 2520 NV0S Gary Northglenn CO
 2521 DF9DX Frank Titz Germany
 2522 KA3NZR Harry Ferrum VA
 2523 IK0YGJ Carlo Rome Italy
 2524 KX3X Greg Reynoldsville PA
 2525 N3KRX Jerry Houston DE
 2526 WA2GBF Harvey Macungie PA
 2527 KD3JF Paul Glen Burnie MD
 2528 I6HWD Domenico San Benedetto del Tronto Italy
 2529 F5NLX Jean Marie Chambéry France
 2530 N1EI Charlie Mansfield Center CT
 2531 VA3ODA Ian Toronto ON
 2532 AG8A Randall Greenville MI
 2533 9A2VJ Vel Ludbreg Croatia
 2534 K8OMO Don Alliance OH
 2535 K2SQS Frank Edgewater Park NJ
 2536 W8MZ Mike Vacaville CA
 2537 N7BFO Chuck Ojai CA
 2538 K0UX Tim Sioux City IA
 2539 W4KP Tim Mount Sterling KY
 2540 W8ZC Joe New Albany OH
 2541 AI1V Rick Reston VA

2542 JJ0KTX / AC0AG Yoichiro Nagono Japan
 2543 AI4ID Sean Leesburg VA
 2544 W6RBK Larry San Jose CA
 2545 K2OKA Frank Hopewell NJ
 2546 KP4DX Fernando Corona CA
 2547 F4EIE Richard Sonnac/Hers France
 2548 AI9L Jess Braceville IL
 2549 W8NYK Doug Richwood OH
 2550 KC2OQE Dennis Hackettstown NJ
 2551 K9AO Rick Almont MI
 2552 WX4USA Hal Enterprise AL
 2553 N4MM John Boyce VA
 2554 WM4B Mike Kathleen GA
 2555 KI2X Richard Eden NY
 2556 N0HQG Harry Hugoton KS
 2557 W9EBY Tom Riverton IL
 2558 DL8KAZ Dieter Monschau Germany
 2559 NS1O Allen Bow NH
 2560 KB2VFX Dan Rockaway Beach NY
 2561 KF5TK Howard Benton AR
 2562 VA3RKM Bob Ottawa ON
 2563 AI4SN Herb Pensacola FL
 2564 KB9BIT Tom South Bend IN
 2565 K0VVT Steve Minnetonka MN
 2566 K6ETM George Annandale VA
 2567 K2WO George Orlando FL
 2568 N5BA Brian Houston TX
 2569 W1WOL Bill Springfield VT
 2570 KB0QZ Marty Centralia MO
 2571 W2USF Steve Tuckerton NJ
 2572 KC2LIX Bill Pleasant Valley NY
 2573 K8ZBN Steve Cincinnati OH
 2574 F5JBR Andre Cormoz France
 2575 AG4SI Bill Palm Bay FL
 2576 W2WSC Tuckerton Wireless ARC Tuckerton NJ
 2577 KI4STU Detrick Fairfax VA
 2578 KK5WA Darin Beebe AR
 2579 KB1NEK Christopher Shelburne Falls MA
 2580 WB8YYY Curt Eldersburg MD
 2581 KB4MSU Jim Eaton OH
 2582 KA4UPI Mark Dublin GA
 2583 WA4PZD Cooper Lithonia GA
 2584 W8HYD Dick Raleigh NC
 2585 KH6JRM Russ Laupahoehoe HI
 2586 N4MUH Mike Jacksonville FL
 2587 N1ERF John Derry NH
 2588 W0HY Jeff Saint Paul MN
 2589 AA3EE Dave Pittsburgh PA
 2590 KK4H Charles Travelers Rest SC
 2591 AE3A Colin Scarsdale NY
 2592 AD7JS Rick Twin Falls ID
 2593 KA8VIT Bill Euclid OH
 2594 N9KOQ Ken Addison IL
 2595 W9NM Emil Rockford IL
 2596 KA2KDJ Gary Schuyler NY
 2597 N9NZ Mike Mountain Green UT
 2598 K5DMC Jerry Kiln MS
 2599 W9NXM Joel Lake Zurich IL
 2600 KE6X Rick Thornton CA
 2601 N4EO Jerry Honolulu HI

2602 KG9HV John Lafayette IN
 2603 K1YRW Richard Branford CT
 2604 WC4R Joe Williamsburg VA
 2605 K4XL Ken Lynchburg VA
 2606 WA3INF Dave Virginia Beach VA
 2607 AB3AP Mike Avondale PA
 2608 KB8SCI Steve Valley City OH
 2609 K1NV Jon Pahump NV
 2610 K0JW Steve Richmond IN
 2611 KE0KI Gerald Nixa MO
 2612 W7CW Jay Centerville SD
 2613 NY8H Dave Wixom MI
 2614 KB8WSG Charles Circleville OH
 2615 AB5S Dave Nevada TX
 2616 N5XGG Joe Colmesneil TX
 2617 NG2T Jeff Fort Plain NY
 2618 DL3HWO Herbert Raguhn Germany
 2619 ON4LBV Willy Geraardsbergen Belgium
 2620 W7QS Gary Seattle WA
 2621 W9KTB Tom Conyers GA
 2622 WA4CSH Glenn Fisherville KY
 2623 W7IUO Don Preston ID
 2624 W3JBS Joe Westtown PA
 2625 WS1V Clint Peterborough NH
 2626 W6PRI William Cupertino CA
 2627 WA5MHE Larry El Paso TX
 2628 WD5EAE Stephen Hawkins TX
 2629 KG4AQN Robert Apex NC
 2630 KP4GL Carlos Cayey Puerto Rico
 2631 KA9NOO Tom Wadesville IN
 2632 NP3CW Julio San Jaun Puerto Rico
 2633 K7ZQ Walt Bellevue WA
 2634 N9DD Tom South Bend IN
 2635 WB1EEE Vince Inverness FL
 2636 KB5FOG Keith Oklahoma City OK
 2637 N7CVB Carl Beaverton OR
 2638 G3VVP Fred Plymouth UK
 2639 W7MQ Bill Tucson AZ
 2640 K5CTM Charles Broken Arrow OK
 2641 KL7Q Roger Wasilla AK
 2642 N8UO Ken Warren MI
 2643 K4JK John Dumfries VA
 2644 WD6DBM Eric Santa Clara CA
 2645 WA4HPH Greg Carmi IL
 2646 N5KY Jim Albuquerque NM
 2647 KE7U Francis Sierra Vista AZ
 2648 KA1AIE Greg Marion IA
 2649 K1VM George Cumberland RI
 2650 WA7DUY Jim Ellensburg WA
 2651 W7FGD David Kelso WA
 2652 IZ1CLA Sauro Sarzana Italy
 2653 W3FDK Rolan Adamstown MD
 2654 AD8Z Mike Celina OH
 2655 WA7DHW Jay Bountiful UT
 2656 AI4HY John Asheville NC
 2657 W2NI John Troy NY
 2658 K2YWE Dan Annapolis MD
 2659 K7IM Kim Bainbridge Island WA
 2660 AA3DW Ray Aberdeen NC
 2661 VA3GRV Vince London ON
 2662 K1LGQ Dennis Brookline NH
 2663 KC2MJT Nate Peru NY
 2664 W1SCW Shawn Coventry RI
 2665 N8AP Spencer Howell MI
 2666 KP4FMU Juan Corozal Puerto Rico
 2667 HP1AC Camilo Panama Panama
 2668 WR5H Ken Austin TX
 2669 W9AH Sam Frankfort IN
 2670 WB9WHG Dave Marshall MN
 2671 K0HWY Bruce Hildebran NC
 2672 K5ECI Bill Enid OK
 2673 VE9TER Terrence Sackville NB
 2674 N1GAL Gary Londonderry NH
 2675 KF4IHX Ernie Port Saint Lucie FL
 2676 WQ8N Darrell Dayton OH
 2677 N3YNT Paul Bethlehem PA
 2678 KI4LTL Mike Concord GA
 2679 W5MPC Mike Oxford MS
 2680 WT2W Jim Auburn NY
 2681 W6RF Rob Henderson NV
 2682 KP4FA José Mayaguez Puerto Rico
 2683 KC2MWJ Tony Erial NJ
 2684 K4TWJ Dave Gardendale AL
 2685 DL2VIC Andreas Schleching Germany
 2686 K3DK Dieter Trappe PA
 2687 AD4CJ Tim Brentwood TN
 2688 WB4ZDU Ray Louisville KY
 2689 K9MRA Steve Cedar Point NC
 2690 WI6O John Moorpark CA
 2691 ON5GK Roland Kortrijk Belgium
 2692 AD5UU Paul Houston TX
 2693 K3GK George Hendersonville NC
 2694 K0QH John Sainte Genevieve MO
 2695 WB2BJW Bob North Syracuse NY
 2696 W7MEW Mike Cheyenne WY
 2697 KD1XU Don Bradford ME
 2698 W9ARE Cliff Luxemburg WI
 2699 KA0EGZ Arthur Henning MN
 2700 N2FC Chris Henning MN
 2701 VE1KY Bas Lake Charlotte NS
 2702 DK2VJ Kurt Illingen/Saar Germany
 2703 N0OH Jerry Chisholm MN
 2704 K0KLN Don Madison MN
 2705 DF2OU Rolf Sandesneben Germany
 2706 VE3CQK Robert Oakville ON
 2707 N5CLM Greg Roswell NM
 2708 N1ZS Dave Woodbury CT
 2709 K8RBW Dick Chicago IL
 2710 W4AO lloyd Commerce GA
 2711 N8KZF Charles Amesville OH
 2712 K0BXB Martin Kissimmee FL
 2713 KL7IDA Bill Delta Junction AK
 2714 W7OS Radio Club of Tacoma's Antique Radio Museum
 University Place WA
 2715 KE7CNO John Fairfax VA
 2716 WA4BAM John Miami FL
 2717 N9LTT Michael Columbus IN
 2718 K4KHV Jimmy Marianna FL
 2719 WA3SLN Mike Montoursville PA
 2720 DL4VAN George Pinningen / Saar Germany

2721 AA6YT Ken Chico CA
 2722 HB9DQJ Markus Ittigen Switzerland
 2723 KD8EZA Jeff Bowling Green OH
 2724 N4IZ Don Charlotte NC
 2725 AB2MH / 9Y4RAJ Ryan Wayne NJ
 2726 W8JCR Larry Bellbrook OH
 2727 WA9WNE Terry Suwanee GA
 2728 KK7YJ Jim Missoula MT
 2729 WB2LOS Michael Lake Grove NY
 2730 WA2UMP Jim White Plains NY
 2731 K5PEW Graham Oklahoma City OK
 2732 N7IE Bill Layton UT
 2733 W4CU Tom Seminole FL
 2734 K7TSS John Green River Wy
 2735 KB0MHE Tom Chisholm MN
 2736 KD8DOW Brenda Mineral Wells WV
 2737 KC8BOP Dan Midland MI
 2738 VE3FC Fraser Cambridge ON
 2739 KC8TEO Lloyd Marietta OH
 2740 N6CMF Phil Yucaipa CA
 2741 K0ITC Mark Red Cloud NE
 2742 WA4TOJ Marvin Staunton VA
 2743 AB6TY Richard Paso Robles CA
 2744 Pending Doc Oakton VA
 2745 NA5Q Roland Rayne LA
 2746 WA3KYY Mike Rockville MD
 2747 K1UTI Bob Port Charlotte FL
 2748 AC2C Ron Ellicott City MD
 2749 K3USH Bob Rockville MD
 2750 W0NBP Bill Ottumwa IA
 2751 W8WFB George Greenford OH
 2752 W8ERJ Mary Greenford OH
 2753 WB9FMC Kurt Chicago IL
 2754 KC5AML Wade Walker LA
 2755 W8LKY Alliance Amateur Radio Club Alliance OH
 2756 W1DCD Fred Sudbury MA
 2757 KB2EE Larry Henrietta NY
 2758 W3CRR Craig Silver Springs MD
 2759 K9ALT Glenn Wausau WI
 2760 KI4GYT Clark Waynesboro GA
 2761 OE1KBC Kurt Wien Austria
 2762 PA3CWG Ronald Hellendoorn Netherlands
 2763 KB1NSB Dave Winsted CT
 2764 KD8CWP Len Ada MI
 2765 PA3CLQ Jan Geertruidenberg Netherlands
 2766 WP4NSZ Carlos Caguas PR
 2767 KJ4SJ Ray Richmond VA
 2768 N0FL Ferdinand California MO
 2769 KB0BXE David Lake Benton MN
 2770 N8GL Glenn Ortonville MI
 2771 W7GB Don Moses Lake WA
 2772 WA0AVA Don Leawood KS
 2773 WB4FDT Pip Baltimore MD
 2774 KI4OYH Walt Owensboro KY
 2775 KB1NHV Art Graniteville VT
 2776 KD5FJ Don Dallas TX
 2777 KE7JOG Felix Lummi Island WA
 2778 KD5NUY Chris Conway AR
 2779 AE4YK David Martinsville VA
 2780 KI6EAO Leroy Rancho Palos Verdes CA
 2781 VU2CDP Deepak Mumbai India
 2782 NQ4A Kevin Lorton VA
 2783 KA9DOL Andy Brookfield WI
 2784 KE4UUT Michael Greenville NC
 2785 W5DY Rodney Goliad TX
 2786 WD5DWC Joe Bogalusa LA
 2787 W8WR Larry Greenville MI
 2788 AB2II Patrick Olean NY
 2789 W5FIT Sanford Kingsland TX
 2790 K6YK John Stockton CA
 2791 N4IZ Don Charlotte NC
 2792 VO1MX Dan Appleton NL
 2793 KG6TJJ Joann Sunnyvale CA
 2794 AE6SI John Buena Park CA
 2795 WB8LSV Barry Port Charlotte FL
 2796 K7PEH Phil Kirkland WA
 2797 WA8TNC Bruce Akron OH
 2798 KA1RFD Rod Pittston ME
 2799 DJ6XG Georg Kaufbeuren Germany
 2800 N3DWB Jeff Jonestown PA
 2801 W6WAW Fred Whittier CA
 2802 KC9KEP Tom Muskego WI
 2803 W8ACW Genesee County Radio Club Inc Flint MI
 2804 KE7GYQ Douglas Tucson AZ
 2805 N7WEJ Steven Sumter SC
 2806 W2BED Richard Trumansburg NY
 2807 KB4CRT John Micanopy FL
 2808 WD5B Richard Oxnard CA
 2809 K8PWL Howard Alexandria OH
 2810 K5UBS Oscar Dallas TX
 2811 AB9V Mike Westfield IN
 2812 KU3G John Lititz PA
 2813 AC8W Stan Marysville MI
 2814 N1HH Harvey San Diego CA
 2815 KL7SB Stephen Anchorage AK
 2816 KB0GI Sam Jefferson City MO
 2817 N4JRY Jerry Timmons ville SC
 2818 KA0GMY Steven Raleigh NC
 2819 WB2IVJ Steven` Massena NY
 2820 W1EWW Guy Waterville ME
 2821 K4NKR Hal Raleigh NC
 2822 W4NLM Joe Palmetto FL
 2823 WA2JJV Paul Malabar FL
 2824 KA1SAW Neal Northborough MA
 2825 WB4FTD Phil Baltimore MD
 2826 W0JFR John Louisville CO
 2827 W1JUD Trinity College Radio Club South Orleans MA
 2828 W1NAP Siesta Wireless Society Newington, CT
 2829 W3MWR George West Chester PA
 2830 N1CCF Chris Pittsfield MA
 2831 KC8ZON Mark Parkersburg WV
 2832 KD6PDZ Dave Riverside CA
 2833 WB6QQR Steve Long Beach Ca
 2834 K9US Tim Bedford IN
 2835 WB1CCF Chas Tolland CT
 2836 N2JNZ George Ogdensburg NY
 2837 VE3FYN Warren Atikokan ON Canada
 2838 WD8JJA Rick Springville IN
 2839 KD9XH Ted Sarasota FL
 2840 OK2SWD Dusan Ostrava CZECH REPUBLIC

2841 W1WTG Charlie Virginia Beach VA
 2842 KI6FOA Trevor Corona CA
 2843 WA9OAO Larry Muncie IN
 2844 KD7OWN Bob Centralia WA
 2845 W2AD Norm Montour Falls NY
 2846 W3MWR George Westchester PA
 2847 WB8REI Jeff Tiffin OH
 2848 WB4OUF Frank Raliegh NC
 2849 K1HTJ Bill Granteville VT
 2850 KA8FTS Rodger Canton OH
 2851 KB7EEG Chris West Point UT
 2852 W8LHP Bob Buchanan MI
 2853 W9UCR Bob Cape Coral FL
 2854 WB5GTM Jerry Tulsa OK
 2855 K1EEB Joseph Sandbornton NH
 2856 N8ZI Tom Richmond MI
 2857 KC0JBU Kevin Lafayette CO
 2858 WA2WMR Lind Burke VA
 2859 W4BWP Bruce Havana FL
 2860 N2HY Humphrey Mays Landing NJ

New Centurions

These members are new Centurions for January 2007. Contacting 100 other SKCC members and exchanging name and SKCC number earns you this distinction.

44 N1RX 698 Bruce Newport NH 01 January 2007
 45 KG4W 2416 Ed Glen Allen VA 11 January 2007
 46 KI4CIA 2 Melinda Tuskaloosa AL 15 January 2007
 47 NN8B 36 Don Hanoverton OH 16 January 2007
 48 WQ5P 216 Harold Lubbock TX 16 January 2007
 49 WD9DWE 1564 Dennis Seymour IN 16 January 2007
 50 AD5VC 1555 Dana Baton Rouge LA 18 January 2007
 51 KD6DKC 1512 Rich Merced CA 18 January 2007
 52 KA4JQZ 333 Frank Fountain CO 23 January 2007
 53 KC9HGW 281 BOB Springfield IL 23 January 2007
 54 W4FOA 641 Tony Chickamauga GA 23 January 2007
 55 KI4GLH 656 DAVID Harrison TN 23 January 2007
 56 KJ7BS 2240 Mark Glendale AZ 24 January 2007
 57 W8FHF 753 Sonny Norwich OH 27 January 2007
 58 K9WZB 1849 Garry Lake Havasu City AZ 27 January 2007
 59 K2RFP 2099 Dick Miller Place NY 28 January 2007
 60 AI4RE 2308 John Rockledge FL 29 January 2007
 61 W8III 270 Dave Delton MI 31 January 2007

Key of The Month

This beautiful key is the official SKCC key from Llaves Telegraficas Artesanas (LTA). The SKCC Key is craftsman-made by LTA in Spain. Based on LTA's "Marconi" key, the SKCC Key features an antique Marconi style key on an oak base. The key features front and rear contacts (for make-break keying), and a cantilever tension spring at the rear of the lever.

All of the hardware is plated in 18K gold for durability and reli-



able conductivity as well as appearance. The SKCC Logo is engraved on the side of the lever, along with a serial number.. The photo above shows Serial Number 1. This key is available through [Morse Express](#).

Shack of The Month



Don Anderson, N7EF. HF Rigs are IC756pro3, TS-950S, FT-100. Amp is modified SB220 "Benton Harbor Alpha."

QRP (not shown): HW-7 and Argonaut V.

2M: TR-7950, VX-150, AT-201. 11-el Cushcraft beam at 35 ft

HF Antennas (80' of Rohn 25G):

KT34XA tribander @ 82', Cushcraft 402CD 2el 40m @ 70'

Full-sized 30m dipole @ 75' fixed E/W 402CD works OK on 17m, tribander works OK on 12m ¼ wave wire for 80m sloping to SE off tower from 65'

Accessories: Astron RM-50 PS , Kenwood PS-50 , Kenwood SM-230 scope, Daiwa 620 Crossed-needle power/SWR meter
 Shack has two weather stations, one hard-wired at 25', another wireless at 35' (wind is a big concern here).

The SKCC Centurion

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With SKCC every day is Straight Key Night!

The Straight Key Century Club is the fastest growing CW club focusing on manual generation of Morse code. Founded in January 2006, SKCC has grown to over 2500 members in calendar 2006. Members enjoy a very active email list server, SKCC forums, monthly sprints, and a monthly 24 hour operating event. Information about the Straight Key Century Club can be found at <http://www.skccgroup.com>.



Operating Frequencies

These are the suggested frequencies (+or - Khz) for SKCC members to congregate and look for other SKCC members. These are suggestions only, nobody owns any frequency. Be courteous and find a clear spot.

1.820 MHz
3.550 MHz
3.530 MHz
7.120 MHz
7.055 MHz
10.120 MHz
14.048 MHz
18.080 MHz
21.120 MHz
24.910 MHz
28.170 MHz
50.090 MHz
144.070 MHz

Operating Events

SKCC Sprint: SKCC Sprints take place each month on the second Wednesday of the month from 0100z to 0300z (Tuesday evenings 2000 Eastern Time). Rules for participation can be found at <http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sprint-rules.htm>. For more information, contact SKCC Sprint Manager Kevin Kinderen at kkinderen@gmail.com or check the SKCC Yahoo group Calendar.

SKCC HighER Speed Gathering: Every Wednesday at 0300z, SKCC members interested in building their sending (and receiving speed) gather around 3550 on the 80 meter band or 7055 kHz on the 40 meter band for some higher speed CW. Speeds from 23 WPM on up are typical but any speed that pushes your personal envelope is welcome. Straight keys, bugs, cooties or other side-swipers or any other mechanical key is welcome. The Gathering is NOT a Net. Pick a spot on or about 3720 or 7055 and call CQ SKCC HS at your desired higher speed.

WANTED

Pictures! Pictures of your shack, your keying device, QSL cards from interesting locations. Your picture should accompany a description or story about the key. Each month we will feature a different picture.

Writers! We are looking for SKCC members who can write a short article for The SKCC Centurion. The article can be a story about almost anything amateur radio related, but especially CW.

Elmers! We need a few members who can write elmering articles for our new club members and new hams alike. Everyone needs a little help getting started in amateur radio and SKCC club activities. This column will be reserved for those, how-to, and similar articles.