Straight Key Century Club

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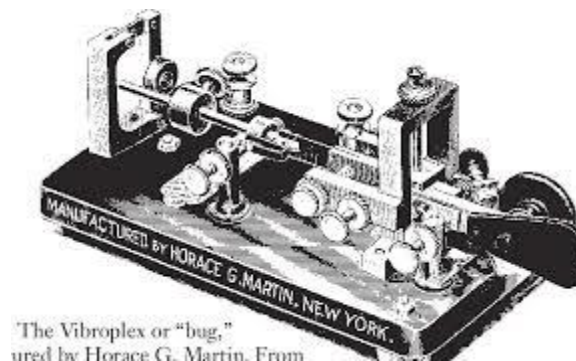Modified by Ted Rachwal, K8AQM/VE9AQM

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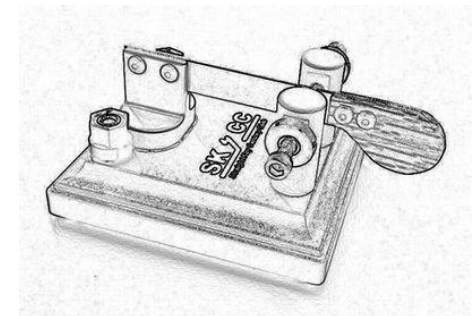Modified by Randy Drake, KB4QQJ

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- **To Promote and Preserve the Art of CW in its Original Form by the use of Mechanical Keys**

- **Straight Key**

- **Bug (Semi-Automatic)**

- **Sideswiper (Cootie)**

- **"Key Policy Waiver" available for physical/ medical conditions**

The Vibroplex or "bug,"
ured by Horace G. Martin. From

- **Formed in January of 2006 following the Annual ARRL-Sponsored Straight Key Night (SKN)**
- **Started with a QRZ.com forum discussion with the intent of having a Straight Key Night every month**
- **Tom Petersen, KC9ECI, formed the Straight Key Century Club and became SKCC #1**
- **Within days there were well over 100 members**
- **Currently over 24,000 members world wide and growing daily**

- **Membership is free**

- **Open to any licensed Radio Amateur with an Interest in Mechanically Generated CW**

- **SKCC numbers are issued for life**

- **Incorporated and Approved under IRS Section 501(c)(3) Tax Exempt status in 2014**
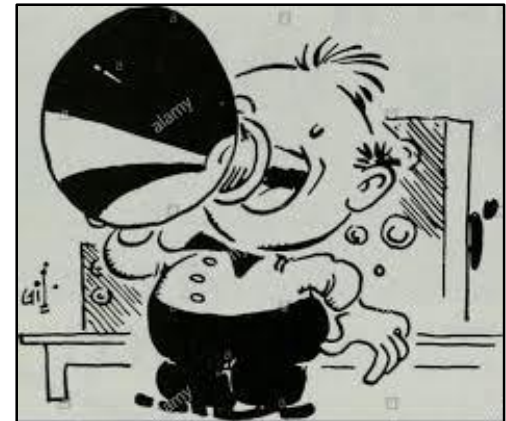
- **SKCC welcomes all CW operators – no minimum speed requirement**

- **Very Friendly Operators – QRS if needed**

- **Short QSO or Rag Chew – your choice**

- **Slow Speed Saunter Every Month (<12 wpm)**

- **New CW operators need a safe haven where they can get on the air and not have to worry about making mistakes**
  - ✓ **Maybe for that first CW contact without the stress or fear of worrying about fouling up**
  - ✓ **The goal is to take away that fear, because WE DON'T CARE IF YOU MESS UP!**
  - ✓ **The Straight Key becomes a great leveler – few can do 20+ WPM on a straight key for too long**

- **SKCC's guiding philosophy is two-fold:**
  - ✓**Keep it Simple**
  - ✓**Rely on the "Honor System"**
- **Earn Achievement Awards by working other SKCC members**
- **Many levels of achievement awards are available**
- **The SKCC Family is all about Quality not Quantity**
- **A great opportunity for members around the world to enjoy QSOs at a reasonable speed**

Elmer Program

- **"Elmer" Tab on SKCC Website**
  - ✓ **Lists ~75 Members (World-Wide)**
  - ✓**Available for 1-on-1 Practice & Coaching**
  - ✓**Includes email address for each Elmer**

- **7114 KHz / 14114 KHz / 21114 KHz**
  - ✓**(Unofficial) "watering hole" for practice and QRS contacts**
  - ✓**Many Elmers monitor thes frequencies**

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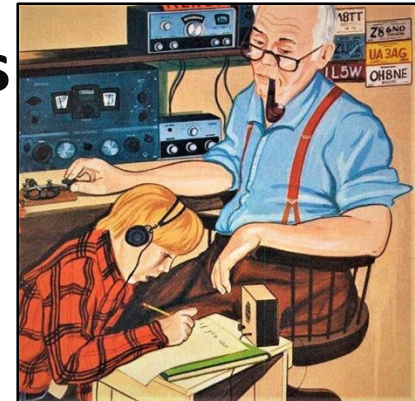
- **Monthly Operating Activities:**
  - ✓ **SKCC Night + Slow Speed Saunter – events 1st day of each month**
  - ✓ **European Sprint – 2-hour event on the first Thursday of each month (Tied to BST)**
  - ✓ **Asian Ssprint-2-hour event, 2nd Friday every month**
  - ✓ **Weekend Sprint – 36-hour event on the second full weekend of each month**
  - ✓ **Weekday Sprint – 2-hour event on the fourth Wednesday of each month**

- **Since 2007, the club has held a month-long anniversary celebration event every January**
  - ✓ **2007 : K1Y**
  - ✓ **2008 : K2A**
  - ✓ **2009 – 2023 : K3Y**

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Presents this Certificate of Appreciation to
RANDY A DRAKE, KB4QQJ
for operating K3Y, the SKCC 14th
Anniversary Special Event Station during
January 2020 to the joy and delight of
thousands around the world. SKCC deeply
appreciates your efforts to help perpetuate
the sweet music of manually generated
Morse code in Ham Radio.
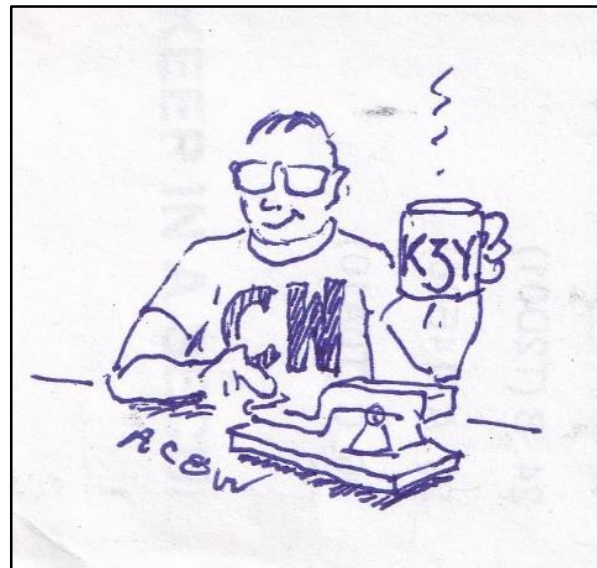
- **A wide collection of operating awards:**
  - ✓**Centurion – Log QSOs with 100 unique members**
  - ✓**Tribune – Log QSOs with 50 unique Centurions**
  - ✓**Senator :**
    - ✓**Earn Tribune x8 (400 different Centurions)**
    - ✓**Log contact with 200 different Tribunes**

- **Worked All States**
- **Worked All Continents**
- **DXC/DXQ Awards**
- **QRP Awards**
- **Miles per Watt**
- **Rag Chew**
- **Triple Key**
- **Prefix award**
- **Canadian Maple Leaf**

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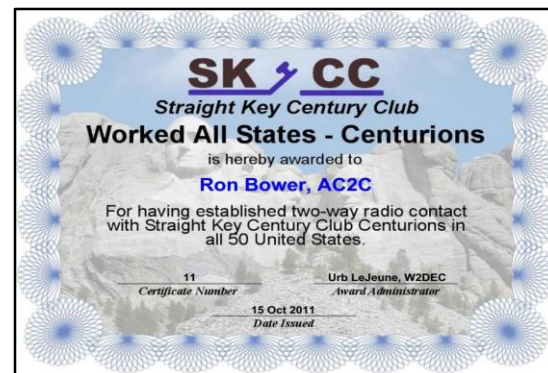
- **The Marathon Award**
  - ✓ **100 at least 60 Minute QSOs**
  - ✓ **100 different SKCC members**
  - ✓ **SKCC Qualified Keying Devices**
  - ✓ **Currently (Feb2023) – only 11**

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Marathon QSO Award
is hereby awarded to
Cecil Turquette, K5YQF, SKCC #1820S

in recognition of the completion of Rag Chew QSOs with 100 different SKCC members, each QSO lasting 60 minutes or longer. All QSOs were logged between 19 Sep 2010 and 24 Sep 2014.

- **SKCC Home Webpage**

- **SKCC Sked Page**

- **Groups IO User Group**

- **SKCC Logger Application**

- **SKCC Skimmer**

- **SKCC Beginner's Corner**

- **QSL Bureau**

- **Quarterly News Letter**

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- **Nine-Member Board of Directors:**
  - ✓ **Doug, N3PDT, President**
  - ✓ **Randy, KB4QQJ, Vice President**
  - ✓ **Ron, AC2C, Treasurer**
  - ✓ **Ted, K8AQM, Secretary**
  - ✓ **Drew, AF2Z**
  - ✓ **Mark, K7MJG**
  - ✓ **Randy, N8KQ**
  - ✓ **Roger, VE3RDE**
  - ✓ **Dave, W1DV**

- **Activities**
  - ✓ **Brag Manager, Curt, K2CWM**
  - ✓ **K3Y Coordinator, Drew, AF2Z**
  - ✓ **QSO Party Manager, Randy N8KQ**
  - ✓ **SKS Manager, Rich, W4RQ**
  - ✓ **SKSE Manager, Leon, OS0S**
  - ✓ **SSS Manager, Rich, W4RQ**
  - ✓ **WES Manager, Ken WA2ART**

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- **Awards**
  - ✓ **Senator Administrator, Ron, AC2C**
  - ✓ **Asst. Senator Administrator, Phil, K3EW**
  - ✓ **Tribune Administrator, Ron, AC2C**
  - ✓ **Asst. Tribune Administrator, Phil, K3EW**
  - ✓ **Centurion Administrator, Ron, AC2C**
  - ✓ **Asst. Centurion Administrator, Phil, K3EW**
  - ✓ **DX Administrator, John, W9GOO**
  - ✓ **Canadian Maple Awards, Fred, VE3FAL**
  - ✓ **Marathon Administrator, Cecil, K5YQF**
  - ✓ **QRP x1/x2 Awards Manager, Fred, VE3FAL**

- **Awards (continued)**
  - ✓**Prefix Administrator, Ron, AC2C**
  - ✓**Rag Chew Administrator, Mike, W3QT**
  - ✓**WAC Administrator, John, W9GOO**
  - ✓**WAS Administrator, Mark, NX1K**
  - ✓**Triple Key Administrator, Dave, W3NP**

- **Other**
  - ✓ **Calendar Manager, Randy, KB4QQJ**
  - ✓ **Membership Manager, Les WB5JWI**
  - ✓ **Elmer Manager, Dave, W1DV**
  - ✓ **QSL Bureau Manager, Ted K8AQM**
  - ✓ **SKCC Rag Chew Newsletter, Ted, K8AQM**
  - ✓ **Webmaster, Alton, N4IDH**
  - ✓ **Asst. Webmaster, Ron, AC2C**

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Centurion Award
in recognition of
Columbia ARC, K3CUJ
For having accomplished the notable achievement of establishing two way radio contacts with 100 different fellow Straight Key Century Club members.

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Certificate Number

Award Administrator

23 November 2012
Date Issued

SK CC
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Tribune Award
in recognition of
Columbia ARC, K3CUJ
For having accomplished the notable achievement of establishing two way radio contacts with 50 different fellow Straight Key Century Club Centurions.

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Certificate Number

02 December 2012
Issue Date

SKCC President

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Worked All Continents Award
is hereby awarded to
Ron Bower, AC2C
For having established two way radio contact with fellow Straight Key Century Club members on each of six different geographic Continents.

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Urb LeJeune, W2DEC
Award Administrator

19 Oct 2011
Date Issued

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Worked All States - Centurions
is hereby awarded to
Ron Bower, AC2C
For having established two-way radio contact with Straight Key Century Club Centurions in all 50 United States.

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Urb LeJeune, W2DEC
Award Administrator

15 Oct 2011
Date Issued

Any Questions
or
Comments ?