

# The SKCC Centurion

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## 2008 Straight Key Century Club Hall Of Fame Inductees

The Straight Key Century Club Secret Hall of Fame Selection Committee has released its list of members for induction into the Straight Key Century Club Hall of Fame for their contributions to the Straight Key Century Club. Working in strict confidentiality, the committee members deliberated and selected the inductee list for 2008. The selection committee members have chosen to remain anonymous and have forwarded the following for announcement.

Straight Key Century Club HALL of FAME Inductees for 2008

The Straight Key Century Club Hall of Fame recognizes members who exemplify the ideals of the Straight Key Century Club. Each year the SKCC Hall of Fame nomination committee selects club members for induction into the Straight Key Century Club Hall of Fame. The 2008 Hall of Fame members are keeping alive the traditions of CW operation through their on-air activities and behind the scenes efforts, 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 who the Straight Key Century Club would not continue to grow or be as well organized as it is today.

1) **AC2C - Ron Bower** #2748T - Centurion #128 - Tribune #51 - Ron is the SKCC Tribune Manager and is the Manager for the SKCC K3Y 3rd Anniversary event.

2) **K9JP - Jeff Peters** #3008T - Centurion #110 -

Tribune #31 - Jeff is the Membership Manager and the Elmer program Manager.

3) **K3UK - Andy O Brien** #1325C - Centurion #249 - Andy created and maintains the ever popular K3UK SKCC Sked Page.

4) **N2JNZ - George Osier** #2835T - Centurion #109 - Tribune #50 - George is the SKCC WAS Manager.

5) **KB4QQJ - Randy Drake** #3508T - Centurion #142 - Tribune #81 - 1xQRP #01 - 2xQRP #01 - Randy is the SKCC Event Calendar Manager and K3Y backup coordinator for all areas.

Please join us in congratulating Ron Bower (AC2C), Jeff Peters (K9JP), Andy O Brien (K3UK), George Osier (N2JNZ) and Randy Drake (KB4QQJ) for this outstanding accomplishment.

## Sideswiper Net

A group of Radio Amateurs using Morse code have established several informal radio nets to promote the use of the sideswiper, so called "cootie" key. These devices have a single horizontal lever with contacts on either side. The operator forms dots and dashes by pushing the lever to either side. Code from the sideswipers can vary from 5 to 30 words per minute and are much less tiresome to use as compared to vertical lever hand telegraph keys. Listen to the mentioned nets and you will find a nice sounding Morse code. All sideswiper users are warmly invited to take part in our nets. At other times, sideswiper aficionados can be found on the recommended calling frequencies.

For more information visit the Sideswiper Net website <http://sideswipernet.googlepages.com/home>.

### CALLING FREQUENCIES

**80 m:** 3566 kHz.

**40 m:** 7033 kHz.

**20, 15 and 10 m:** xx055 kHz.

### TRANSCONTINENTAL NETS

#### Sunday

**Time:** 1500, 1600 and 1700 UTC.

**Frequency:** ~ 14055 or ~ 21055 kHz.

**Net controlling station:** K3CKT.

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**USA NETS****Thursday****Time:** 7 PM EST.**Frequency:** ~ 7044 kHz.**Net controlling station:** N6SL or K3CKT.**Time:** 7:30 PM EST.**Frequency:** ~ 3556 kHz.**Net controlling station:** N6SL or K3CKT.

\* The 7:30 PM net will be used during winter months only.

**EU NETS****Wednesday****Time:**

- Daylight Saving Time (summer): 1600 UTC.

- Standard Time (winter): 1700 UTC.

**Frequency:** ~ 3566 kHz, alternate: ~ 7033 kHz.**Net controlling station:** \*.

## CQ Accepts eQSL Confirmations

**Hicksville, NY and Bedford, TX, January 13, 2009** - CQ magazine will accept contact confirmations made on the eQSL.cc electronic confirmation system for its operating awards effective immediately, CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, and eQSL Founder and Webmaster Dave Morris, N5UP, announced today.

There will be certain limitations and procedural differences for different awards, at least to start. Only confirmations from "Authenticity Guaranteed" members of eQSL will be accepted, and in accordance with existing eQSL policy, a membership level of bronze or higher is required in order to participate in award programs via eQSL.

"This is the first time that CQ has formally accepted anything other than traditional paper QSL cards for its awards," said Moseson. "We have been working with Dave Morris and his team for several months to assure that the integrity of our awards programs will be protected and to create mechanisms to make it easy for both award applicants and award managers to use eQSL credits toward our awards. All of our award managers have been involved in this process and support this action."

We want to express our great appreciation to Dave and his team for their willingness to do whatever was necessary to make this agreement possible," Moseson added. "It has been a pleasure working with them and we look forward to a long-lasting relationship."

"We are pleased to be adding CQ to the top of our list of amateur organizations that accept electronic QSLs," said Morris. "CQ has some of the most highly sought-after awards,

and we have been working behind the scenes for years to create credit submission mechanisms that would ensure the integrity of their programs without introducing any additional labor for the award managers. We believe the electronic QSL can drastically reduce costs, and the award application mechanisms we have developed will provide for more efficient processing at reduced cost for both the applicant and the award manager."

Applicants for the CQ DX and CQ DX Field Awards must print out their eQSLs and submit them along with their traditional QSLs to a CQ checkpoint or to CQ DX Awards Manager Billy Williams, N4UF. eQSL has an automated process in place for applicants for CQ's Worked All Zones, WPX and USA-Counties awards. N5UP explains how that will work for the applicant:

"The applicant goes to the My Awards screen. He clicks on the particular award he wants to apply for. This brings up a list of the credits our system 'thinks' he is entitled to. There are checkboxes that allow him to check which ones he wants to use, and we automatically pre-fill one credit per category so he doesn't have to do anything if he wants to take the defaults. At the bottom of the screen are two buttons: 'Submit to CQ' and 'Print Paper Application'."

The "submit" button will place all the selected QSOs into a file for the award manager to access, while the "print" button will generate a printed list to be submitted along with the traditional application. PLEASE NOTE that ALL applicants must send the award fee payment to the CQ Award Manager, regardless of how the application is submitted. Some CQ award managers are now accepting PayPal; see individual award web pages for details. All awards will continue to accept traditional QSLs as well as eQSLs. For the USA-Counties Award (USA-CA), applicants must note on their record books (or printouts) whether each county has been confirmed traditionally (with an "X" to the right of the entry) or electronically (with an "E" next to the entry).

For more information on eQSL, visit <http://www.eQSL.cc>

## Desecheo Island DXpedition

**February 12-26, 2009**

The US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has selected a group of hams led by veteran DXpeditioners Bob Allphin, K4UEE, and Glenn Johnson, W0GJ, to lead a DXpedition to Desecheo Island, KP5 (IOTA

NA-095), in early 2009. Desecheo currently sits at number 7 on DX Magazine's Most Wanted list. The purpose of the KP1-5 Project is to work toward a solution to the closure of Desecheo and Navassa islands to Amateur Radio operators by achieving lawful, periodic access to these islands pursuant to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service authorization.

While operating from these islands is a worthwhile goal, the

KP1-5 Project is dedicated to a long term partnership that jointly benefits the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Amateur Radio operators worldwide.

Desecheo is a small uninhabited island of the archipelago of Puerto Rico located in the northeast of the Mona Passage; 21 km from the west coast (Punta Higüero) of the main island of Puerto Rico and 50 km northeast of Mona Island. It has a land area of 1.5 km<sup>2</sup> (exactly 1,524,613 m<sup>2</sup>, or 0.589 sq mi, or 376.74 acres). Politically, the island is administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

For more information about the Desecheo Island DXpedition visit the official KP5 web site <http://www.kp5.us/>.

## New FCC Amateur Radio Enforcer Named

Laura L. Smith of Pennsylvania has been named by the FCC to fill the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired in 2008 as Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau. Hollingsworth served in that position for more than 10 years as the FCC's enforcement watchdog over the Amateur Radio Service.



A 1990 graduate of the Pepperdine University School of Law, Smith began her legal career with the FCC, working in the Mass Media Bureau and Wireless Telecommunications Bureau. She also served as Deputy Division Chief of the Public Safety and Private Wireless Division. Smith is currently licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

In 1998, Smith left the FCC to become Executive Director of Governmental Affairs for the Industrial Telecommunications Association (ITA), now Enterprise Wireless Alliance. In that role, she monitored FCC and legislative proceedings and participated in all regulatory proceedings relevant to the private wireless industry. In 2001, Smith became ITA's President and Chief Executive Officer. While in that position, she was instrumental in the formation of the Consensus Group, a group of public safety and private wireless entities responsible for drafting the "Consensus Plan," a proposed resolution for interference in the 800 MHz band; this was adopted by the FCC in 2004.

Smith returns to the FCC after serving Of Counsel with the Maryland law firm of Shulman Rogers. While there, she dealt with telecommunications matters and provided counsel to numerous entities in the private radio and public safety communities. Smith has served as an industry consultant and written columns for a variety of trade publications including Mobile Radio Technology Magazine and The Private Wireless Magazine.

In an October 2008 letter to then-FCC Chairman Kevin Martin,

ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, urged Martin to name a successor to Hollingsworth: "The appointment of a replacement Special Counsel in this position is of critical importance to the Amateur Radio Service, as the delay in finalizing the appointment stands to undermine in very short order an exceptionally successful and low-cost program of enforcement in the Amateur Service."

Calling the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program "spectacularly successful," Harrison reminded Martin of the "long period in the late 1980s and 1990s during which the Commission was essentially uninvolved in enforcement in the Amateur Service. The Amateur Service, consisting of some 680,000 licensees of the Commission, is in essence a self-regulating service; however, due to the shared frequency allocations in the Service and the long distance propagation of amateur communications, a very few rule violators can cause severe disruption in the Service. On the other hand, even a minimal Commission presence has a very strong deterrent value."

When Hollingsworth was appointed as Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Harrison said that Hollingsworth "established a visible presence in the Service and very quickly, and with very little investment of Commission resources, using little more than the awareness of an enforcement presence, created strong deterrence against rule violations."

Upon learning of Smith's move to the Amateur Radio enforcement role, Harrison remarked that he was "very pleased to see the Commission move forward with the hiring of a new Special Counsel responsible for enforcement of the Amateur Radio Service rules," said Harrison. "Ever since Riley Hollingsworth announced his retirement, we have met with the Enforcement Chief numerous times and corresponded with FCC Chairman Martin to ensure this position remains intact at FCC. The Commission acknowledges the self-regulating environment we maintain, but also understands that we need their assistance occasionally to resolve a few situations. They have continually reassured us that this is an important matter for them, and Ms Smith's hiring confirms that."

## Antarctic Station On The Air Until February 18, 2009

(Feb 2, 2009) -- KC4USV, the Amateur Radio station at McMurdo Station on Ross Island in Antarctica is now on the air. According to Bill Erhardt, K7MT, who is stationed at McMurdo, the station boasts a new transceiver, amplifier and antenna. "We set up the equipment on January 19, tested it and went on the air," Erhardt said. "The station will be in operation on Sundays on 14.243 MHz, starting at 0001 UTC. We had a nice pile up last Sunday with



US hams on the East Coast and in the Midwest." Erhardt leaves McMurdo on February 18 and is unsure if the station will be on



the air over the Antarctic winter.

McMurdo Station is an American Antarctic research center located on the southern tip of Ross Island on the shore of McMurdo Sound, 2,200 miles (3,500 km) due south of New Zealand. It is operated by the United States through the United States Antarctic Program, a branch of the National Science Foundation. The station is the largest community in Antarctica, capable of supporting up to 1,258 residents,[1] and serves as America's Antarctic science facility, and the logistics base for half the continent. All personnel and cargo going to or coming from Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station first pass through McMurdo.

The station owes its designation to nearby McMurdo Sound, named for Lieutenant Archibald McMurdo of HMS Terror, which first charted the area in 1841 under the command of British explorer James Clark Ross. British explorer Robert Falcon Scott first established a base close to this spot in 1902 and built Discovery Hut, still standing adjacent to the harbor at Hut Point. The volcanic rock of the site is the southern-most bare ground accessible by ship in the Antarctic ("Facts About the United States Antarctic Program"). The United States officially opened its first station at McMurdo on February 16, 1956. Founders initially called the station Naval Air Facility McMurdo.

McMurdo became the center of scientific and logistical operations during the International Geophysical Year, an international scientific effort that lasted from July 1, 1957, to December 31, 1958. The Antarctic Treaty, now signed by over 45 nations, regulates international relations with respect to Antarctica and governs the conduct of daily life at McMurdo for USAP participants. The Antarctic Treaty and related agreements, collectively called the Antarctic Treaty System or ATS, was opened for signature on December 1, 1959, and officially entered into force on June 23, 1961.

On March 3, 1962 operators activated a nuclear power plant at the station. The plant, like nearby Scott's Discovery Hut, was prefabricated in modules. Engineers designed the components to weigh no more than 30,000 pounds (13,608 kg) each and to measure no more than 8 ft 8 inches by 8 ft 8 inches by 30 feet. The size restriction allowed, if necessary, shipment by the Hercules LC-130 aircraft via an ice runway at the adjacent Williams Field. A single core no larger than an oil drum served as the heart of the nuclear reactor. Reportedly, the reactor replaced the need for 1,500 US gallons (1,200 imp gal; 5,700 L) of oil daily.[2] Engineers applied the reactor's power, for instance, in producing steam for the salt water distillation plant. The U.S. Army Nuclear Power Program decommissioned the plant in 1972.

**Communications** (in addition to amateur radio)

McMurdo, for a time, had Antarctica's only television station, AFAN-TV, running vintage programs provided by the military. The station's equipment was susceptible to "electronic burping" from the diesel generators that provide electricity in the outpost. The station was profiled in a 1974 article in TV Guide magazine. Now, McMurdo receives three channels of the US Military's American Forces Network, the Australian Channel,

and New Zealand news broadcasts. Television broadcasts are received by satellite at Black Island, and transmitted 25 miles (40 km) by digital microwave to McMurdo.

McMurdo Station receives both Internet and voice communications by satellite communications with NASA's NPOESS Satellite. A satellite dish at Black Island provides 10Mbps Internet connectivity and voice communications. Voice communications are tied into the Raytheon Polar Services Company's headquarters in Centennial, Colorado providing inbound and outbound calls to McMurdo from the US.

## SKCC Contest Results

### SKS Sprint

**January 28, 2009**

This month's theme, Carl KC4FLT is Special SKCC Member.

Visit the SKS page <http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/> for full results.

There were 68 participants and the club call K9SKC was operated by Carl KC4FLT with a score of 496.

#### Category 1 – 1 Watt or less

**1st Place** Dan N4FI - 85 points  
**2nd Place** Bill NT9K - 74 points  
**3rd Place** None

#### Category 2 – >1 to 5 Watts

**1st Place** Tom KA2KGP - 281 points  
**2nd Place** Jason N8XE - 76 points  
**3rd Place** Randy KB4QQJ - 64 points

#### Category 3 – >5 to 100 Watts

**1st Place** Bert W5ZR - 1453 points  
**2nd Place** Russ K0LUW - 1029 points  
**3rd Place** Paul NG7Z - 951 points

#### Category 4 – >100 Watts

**1st Place** John K3Y/0 - 685 points  
**2nd Place** Bill W4RK - 490 points  
**3rd Place** None

### WES Sprintathon

**January 11, 2009**

This month's theme was A Tribute To Walt LW3EX.

Visit the WES page <http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/> for full results and to see the handy work of some of our members.

There were 50 participants and the club call was not used, but LW3EX was the bonus call for this event. Walt scored 483 points.

#### Category 1 – 1 Watt or less

**1st Place** Jeff NS8A - 75 points

**2nd Place** None

**3rd Place** None

**Category 2 ->1 to 5 Watts**

**1st Place** Don N1LU - 379 points

**2nd Place** John N9GGE - 151 points

**3rd Place** John KW4JS - 106 points

**Category 3 ->5 to 100 Watts**

**1st Place** Russ K0LUW - 2666 points

**2nd Place** Dennis W6UT - 1868 points

**3rd Place** Hans WA1LWS - 1441 points

**Category 4 -> 100 Watts**

**1st Place** Phil KL8DX - 2562 points

**2nd Place** Ed KG4W - 1143 points

**3rd Place** John K4BAI - 1136 points

## New Members

- 5036, K4DMU, Joe, Louisville, KY  
 5037, KB1PHN, John, Hanson, MA  
 5038, DH5MM, Thomas, Magdeburg, Germany  
 5039, CT4KG, Hermenegildo, Porto, Portugal  
 5040, WA5IMF, Dave, Colfax, LA  
 5041, N0IJK, Chris, Fort Lupton, CO  
 5042, KL7FO, Dave, Iva, SC  
 5043, KE6RGB, Richard, Merced, CA  
 5044, WA1ISA, Peter, Wrentham, MA  
 5045, NA4O, Mark, Kennesaw, GA  
 5046, W8HMQ, Mark, Sarasota, FL  
 5047, K4GXV, Victor, Panama City, FL  
 5048, KB4HG, Rhett, Sanford, NC  
 5049, AB2EW, Steve, Coram, NY  
 5050, AF4LV, Mark, Greenville, SC  
 5051, N6MQL, Michael, Sacramento, CA  
 5052, KB2PIZ, Mark, Forest Hills, NY  
 5053, K8KZB, Jeffrey, Columbiaville, MI  
 5054, N9APE, Dovid, Indianapolis, IN  
 5055, W9PPG, Bill, Bluffton, IN  
 5056, W9DQ, Phillip, Waco, TX  
 5057, WA5KMA, Jim, Oakhurst, TX  
 5058, W7WAA, Vern, LaCenter, WA  
 5059, N4BBB, Scott, Rockvale, TN  
 5060, VE2HAR, Robert, Laval, Quebec, Canada  
 5061, CT1JTQ, Angelo, Algarve, Portugal  
 5062, KF4NS, Dick, Saint Petersburg, FL  
 5063, KC2EE, Sid, Spring, TX  
 5064, K4ZPE, Mike, Saint Petersburg, FL  
 5065, AA5J, Chuck, Plano, TX  
 5066, WD5FOI, John, Amarillo, TX  
 5067, WA4A, Bob, Burlington, NC  
 5068, KQ1P, John, Orland, ME  
 5069, KE5PIH, Jeff, Westlake, LA  
 5070, WA6JYO, Tom, Ash Fork, AZ  
 5071, AA2MX, Bill, Henderson, NC  
 5072, W8AN, Steve, Whitehouse, OH  
 5073, W2RC, Radio Central Amateur Radio Club, Centereach, NY  
 5074, KZ5Z, Jon, Springer, OK  
 5075, K2JB, Dean, Asheville, NC  
 5076, W0TMP, David, Rochester, MN  
 5077, KG4VQI, Kenneth, Youngstown, FL  
 5078, K5OGX, Phillip, Fort Smith, AR  
 5079, AD7WV, Bruce, Tacoma, WA  
 5080, KE3WN, Pat, Murrysville, PA  
 5081T, NE5DL, David, Mansfield, TX  
 5082, K5CZ, Ed, Temple, TX  
 5083, GW0KTL, Gary, Newport South Wales, United Kingdom  
 5084, KI6SN, Richard, Riverside, CA  
 5085, N0TU, Steve, Monument, CO  
 5086, WA3NZR, John, Lancaster, PA  
 5087, K2HT, Dick, Wellsville, MO  
 5088, WB2S, Wayne, Montauk, NY  
 5089, KC5LAN, Sidney, Quapaw, OK  
 5090, KD6B, Ken, Redmand, OR  
 5091, K5OK, Don, Garland, TX  
 5092, K8JAM, Joseph, New Castle, DE  
 5093, KD0AWN, Tom, Alamosa, CO  
 5094, KB2EAH, Robert, Woodstown, NJ  
 5095, VE3GXU, Duncan, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
 5096, W1UJ, Jay, Webster, MA  
 5097, WA6RIK, George, Garden Grove, CA  
 5098, WB6TXP, Chuck, Morro Bay, CA  
 5099, WB9EDL, Jim, Bloomington, IL  
 5100, WA9CFK, Ron, Plymouth, IN  
 5101, W8KRR, Pete, Reynoldsburg, OH  
 5102, W4BTX, John, Stone Mountain, GA  
 5103, AB1JW, Eric, Shelburne Falls, MA  
 5104, W1TCJ, Fred, Glastonbury, CT  
 5105C, K3YP, Ray, Jefferson, OH  
 5106, A16DX, Tim, Norco, CA  
 5107, WF1L, Bill, Reston, VA  
 5108, N4CYC, Rick, Lincolnton, GA  
 5109, WA9WHD, John, Lutz, FL  
 5110, KJ4FFG, Ron, Ayden, NC  
 5111, NN7A, Art, Eckert, CO  
 5112, YV1NX, Fergus, Estado, Zulia, Venezuela  
 5113, KB3IFK, Andrew, Baltimore, MD  
 5114, KD4LRP, Robert, Fairfax City, VA  
 5115, AB9EI, Dave, Oak Park, IL  
 5116, W4LWZ, Larry, Capr Coral, FL  
 5117, W5E1Y, Bill, Eind, OK  
 5118, WX1MAN, Paul, Bloomington, IN  
 5119, KC2TIC, Terry, Alden, NY  
 5120, NN1F, Aron, Bedford, NH  
 5121, K0FM, Frank, Saint, Louis, MO  
 5122, K4KS, George, Goldsboro, NC  
 5123, N4KGL, Greg, Panama City, FL  
 5124, WD3IT, Jim, Zelenople, PA  
 5125, KC8IXA, Harry, Coloma, MI  
 5126, WA2RZJ, Mike, Ransomville, NY  
 5127, N7QU, George, Eugene, OR  
 5128, KK4RR, Richard, Kernersville, NC  
 5129, VE3VBA, DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS Canadian Coast Guard, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada  
 5130, K2NZY, Diane, Marlton, NJ  
 5131, N2GVB, Tony, Bainbridge, NY  
 5132, WA6SEU, Phil, Shingletown, CA  
 5133, VE3CWU, Bob, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada  
 5134, KT4UE, Keith, Powhatan, VA

5135, K5IXF, Bill, Pensacola, FL  
 5136, N9TMU, Clay, Jerseyville, IL  
 5137, N4OI, Ken, Troutman, NC  
 5138, N4LZY, Jerry, Woodbury, TN  
 5139, HL5NLQ, Kang, Pohang, South Korea  
 5140, ZL1AH, John, Tauranga, New Zealand  
 5141, K5AHE, Pat, Baton, Rouge, LA  
 5142, VK4WID, Darling Downs Radio Club Inc., Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia  
 5143, WA5DDZ, Bruce, Denham Springs, LA  
 5144, WD9IWP, Tom, Long, Grove, IL  
 5145, KN8KAZ, Frank, Buda, TX  
 5146, K1IFV, George, Plaistow, NH  
 5147, KT4U, JV, Madison Heights, VA  
 5148, K1IX, Frank, Marlborough, MA  
 5149, N2BHA, Vaughn, Rome, NY  
 5150, G0RHJ, Richie, Torksey, Lincoln, United Kingdom  
 5151, NQ7G, Harry, Ash Fork, AZ  
 5152, KA3YNV, David, Conowingo, MD  
 5153, W2CE, Roy, Green Township, NJ  
 5154, WR5RR, Ron, Wellston, OK  
 5155, RK3DSW, Yuri, Elektrostal, Russia  
 5156, KB1KRS, Hyrum, Turners Falls, MA  
 5157, K6ZXU, Carl, Merced, CA  
 5158, RK3DZF, S. Yu T. - Children's Radio Club, Elektrostal, Russia  
 5159, KB9ZBN, Ron, Orland Park, IL  
 5160, KB5VPZ, Edward, McIntosh, NM  
 5161, KC0YNS, Corey, Hallsville, MO  
 5162, G4KKI, Bill, Swinton, Manchester, United Kingdom  
 5163, WT4Y, Gary, Wesley Chapel, FL  
 5164, WD0K, Richard, Little Canada, MN  
 5165, KJ4FYX, Jeremy, Raleigh, NC  
 5166, KX9DX, Rick, Athens, IL  
 5167, W0CMR, Cece, Ellisville, MO  
 5168, W7VI, Steve, Reno, NV  
 5169, WB0PYF, Ray, Saint Louis, MO  
 5170, N4LTA, Pat, Spartanburg, SC  
 5171, N9GJ, Greg, Gloucester Point, VA  
 5172, KA5TJS, Allen, San Augustine, TX  
 5173, KE5YUM, Terry, Ada, OK  
 5174, KJ4BUQ, Danny, Kinston, NC  
 5175, WD4AXA, Ted, Kellyton, AL  
 5176, VA3EUV, Peter, Coldwater, Ontario, Canada  
 5177, VE0NL, Yvon, St. Bruno de Montarville, Quebec, Canada  
 5178, VE3IKT, Ken, Kanata, Ontario, Canada  
 5179, MW1RES, Frank, Flint, United Kingdom  
 5180, K1YPP, Dennis, Sarasota, FL  
 5181, KU9L, David, Marathon, FL  
 5182, N1LS, Nils, Green Valley, AZ  
 5183, N6PPL, Ray, Niceville, FL  
 5184, W8QFN, John, Kent, OH  
 5185, K3SDS, Eliot, Silver Spring, MD  
 5186, KD0CA, Jerry, Washington, IA  
 5187, W1JSB, Johann, Sanbornton, NH  
 5188, KA1XC, John, Andover, MA  
 5189, K2QJ, Bob, Zebulon, NC  
 5190, IZ1DFL, Laura, Genova, Italy  
 5191, AA9F, Ray, Oak Park, IL  
 5192, W4HG, Wayne, Salisbury, NC  
 5193, K8LYR, John, Key Largo, FL  
 5194, N9VYT, Bill, Three Lakes, WI  
 5195C, AC9BP, Indiana Brass Pounders, Indianapolis, IN  
 5196, WJ5D, Danny, Mantachie, MS  
 5197, K4LW, Bob, Flowery Branch, GA  
 5198, N5BUD, Buddy, Baton Rouge, LA  
 5199, IK1DQW, Adolfo, Magra, Italy  
 5200, VE2OPB, Pierre, Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
 5201, N8KBG, Ron, Bridgman, MI  
 5202, N7NW, Hal, Fox Island, WA  
 5203, W7VP, Bill, Woodville, WA  
 5204, VE3AKV, Bob, Carleton Place, Ontario, Canada  
 5205, VE3DPC, David, Uxbridge, Ontario, Canada  
 5206, WB4ROA, Harold, Arapahoe, NC  
 5207, K2PW, Jim, Jamesburg, NJ  
 5208, KM6HB, Mark, Santa Ana, CA  
 5209, KF6OCI, Dan, Santee, CA  
 5210, AE5MM, Loyd, Broken Arrow, OK  
 5211, KS6CW, Cathy, Huntington Beach, CA  
 5212, WA4RUR, Mike, Tallahassee, FL  
 5213, KD4AR, Sonny, Warner Robins, GA  
 5214, AB2IO, Mike, Robbinsville, NJ  
 5215, VA3NU, Larry, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Canada  
 5216, K4QQ, John, Henderson, TN  
 5217, PA2PCH, Ad, Tynaarlo, Netherlands  
 5218, KJ4HUI, Tom, Apopka, FL  
 5219, VA2SG, Jean-Pierre, Jonquiere-Quebec, Canada  
 5220, K0KEX, Rick, Edgerton, MO  
 5221, IZ3LCI, Angelo, Venice, Italy  
 5222, KJ4HYG, Chris, Marietta, GA  
 5223, IZ5GRS, Andrea, Pistoia, Italy  
 5224, WB0FDJ, Doc, Clarks Grove, MN  
 5225, WF4J, Brock, Richmond, VA  
 5226, N8DE, Don, Edmore, MI  
 5227, W2DJB, Jim, Williamson, NY  
 5228, W6JK, Jeff, Hawthorne, CA  
 5229, AG5OK, Jerry, Noble, OK  
 5230, W7KSO, Dick, Phoenix, AZ  
 5231, WH6AWH, David, Hilo, HI  
 5232, N2OUV, Joe, Glen Cove, NY  
 5233, WD8ADG, Fred, Sandusky, OH  
 5234, VE2BCH, Yvon, Dupuy, Quebec, Canada  
 5235, NU3N, Charlie, Sparks, MD  
 5236, KC2IPX, David, Port Norris, NJ  
 5237, KB8RYA, Don, Mansfield, OH  
 5238, K0HIP, Jim, Russellville, AR  
 5239, K9YKL, Jim, Granby, CO  
 5240, F5NEP, Lionel-Alf, Argentan, France  
 5241, KE7SX, Mike, Stratton, CO  
 5242, KG6ZDN, Bob, Cloverdale, CA  
 5243, K3PF, Ron, Baltimore, MD  
 5244, KG6NXX, Jon, Paso Robles, CA  
 5245, VE3FRX, Jeff, Varna, Ontario, Canada  
 5246, N2EI, Skip, Beverly, NJ  
 5247, K14EWI, William, Leighton, AL  
 5248, WA5PQN, Jim, Delaware, AR  
 5249, NW3N, Richard, Crisfield, MD  
 5250, KD2UW, Steve, Elverson, PA  
 5251, N6BX, Rich, Lexington, KY



5252, AG4RJ, Russ, Fort Lauderdale, FL  
 5253, KF9LI, Nathan, Albuquerque, NM  
 5254, N6MY, Ray, Prescott, AZ  
 5255, YC1YU, Urip, Jakarta, Indonesia  
 5256, KB1NH, BSA Troop 135 ARC, Manchester, NH  
 5257, LA9HH, Kjell, Soegne, Norway  
 5258, OK1CS, Emil, Praha, Czech Republic  
 5259, VA7EY, Don, Nanaimo, BC, Canada  
 5260, K7ZAD, Gary, Farmington, UT  
 5261, K7TFW, Don, Cheyenne, WY  
 5262, KC8ULV, Nathan, Winchester, VA  
 5263, WB3CDX, Walt, Clinton, MD  
 5264, NU4M, Greg, Stockton, GA  
 5265, PD9W, Nico, Voorburg, Netherlands  
 5266, K2OGT, Bob, Centereach, NY  
 5267, KE7ZVJ, Joe, Lincoln, MT  
 5268, NA6DX, Roger, San Diego, CA  
 5269, W9HQ, David, Westby, WI  
 5270, KC0MXG, Wayne, Bismark, ND  
 5271, VE7NIS, Keith, Coquitlam, BC, Canada  
 5272, K7NIB, Ken, Medford, OR  
 5273, VA3UU, Jack, Leaskdale, Ontario, Canada  
 5274, IZ1GIP, Piero, Genova, Italy  
 5275, WM0H, Dewey, Columbia, MO  
 5276, WY0O, Dan, Grand Island, NE  
 5277, KC9W, Randy, Elora, TN  
 5278, IK2RMZ, Martin, Ispra, VA, Italy  
 5279, W2JEK, Don, River, Edge, NJ  
 5280, W9WTF, Bob, Hopedale, IL  
 5281, W8BXG, Denny, West Chester, OH  
 5282, W4AWF, Alan, Donalsonville, GA  
 5283, KA9I, John, Bloomington, IN  
 5284, WA4OTD, Leroy, Carmel, IN  
 5285, WB1HJS, Mark, Leominster, MA  
 5286, WB7EOI, Mike, Norman, OK  
 5287, W3FLH, Tony, Levittown, PA  
 5288, W2WIL, Wil, The Villages, FL  
 5289, K1QF, Dick, Princeton, NJ  
 5290, K0MIS, Mike, Cascade, CO  
 5291, W9IUF, Jay, Bloomington, IN

## SKCC Awards

### Centurion

259, K9PL, 258C, Philip, Morton Grove, IL, 22 December, 2008  
 260, AE4DT, 3705C, Jimmy, Cartersville, GA, 1 January, 2009  
 261, WD5CCW, 4515C, Mike, Columbia, MS, 1 January, 2009  
 262, WA1VIL, 443C, Greg, Natick, MA, 17 January, 2009  
 263, G4ELZ, 4910C, Jeff, Newton Abbot, UK, 17 January, 2009  
 264, K9ZMD, 891C, Gary, Palmdale, CA, 17 January, 2009  
 265, ZL2BLQ, 4356C, Stan, Greytown, NZ, 17 January, 2009  
 266, N8RVE, 4811C, John, Lorain, OH, 17 January, 2009  
 267, KØFTC, 2227C, John, Ft. Collins, CO, 17 January, 2009  
 268, W3YX, 139C, Scott, Cortland, OH, 17 January, 2009  
 269, AB4PP, 0032C, John Paul, Raleigh, NC, 18 January, 2009  
 270, W1EJ, 1594C, Ed, Petaluma, CA, 19 January, 2009  
 271, N9AKF, 1625C, Bart, Roanoke, IN, 19 January, 2009  
 272, WA2JSG, 3018C, Curt, Carneys Point, NJ, 23 January,

2009  
 273, NE5DL, 5081C, Dave, Mansfield, TX, 24 January, 2009  
 274, KC7KZ, 4531C, Rod, Idaho Falls, ID, 25 January, 2009  
 275, KJ4WD, 4084C, Carl, New Hill, NC, 31 January, 2009  
 276, W1TF, 4973C, Ty, Statham, GA, 31 January, 2009  
 277, K2PAY, 4304C, Jerry, Coram, NY, 31 January, 2009  
 278, KI2X, 2555C, Rich, Eden, NY, 31 January, 2009  
 279, K3YP, 5105C, Ray, Jefferson, OH, 1 February, 2009  
 280, K2ZC, 1945C, Dave, North Haledon, NJ, 2 February, 2009  
 281, ZL2SWR, 4465C, South Wairarapa Radio Club, Featherston, NZ, 4 February, 2009  
 282, AC9BP, 5195C, John, Indianapolis, IN, 9 February, 2009

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145, N5KIP, 3755C, Dick, Baton Rouge, LA, 1 January, 2009  
 146, N8XE, 3806C, Jason, Hilliard, OH, 3 January, 2009  
 147, K8IJ, 4781C, Charlie, Alexandria, KY, 4 January, 2009  
 148, KH6OZ, 3975C, George, St. Ignatius, MT, 5 January, 2009  
 149, W4DEC, 2119C, Larry, Theodore, AL, 9 January, 2009  
 150, KB3DT, 236C, Dave, Enola, PA, 16 January, 2009  
 151, VK4TJ, 4474C, John, Top Camp, Queensland, Australia, 17 January, 2009  
 152, K1PUB, 4101C, Chas, Boxborough, MA, 18 January, 2009  
 153, K5ICW, 198C, Hank, Montgomery, TX, 20 January, 2009  
 154, W3YX, 139C, Scott, Cortland, OH, 25 January, 2009  
 155, K6FFY, 1221C, Nick, Mount Vernon, WA, 28 January, 2009  
 156, NE5DL, 5081C, Dave, Mansfield, TX, 2 February, 2009  
 157, WD5CCW, 4515C, Mike, Columbia, MS, 8 February, 2009  
 158, G0RDO, 2133C, John, Devon, England, 8 February, 2009  
 159, KC7KZ, 4531C, Rod, Idaho Falls, ID, 8 February, 2009  
 160, KC2KY, 3245C, Neil, Centerreach, NY, 8 February, 2009

## Key Of The Month



THE CLICKER BY KD5JHE

Working in the residential construction trade, I often have

items headed for the trash bin. This is my key made from such items.

Parts list.

1. A scrap piece of cedar.
2. Leftover brick tie.
3. Wire from some CAT-5 cable.
4. A few screws and washers.
5. Hardware store's cheapest cabinet knob.

Total cost, less than \$2

I used this key in NOV WES with good results.

73's

Jerry KD5JHE SKCC 1976

If you would like your key featured in Key of The Month, send your picture and a short description to [kj7bs@cox.net](mailto:kj7bs@cox.net).

## Shack Of The Month



My shack is always in a state of flux, so what you see today is not what you might see tomorrow. hi hi

All of the "Boat Anchors" have external 12v muffin fans to provide extra cooling.

73,  
Brian  
WB9TPA  
#1169

Email pictures of your shack with a description to [kj7bs@cox.net](mailto:kj7bs@cox.net).

## QSL Of The Month



Send images of your QSL card and see them posted for all members to see. Email images to [kj7bs@cox.net](mailto:kj7bs@cox.net)

## Member Products

### Wooden Key Bases

George Osier, N2JNZ, makes beautiful key bases for your keys. "I have made bases in Redheart, Chechen and Santo Mahogany in 5/8 and 1 inch thickness. I finish the bases in Minwax Wipe On Poly Gloss which gives a great shine but doesn't make the wood look like its covered in plastic" says George. Samples of the bases are on the SKCC YAHOO group under PHOTOS and then to the N2JNZ Keys Folder. These are made from exotic woods and some are almost too pretty to drill holes into for mounting your key. Contact George [gossier@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gossier@twcny.rr.com) for a list of exotic woods currently available. Key base pricing is \$10 each plus \$5 USPS Priority Mail shipping.

Her are two samples of his work. On the left is Redheart and on the right is Chechen.



These key bases are 8 1/2 inches long, 5 1/2 inches wide and 1/2 inch thick. These will make any key look good and will be a nice addition to your shack.

### Gold SKCC Stickers

Mark Saunders, KJ7BS, is making Gold SKCC stickers available to all SKCC members. These stickers are 1 inch in diameter peel-and-stick gold foil stickers. The gold stickers come 63 to a sheet on an 8 1/2 x 11 inch page. The sticker has



the SKCC key logo centered on the sticker and member numbers can be printed below the logo, including Centurion and Tribune designators. Pricing for the Gold SKCC stickers is very reasonable \$0.60 per sheet of 63 plus shipping.



- 1 sheet (63) \$1.19
- 2 sheets (126) \$2.18
- 3 sheets (189) \$2.78)
- 4 sheets (252) \$3.38
- 5 sheets (315) \$4.15
- 6 sheets (378) \$4.75
- 7 sheets (441) \$5.35
- 8 sheets (504) \$6.12
- 9 sheets (567) \$6.72
- 10 sheets (630) \$7.32

(Prices include shipping)

Quantities over 10 sheets, please contact Mark for postage quote. Processing is 5-7 days excluding weekends. Orders and payments via PayPal to [kj7bs@cox.net](mailto:kj7bs@cox.net) ,USPS money order or check to:

Mark Saunders  
13226 N. 62nd Dr.  
Glendale, AZ 85304

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**With SKCC every day is Straight Key Night!**

## 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
14.050 MHz	18.080 MHz	21.050 MHz
24.910 MHz	28.050 MHz	50.090 MHz
	144.070 MHz	

## Operating Events

**Monthly 24 Hour SKCC Operating Event:** The first day of each month from 0000Z to 2359Z is designated as a monthly SKCC operating event. For SKCC members and non-SKCC members to work each other for credit. Contact with 100 SKCC members will qualify that person for a certificate of accomplishment. Visit <http://www.skccgroup.com> for more info or contact [n6wk@n6wk.com](mailto:n6wk@n6wk.com).

**SKCC Sprint:** SKCC Sprints take place each month on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 0100z to 0300z. Rules for participation can be found at <http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/sks/>.

**SKCC Weekend Sprintathon:** Every Second Sunday of each month beginning at 0000z UTC and ending 2359z UTC. This operating event is open to all licensed amateurs. Periodically themes will be announced for upcoming weekend sprints. See <http://www.skccgroup.com/sprint/wes/> for more information and rules.

## SKCC Member Resources

**SKCC website**—Everything you need to know about the Straight Key Century Club. Check back frequently as this site changes, <http://www.skccgroup.com>.

**SKCC Yahoo Groups Email List**—<http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/skcc/>. A moderated email list for the exchange of ideas about SKCC.

**SKCC QSL Bureau**—Dan Rhodes, KA3CTQ manages this free service for SKCC members. Send and receive QSL cards for QSOs between SKCC members via this service. To re-

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 3700 members in calendar 2007. 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>.



ceive your QSL cards, you need to have SASE (self addresses stamped envelopes) on file with the SKCC QSL Bureau. Dan also says non-members can send you QSL cards through the SKCC Bureau. For more information see <http://www.skccgroup.com/qs1.htm>.

**Award Tracker**—Don Kemp, NN8B (SKCC 0036) maintains an SKCC Award Tracker spreadsheet to assist members in keeping track of their current standings with SKCC awards. Don posts updates to this valuable tool in the files section of the SKCC Yahoo Groups <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/skcc/files/>.

**The SKCC Centurion**—The official newsletter of the Straight Key Century Club published monthly. The SKCC Centurion is posted on the SKCC site, in the files section of the SKCC Yahoo Groups site, and distributed via email to your email inbox. To join The SKCC Centurion email list, send an email to [The\\_SKCC\\_Centurion\\_subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:The_SKCC_Centurion_subscribe@yahoo.com) with Subscribe in the subject. (548 members subscribed to electronic delivery)

**Spotting Cluster**—Phil, AI4OF (SKCC # 600) has launched a spotting cluster and is making it available to SKCC members. Use this spotting cluster to announce your operations or to find other SKCC members to work. Point your Telnet client to [skcc.matrixlist.com:7300](telnet://skcc.matrixlist.com:7300). Login using your callsign.

**SKCC Sked Page**—Andy, K3UK (SKCC # 1325) maintains an interactive web page where SKCC members can arrange a meeting with other members to work towards SKCC awards or just to rag chew. Check it out at <http://www.obriensweb.com/skccsked/skccsked.php>.

**SKCC Elmers**—Jeff, K9JP (SKCC # 3008) manages the group of SKCC members serving as Elmers for the club. Anyone wishing assistance can visit the SKCC Elmers page for more information, <http://www.skccgroup.com/elmers.htm>.