

The SKCC Centurion

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K3Y/8 Multi-Multi

What a great third birthday celebration for SKCC! The month has been a blast! To help celebrate the club's birthday I decided to throw a "multi-multi operating party" of K3Y/8. This was an operation of three transmitters and operators all operating at the same time but on different bands. The event covered two days allowing for 80m, 40m and 160m the first evening and 40m, 20m and 30m the second day. Many of the fellows in our area are SKCC members including our local radio club as W8TQE. We used AARC (Adrian Amateur Radio Club) as our name and the club's SKCC number. To maximize QSOs we decided to operate during the WES but of course not send our log in for WES. Unfortunately that was the same time period as NAQP CW which is a high powered domestic contest and the bands were really crowded that first night.

We operated with J-38s, a Navy Flame Proof, J-36 bugs and various Vibroplex bugs, a TS-570, K2/100 and an FT-1000 MP. Each station had an amplifier but it was never turned on, no need.



From left to right is K8UV Rich on 160m and Gerry KR8W logging, K8KIC Ken on 80m with W8IQO doing the logging for K8KIC. But operating wasn't the only celebration! The last picture shows several of our club members (not-yet SKCC)

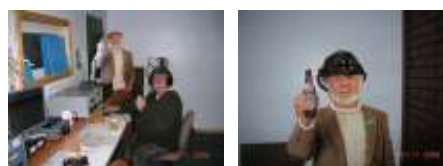


From left to right that's K8KS Kaz on 20m with N8AMM Don on 30m and N8CC Jeff on 40m. Jeff is learning to send CW now with a J-36 and will soon be joining SKCC. The second picture shows N8CC on 40m sending with his left hand on a right hand bug, now that's tough! K8KS is pounding away on his Navy Flame Proof on 20m making lots of folks happy. N8AMM worked a G4 on 30m with a dipole and 100 watts! But just like the night crew we had several breaks and enjoyed ribbing and rag chewing with each other. The pictures tell only part of the story of our fun. You just never know what K8KS may do! Who else would show up wearing a University of Michigan "wolverine" hat. The food was plentiful and the conversation great as we relaxed a bit. Hey! Who is that guy on the left in our group picture standing above K8KS?



K8KS actually had a few JAs calling in on 30m when using the log periodic at 110 ft. From right to left in the group picture is N8AMM Don, K8ADM Al (who is thinking of becoming an SKCC member), myself K8AQM and N8CC Jeff. Oh yeah, I forgot to mention that "Mr. Kilian" showed up with a goodly supply of 807s!

We had entirely too much fun over the weekend! We "talked" CW, we sent CW and we did actually work quite a few stations. K3Y/8 operated by the Adrian Amateur Radio Club (W8TQE nr 2944) finished with 105 QSOs on six bands (160m-17m). What a great way to say "Happy Birthday SKCC" and to inaugurate my new ham shack. Thanks to all of you who worked us and we hope you got your /8!



73, Ted K8AQM 1629T

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who came to "watch" and join us in chips, cashews, chili and an "807" or two. When NAQP was just too much, we'd break for what hams do best... rag chew!

Sunday afternoon band conditions were much better and a new crew came in to celebrate. The bands were clear and the fun began.

Sideswiper Net Update

Since the publication of the information on this net, the European SSN has moved to:

Sunday

Time:

- Daylight Saving Time (summer): 2100 UTC.

- Standard Time (winter): 2200 UTC.

Frequency: ~ 3566 kHz.

Yann F5LAW reports "We try to keep the SSN alive despite the very poor propagation we endure. A great majority of our participants are SKCC members, new attendees would be more than welcome."

SKCC Contest Results

SKS Sprint

February 25, 2009

This month's theme, A Tribute To Paul, NG7Z.

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

There were 64 participants and the club call K9SKC was operated by Paul NG7Z with a score of 1411.

Category 1 – 1 Watt or less

1st Place Tony W2HWW - 126 points

2nd Place Randy KB4QQJ - 56 points

3rd Place Dan N4FI - 52 points

Category 2 – >1 to 5 Watts

1st Place Tom KA2KGP - 445 points

2nd Place Rick W9Q - 340 points

3rd Place Greg N4KGL - 70 points

Category 3 – >5 to 100 Watts

1st Place Russ K0LUW - 1198 points

2nd Place Jon K1NV - 1043 points

3rd Place Gene K8EE - 1034 points

Category 4 – >100 Watts

1st Place Phil KL8DX - 410 points

2nd Place Feco HA8KW - 140 points

3rd Place None

WES Sprintathon

February 8, 2009

This month's theme was A Tribute To John G0RDO / Junkbox keys.

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 72 participants and the club call was not used, but G0RDO was the bonus call for this event. John scored 788

points.

Category 1 – 1 Watt or less

1st Place John N9GGE - 95 points

2nd Place Jeff K9JP - 1 point

3rd Place None

Category 2 – >1 to 5 Watts

1st Place Pat N4LTA - 835 points

2nd Place George N2JNZ - 739 points

3rd Place Don N1LU - 621 points

Category 3 – >5 to 100 Watts

1st Place Dan W9DLN - 5821 points

2nd Place Russ K0LUW - 4778 points

3rd Place Hal N7NW - 3495 points

Category 4 – >100 Watts

1st Place Phil KL8DX - 3210 points

2nd Place John K4BAI - 734 points

3rd Place John KG4WNA - 80 points

New Members

5292, EA4ZK, Rick, Aranjuez, Spain

5293, K7AV, Dave, Mesa, AZ

5294, VE3VEG, Robert, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada

5295, KH6BB, Battleship Missouri ARC, Aiea, HI

5296, K1ER, John, Aiea, HI

5297, KH6OO, Bill, Honolulu, HI

5298, W7RLS, Bob, Nampa, ID

5299, N6OSB, Gabriel, Fresno, CA

5300, NR7Y, Lawrence, West Jordan, UT

5301, AA6EO, Roger, Lancaster, CA

5302, KJ4JKM, Tom, Savannah, GA

5303, W8EB, Bil, Laingsburg, MI

5304, WA4IVO, Larry, Madison, AL

5305, KC8FTQ, Roger, Chillicothe, OH

5306, KU5DX, Mel, Gloster, MS

5307, KJ4GHC, Jim, Lynchburg, VA

5308, N3COR, Don, Russell, PA

5309, WB4NCT, Dave, Athens, AL

5310, WB5IJJ, Roger, Coppel, TX

5311, K8RHQ, Bob, Mogadore, OH

5312, N0JMY, Tom, Fredericksburg, IA

5313, K5SHY, Robert, Norwood, LA

5314, K3PEG, Larry, Glen Burnie, MD

5315, PI4OTC, Old Timers Club, Driebergen, Netherlands

5316, KU4BL, Brian, Vincent, AL

5317, KJ4FDV, Trey, Warrior, AL

5318, NZ6Q, John, Stockton, CA

5319, K14MXO, Josh, Bullhead City, AZ

5320, W8KIU, Earl, Gladwin, MI

5321, N9XTS, Paul, O Fallen, IL

5322, KA9JWX, Paul, Merrillville, IN

5323, W2CRW, Cliff, Rochester, NY

5324, K8HW, David, Westland, MI

5325, N1IMW, Dennis, Bedford, NH

5326, N4YNR, Jim, Berkshire, NY

5327, KA3IHS, Den, Westminster, MD

5328, N3DVI, Bill, Jacksonville, MO

5329, WX2MIG, Tony, Somers Point, NJ

5330, W6KGP, Leo, Wilson, WY

5331, W0MRZ, Michael, Cedar Rapids, IA
 5332, W9EPL, Shawn, Rantoul, IL
 5333, KB3LAT, Jim, Avis, PA
 5334, WB9YJE, Lou, Danville, IL
 5335, K0SWI, Southwest Iowa Amateur Radio Club, Council Bluff, IA
 5336, KB8NHL, Lloyd, Hazel Park, MI
 5337, AD5ZE, Jim, Fayetteville, AR
 5338, K5FZM, Louis, Denham Springs, LA
 5339, W3LSW, Glenn, Hartly, DE
 5340, KD5ZCQ, John, Atlanta, TX
 5341, W1EMM, Matt, Platte City, MO
 5342, KC7RHS, Devin, Taylorsville, UT
 5343, KC9NYU, Jeff, New Albany, IN
 5344, WD0HCO, Bismarck, The Colony, TX
 5345, K2TO, Doc, Teaneck, NJ
 5346, N9BPE, Carl, Tuscola, IL
 5347, K7VFR, Jim, Portland, OR
 5348, VE3XAT, Mike, Cornwall, Ontario, Canada
 5349, N6RXA, Rick, Rohnert Park, CA
 5350, KI4VFR, Clint, Boiling Springs, SC
 5351, W1IK, Jim, Eastpoint, MI
 5352, W0LFZ, Robert, Belton, MO
 5353, N5ZV, Volley, Prue, OK
 5354, K3ROI, James, Aston, PA
 5355, KW1V, Dave, Higganum, CT
 5356, K3RSA, William, Aston, PA
 5357, WA2EAW, Robert, Delray Beach, FL
 5358, K7YFP, Glen, Cathlamet, WA
 5359, KM8L, Joe, Becksville, OH
 5360, KI6DIH, Ken, Lancaster, CA
 5361, YB1KAR, Heri, Bekasi, Indonesia
 5362, PA7RA, Rein, Bergen Op Zoom, Netherlands
 5363, W5QP, Rick, Fayetteville, AR
 5364, HC5NAI, Pablo, Cuenca, Ecuador
 5365, 2E0BKW, Gareth, Leek, England
 5366, W9GWZ, Gary, Barron, WI
 5367, AA5MJ, Owen, Addison, TX
 5368, AC7T, Doug, Redmond, WA
 5369, N1GKX, Steve, Lunenburg, MA
 5370, N0QS, Dean, Platte City, MO
 5371, KA1VF, Robert, Haverhill, MA
 5372, VE3EDX, Mike, Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
 5373, W4AYF, Bill, Marietta, GA
 5374, WA1LGQ, Larry, East Hartford, CT
 5375, K5FNG, Dave, Spring, TX
 5376, AE5KM, Corey, Garland, TX
 5377, K1GW, Glen, Holly Springs, NC
 5378, KA8OLU, Phil, Lindsey, OH
 5379, AJ4CU, Hari, Wilmington, NC
 5380, KU8L, Curt, Livonia, MI
 5381, W4CWA, Frank, Cary, NC
 5382, IT9RRU, Maurizio, Siracusa, Italy

SKCC Awards

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283, N7NW, 5202C, Hal, Fox Island, WA, 15 February, 2009
 284, NØEAX, 1111C, Rich, Jefferson City, MO, 4 March, 2009

285, G4LMW, 4454C, Rob, Thatcham, UK, 4 March, 2009
 286, KB3MOW, 4121C, Dave, Port Allegany, PA, 8 March, 2009

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161, K1TXU, 2209C, Skip, Colorado Springs, CO, 20 February, 2009
 162, AC9BP, 5195C, Indiana Brass Pounders Club, Indianapolis, IN, 21 February, 2009
 163, W1TF, 4973C, Ty, Statham, GA, 8 March, 2009
 164, W9BRE, 2891C, Brian, Wonewoc, WI, 8 March, 2009
 165, K3YP, 5105C, Ray, Jefferson, OH, 8 March, 2009

Key Of The Month



In 1984 I bought this fine key, the Swedish Rex (nr 2771), built by Lennart Pettersson in Hoverberg, Sweden. This outstanding jewel has, needless to say, given me many memorable QSOs!

73 de Goeran, SM0PMJ, SKCC #3509

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

Shack Of The Month



Its undergoing a complete 'redo' right now with some new gear and a new set up, but thought you might could use this one. I have 6 keys/paddles/bug I use and most of my time is spent QRP CW. Rigs here are KX1, IC-703, SG-2020, and TS-450. Ranger 2985 is used for 10 meter Beacon monitoring and 10 CW.

73 de Bob K5DZE

Email pictures of your shack with a description to 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

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 goser@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 ,USPS money order or

check to:

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

Please include the above pricing when ordering,

The SKCC Centurion

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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.

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/>.

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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. 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>.