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NO NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED.**

**THE PRESENT DIRECTORS REMAIN IN OFFICE FOR 2007 & 2008.**

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**THE NOMINATION & ENDORSEMENT PERIOD FOR DISTRICT 2, 4, 6, 8 AND 0 IS NOW OPEN. CANDIDENTS MUST LIVE IN SAME DISTRICT AS YOU AND BE WILLING TO SERVE. SEND NOMINATION AND ENDORSEMENTS TO:  
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### **OOTC ON THE AIR MEETINGS**

#### **EUROPEAN CHAPTER #5: CALL DL00TC**

SSB 7:30 CE(S)T 3624 kHz, Tue, NCS DJ5ND, Willi Kreibohm  
SSB 11:00 CE(S)T 7090 kHz, Tue, NCS DJ2XB, Guenter Pesch  
CW 17:30 UTC 3576,5 kHz, Tue, NCS DL1MEB, Karl Maerz  
CE(S)T = Central European (Summer) Time = UTC + 1(2)

#### **U.S.A.**

Chapter #2 (CA) Tuesday, 1600 local 3917kHz NCS W6HV, Troy Wideman  
AZ CH: Tuesday, 1600 local 3913 kHz NCS W7LGB, Lyell Brown  
N.East: Thursday, 1330 local 7230 kHz NCS K2VNM, Robert Kerns CH82 E. TN &  
SW. VA: Sun, 9:00PM E. 145.110mHz down shift.

OOTC National Calling Frequency : Friday, 1700 UTC on 14050 kHz.  
Meet other members here.

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#### **SUPPLIES AVAILABLE – Price includes postage.**

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



There is a lot of effort going on “behind the scenes” in OOTC that I get only a glimpse of time to time. It’s not always possible to say “thank you” to everyone. But I would like to bring to your attention the efforts of two of our members. First, take a look at the OOTC 2007 QSO Party that our new Activities Chairman, Mark Titterington, W1EOF, has put together (page 14). That took a lot of talented effort. It’s going to be a fun activity and I hope we can all participate and let Mark know we appreciate his work.

Secondly, Bill Wellborn, K4CLA, has been spending countless hours to re-search our list of Silent Keys to determine and provide any missing information. His efforts have been very fruitful and the information maintained in the OOTC database is becoming more complete.

Have you noticed the facelift that Bert Wells, W5JNK, the OOTC Executive Secretary, has given the Spark Gap Times? There have been several changes and instead of listing them, see if you can find what has been added and what has been brought back.

We have received a generous memorial contribution from Sally Lester in honor of her husband Frank Lester, W4AMJ. The photographs of Frank and his station (W2AMJ) are on page 12.

Please remember to consider supporting the OOTC Scholarship Fund. The scholarships are presented annually under the management of The Foundation For Amateur Radio, Inc., (“FAR Scholarships”).

Finally, OOTC thanks the following members who have made contributions to the Scholarship fund from February through October 2006:

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W0OZ	DOUGLAS ECKHARDT	W0US	LYLE QUINN

73, Troy, W6HV

**NEW MEMBER DAVID J. RING, JR., N1EA, #4439**

Born January 28, 1951, Boston, MA. WN1DRS-1965, WA1DRS. Radio Officer US ships 1980-1993. Received SOS from passenger ship "Prinsendam" Holland-America line in Gulf of Alaska October 4, 1980. Participated in rescue of 535 passengers and crew, all rescued from lifeboats without loss of life. Awarded VWOA Marconi Gold Medal 1988. Operator at Tuckerton (NJ) Radio WSC in 1986. Visit my site: [www.qsl.net/n1ea/](http://www.qsl.net/n1ea/) click on the place where it says "more morse recordings available here." 73, [n1ea@arrl.net](mailto:n1ea@arrl.net)



**NEW MEMBER W. GALEN JOHNSON, WA6SBB, #4440**

Born December 4, 1947, Stockton, CA. Spouse Gloria KB6OTX, 1 child. 1st 2 meter with AM homebrew 2meter converter rcvr and 2 meter home brew xmtr as WV6SBB 1961.

I was born in Stockton California and now live on a small farm in Lodi, 8 miles north. As far back as I can remember, I was interested in electronics and electricity. When I was 6 or 7 I built a crude crystal set and using some high impedance headphones, a cat whisker and Galena Crystal, I managed to pick up quite a few AM broadcast stations.



My parents purchased our first TV (black and white Raytheon) in 1956 when I was 9 years old. The serviceman who delivered it learned from my dad that I was interested in electronics. I was offered a job on Saturday testing tubes in TVs and radios in their service shop. My dad would drive me to "work" each Saturday. The TV/Radio shop was part of a larger business that specialized in winding transformers for audio and power. It was owned by a wonderful old gentleman. I graduated to the transformer side and learned how to wind transformers and chokes on the "bobbins", install the laminations and finish them off in a tar bath. To this day I am grateful for the experience and still, on occasion, will build up a transformer for a particular need. -continued next page-

My science teacher in Jr. High, Mr. Wejmar, AF6T (not his call in 1961), gave me my code test for Novice, both sending and receiving. What a wonderful feeling to pass that code test! My dad stood over me while I took the written Novice test and I can still remember waiting and checking the mail every day until my license came. My call, WV6SBB seemed pretty nice except was long to send in CW. I set up a small station with an SX-28 (\$50.) , a homebrew 6L6 transmitter and one crystal for 3675 (I still have the crystal!). I could not make a contact on CW to save my life. So I fell into the 2 meter AM trap. My first contact was with John, W6OVR, who was a kind and caring man with always a good word. After the death of my dad in November of 1961 when I was 13, John helped me get through the time.

In March of 1962, I took and passed the technician test and received my present call of WA6SBB. I moved up to 2 meter SSB using a Gonset Sidewinder (still have it also) and made many contacts all over California and even an aeronautical mobile contact with a husband and wife team, WN7ICB and WN7ICC, while they were over Snow Flake, Arizona.

After graduating from a technical college with a AS in Electronics, I went to work full time servicing TVs and worked in the field from 1968 to 1975, when I decided that driving truck was my calling. I purchased a Peterbilt class 8 diesel tractor and trailers and drove until back problems in 1981 put an end to the "open road". After surgery, I opened my own business servicing the then new VCRs and maintained the business until 2002 when I decided to retry trucking. This time though, I went to work for someone else and I am still employed as a heavy equipment transport driver.

In 1978 I studied for and passed my FCC First Phone, which was later "updated" to the General Radio Telephone license. Then in 1994, I decided to give code another try. Maturity and patience helped, and I relearned CW--this time the proper way, by sound. I fell in love with it. I passed the 20 WPM for Extra and then the written for advanced and Extra.

I operated CW exclusively from 1955 until 2002 until work and a "glass arm" all but stopped me. Now, I monitor and "read the mail" as much as I can and still carry practice CW CDs in the truck.

While operating CW, I was privileged to meet some of the best people in the world and will be forever grateful for the mode. I met Roy, WA2TWS, who has become my dearest friend via CW and we carried on a sked for several years. Now, we keep in touch with the phone or computer but we are going to get the sked going again.

I am a member of QCWA, FISTS, MTC, SOWP, MEGS, ARRL, and the Scandinavian CW Activity Group. Ham Radio has been a significant part of my life and the Ham friends I've made are truly wonderful. What a great hobby! 73

**NEW MEMBER RICHARD W. "DICK" HAYMAN, WN3R, #4441**

Born August 13, 1945, Washington, DC. KN3DML-1958, K3DML.  
wn3r@arrl.net

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**NEW MEMBER RAYMOND W. "RAY" CZYZEWSKI, WA2SEI, #4442**

Born August 21, 1944, Passaic NJ. U. S. Navy 1962-65 RM3. WA2SEI-1961.  
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**NEW MEMBER THOMAS M. "TOM" WILSON, NI0I, #4445**

Born June 6, 1933, Erin TN. Widower, 5 children. WN4AQI-1953, W4AQI,  
W0AUJ, AJ4C. 1st contact on 3713KHz, my only crystal at the time.  
ni0i@sio.midco.net

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**NEW MEMBER JOHN E. BECKER, K9MM, #4446**

Born April 11, 1945, Evanston, IL. Spouse Jan, 2 children. KN9WEH-1960,  
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**NEW MEMBER WILLIAM E. "BILL" WALDSCHMIDT, W9WA, #4447**

Born January 24, 1847, Evansville, IN. Spouse Cathy, 3 children. WN9CYW-  
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**NEW MEMBER WILLIAM F. "BILL" NUTT, JR., W6PN, #4448**

Born January 4, 1938, Los Angeles, CA. Spouse Kaz. WN6QAP-1952,  
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**NEW MEMBER DOUGLAS B. "DOUG" TABOR, N6UA, #4449**

Born August 14, 1952, Rockford, IL. WN7GFB-1966, WA7GFB, WA6ZPI. My  
father is KB7QG #3113. n6ua@arrl.net Website wright.com/ham.html . My first  
wireless contact was at my father's station, K9BXC at age 5.

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**NEW MEMBER ULLRICH "ULLI" SCHOLZ, DM3FZN, #4450**

Born May 21, 1947, Droeda, GDR, the region is called Vogtland. Spouse  
Ingrid, 1 child. Air Force 1966-1968 Corporal. I have a twin sister. In 1950 we  
moved to Plauen where I went to polytechnic school. I worked 40 years as an  
electrician including communication technique for a small co-operative. 1966-68 I



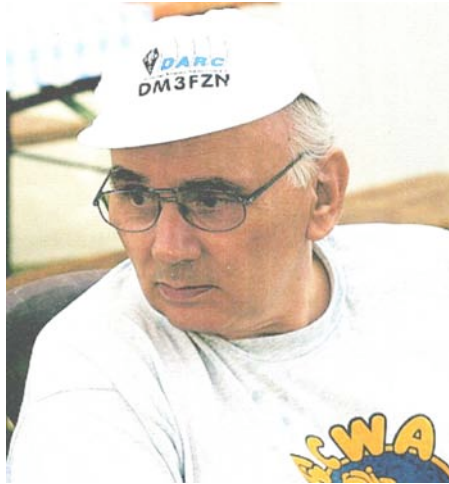
had to do my military service, a radio operator with the Air Force, ground personnel, later instructor. I married Ingrid in 1972. We have one son Carsten and one grandchild.

Because of severe health problems I retired in 2002 and unfortunately I'm not able to leave the house anymore.

My radio career started in 1960 when I was listening to amateur radio stations on 40m with a normal broadcast receiver. Then I read any book I could get about radio, valves and speakers, etc.

We had a system of club stations, individual licenses were very rare. So I joined the club station DM3ZN in Plauen in 1962 where I had my first radio contacts. I received my call sign DM3FZN in 1966 and first QSO with my own call sign on March 7, 1966. After a few other calls, among them Y47ZN, I had my first call back in October 1998.

I still enjoy amateur radio. It has become an important part of my life. It is my window into the world and a great opportunity to hold contact with my friends and meet other hams wherever they are. Unfortunately my English is poor because we had to learn other languages first. [ullrich.scholz@gwx.de](mailto:ullrich.scholz@gwx.de)



**NEW MEMBER RICHARD S. "DICK" KEMPA, W9RSV, #4451**

Born October 8, 1934, Chicago, IL. I was born and raised southwest side of Chicago. Attended radio classes in Catholic all boys High School in Chicago. Went to the FCC in downtown Chicago to take novice test when I was 15. Never used the WN call but I attempted to build a 5 watt CW transmitter that was a flop. Started working for AT&T right out of high school.

I was drafted when I was 22. Became an infantry Radio Repairman and Radio Operator. Stationed in Panama for 20 months. That's where I built up my code speed.

Came out of Army, got my Technician Class with W9RSV and was involved with 6 meters and 2 meter FM. Got into Baudot



teletype on 6 meters. Started with Ham repeaters on FM and started the SARA repeater in Chicago. I am the last of the 5 founders and still an honorary member.

I worked for AT&T for 38 1/2 years and retired to the west coast of Florida, never married, and after my parents were both dead I took W9TAL in as a boarder. He lived with me 5 years until he passed away from Alzheimer's.

I was active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary here for 15 years. Served with my boat on patrols in the Gulf of Mexico and taught classes in Marine Safety and Marine Radio at the local High School. Just received my retirement from the CGAux.

I have had a couple of operations on a bad back. I enjoy the weather here and live about 1 mile from the Gulf. Still have antenna up for the 2 meter FM band and the Marine Band. r.kempa@verizon.net

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### **A LETTER FROM EUVALDO LYRA, PY5BLG, #3188**

In a letter to OOTC President Troy Wideman, W6HV, Euvaldo writes: Sponsored by my good friend Bill, KA5TUF, I'm an OOTC member since November 30, 1993. I'm regularly receiving the SPARK-GAP TIMES bulletins and enjoy reading them. In fact I feel pleased to be aligned among the old folks who devoted their lives to the field of telecommunications as professionals or amateurs.



I've been engaged in telecommunications since January 1945 as a sea-going radio officer aboard Brazilian ships and as a radio amateur from 1956 onwards. As a professional I retired in 1991. Moreover I'm a WWII veteran of long service at sea, both as lower-rank crewman and later as an officer.

As an amateur I started assembling my own rigs in kit form, mostly from the long standing and famous Heath Company, which doesn't exist now. I'm still longing for the "step by step" procedure. Anyhow, the golden era of tube equipment is gone forever and shaded by modern technology. Meanwhile, as I didn't keep pace with modern technique, lagging behind, the only maintenance I can perform in my transceivers is to replace blown fuses, Hi...

I'll be looking forward to receiving the next Spark-Gap Times. Best of 73.

**CONFESSIONS OF AN OLD SPARK HAM**

By VE3BFL, Homer T. Houser (SK) OOTC #0260 NIAGRA FALLS, ON, CANADA

Reprint from BLABBER MOUTH, 1 February 1962

I don't think people change very much over the years; youth is youth regardless of all other factors.

42 years ago, being a young married man with a new baby boy and a half KW, straight gap spark station, and being like all other hams; wanting more power and a better signal. After scraping the money together, proceeded to Buffalo, N.Y. where I purchased a 1 KW station complete with rotary gap and everything.

How was I to get this back into Canada without paying a heavy duty on it which amounted to about 45%, not on the purchase price but on the estimated value they set on the equipment. Needless to say, I didn't have that kind of money, so decided to smuggle it back into Canada. The chap I bought it from agreed to help me.

We loaded the rotary gap, condensers, etc. in a wooden soap box, and put it and the transformer on a street car which took us to Niagra Falls, and there we loaded it all on another street car under the back corner seat. We sat down and our winter coats covered any part showing so that when the customs man asked if we had anything to declare, said no. He passed on, the car moved on over the bridge to Canada and we started to breath again. Hi, HI.

We took it another mile and loaded it on the caboose of a freight train which transported it and me another hundred miles, unloaded the equipment and me on a road crossing where I borrowed a wheel barrow and wheeled the whole shebang home.

Well the next day or so I spent in getting the equipment in shape and set up and must say was sure a happy ham. But talk about today's BCI, TVI, Hi-Fi etc. I didn't have any of them but I did have LI, light interference, Hi. When I closed the key everyone's lights in the block went out. Well after the town installed a much heavier transformer, most of my trouble was over on this score.

Even now when I remember back, I almost break out in goose bumps thinking of what might have happened if the custom man had been more observant; however when one is young, foolish and also very much a wireless ham, who or what is going to stop him from getting the very best signal on the old 200 M band.

Best 73's, Homer T. Houser VE3BKL

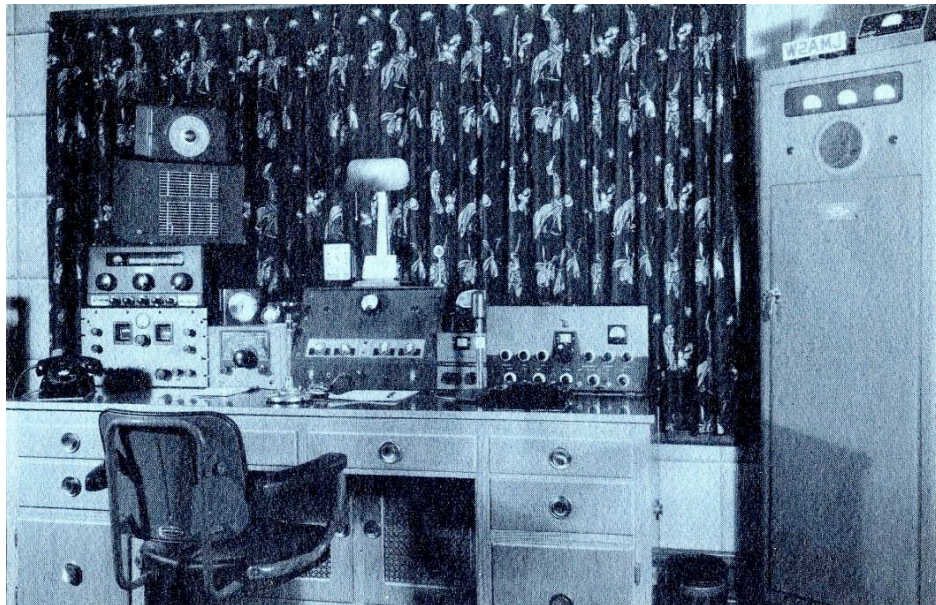
**SILENT KEY FRANK LESTER, W4AMJ (W2AMJ, 2AMJ) #3260  
JANUARY 9 1907 - JULY 3 2006**

Sally Lester writes:

Last picture of W4AMJ January 2006 on his 99th birthday.

Frank died 3rd July 2006.  
I was with him until the last moment of life.

Sally Lester age 97, 74 years of wonderful life together, almost 75 August 3. Sally



## DID YOU KNOW

Hubert Ingalls, W1UQ, OOTC#0001 OOTC's Founder, first went to sea at age 17 as wireless operator on the NANTUCKET. Transferred to the ONTARIO of the same line, which caught fire in April 1912, he lost his personal effects and convalesced at his home in Lynn, MA. In 1939 he spent months in Summit Park Sanitarium with a bad case of Tuberculosis in both lungs. He decided to go back to the Granite State and cash in his chips. Miraculously after two years in the healthful country, living outdoors among the tall pines, he began to gain strength back.

Irving Vermilya, W1ZE, OOTC#0002, OOTC's first President, is best remembered by Old Timers as the operator at old "CC", the Marconi station at South Wellfleet, Cape Cod, MA.

George E Sterling, W1AE, 1913 call 1AE, OOTC#0051, OOTC's second President, was at the time, head of The Federal Communications Commission.

OOTC started with 13 members in 1947 and at the end of 1948 had 48 members. OOTC is unique, is not affiliated with and is not competing with any other organization.

A membership "Blue Book" was issued about 1984 that contained available pictures and a short BIO of each member up to that time. About 2530 members were in it and the Blue Book was never updated with a later version.

OOTC has those pictures and BIO's in Adobe Acrobat PDF format on one DVD or 6 CDs. Each Blue Book page had several members on it. These pages are interlaced with copies of each member's application for membership in OOTC.

The DVD and the 6 CDs also contains these PDF files.

1. The "BlabberMouth" and Spark-Gap Times from the first issue in 1961 to now.
2. Index pages from each issue.
3. Silent Key pages from each issue.
4. OOTC Roster sorted 3 ways, by member number, last name, and call letters.
5. Other files such as the OOTC Constitution/Bylaws, incorporation papers, etc.

The approximately 3.2 gigabytes can be purchased by members for \$10 for the DVD and \$20 for the six CD's. Send U.S. check, money order or cash to:

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73. "Bert", W5JNK, Exec. Secretary OOTC, Editor Spark-Gap Times

## Old-Old-Timers-Club 2007 QSO PARTY

**OBJECT:** To have fun and promote good will by making contact with as many OOTC member stations as possible. Non-Member stations work OOTC members only. Member stations can work everyone.

**CONTEST PERIOD:** 4th full weekend of April. Start at 0000Z on 4/28, end on 23:59Z on 04/29.

**CONTEST EXCHANGE:** OOTC member stations send signal report and member number. Don't know your member number? Ask HQ (ootc@ootc.us or OOTC 3191 Darvany Dr., Dallas TX 75220-1611). Non-members send signal report and State.

**SCORING:** Count each non-duplicate QSO as 1 point, per band.

**SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES:** CW - 3545 7045 14045 21045 28045, Nov-ice/Tech - 3705 7130 21130 28130, SSB - 3875 7280 14280 21380 28380. No WARC bands, or VHF bands.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Call signs & exchange information must be received by each station for a complete QSO. Stations may be worked once per mode, per band.

**REPORTING:** All contest claims done on the honor system. Report totals to contest manager within 30 days of the contest completion. You may report contest totals via:

EMAIL: [W1EOF@HAMNUTZ.COM](mailto:W1EOF@HAMNUTZ.COM)

MAIL: OOTC QSO PARTY  
c/o Mark Titterington W1EOF  
74 Hornet Rd  
North Kingstown, RI 02852

### AWARDS:

- One member and one non-member with top point total each get a special champion award.
- All participants will be eligible to download a certificate. If participant is unable to download the certificate they can receive one by sending a large SASE to the contest manager.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS WITH LIFE DUES PAID OR DUES PAID

TO 1/1/2006 OR LATER. This list may have silent key members unknown to us.

**USE WITH CAUTION.** (To have your birthday removed, advise HQ ootc@ootc.us)

Jan-01 K4RKN-64	Jan-11 W6AQ-73	Jan-27 K9MDK-62
Jan-01 W5UWB-72	Jan-12 W6QM-65	Jan-28 W1SOV-71
Jan-01 W6CJO-78	Jan-12 K0YCN-63	Jan-28 N1EA-55
Jan-01 PA0JAL-81	Jan-13 W2FKN-64	Jan-28 W2GF-60
Jan-02 K1DW-66	Jan-13 W3RFQ-74	Jan-29 W4TK-96
Jan-02 W6VIB-78	Jan-13 WB6OLL-61	Jan-29 AE4AU-74
Jan-03 WA4BKW-70	Jan-13 K8UGL-75	Jan-30 W1PFX-83
Jan-03 W0IXA-95	Jan-13 W8LXC-78	Jan-30 W6LOA-69
Jan-04 W3GOU-68	Jan-13 W9JUV-75	Jan-30 K6VW-83
Jan-04 K4HF-66	Jan-13 W9ET-63	Jan-31 K2ANJ-71
Jan-04 W6PN-68	Jan-14 N2A0-87	Jan-31 K6LRN-68
Jan-04 KL7BT-92	Jan-14 K6WS-77	Feb-01 W5KEB-83
Jan-04 WS7R-64	Jan-15 W1NU-82	Feb-01 W7HIP-100
Jan-05 W4AGN-67	Jan-15 W8IM-59	Feb-02 K4GVB-100
Jan-05 W8AFB-100	Jan-16 N4FL-95	Feb-02 KB5PWT-66
Jan-06 W1ZE-62	Jan-17 KD2IN-84	Feb-02 W6ATC-89
Jan-06 K4XTC-58	Jan-17 VE7KC-89	Feb-02 W6ATC-90
Jan-06 W7GRE-100	Jan-18 K2TAE-75	Feb-02 SM7COS-69
Jan-06 NG7A-57	Jan-18 N6TK-79	Feb-02 K0BGL-61
Jan-06 KD0YZ-76	Jan-18 W9QR-58	Feb-03 W5DXP-67
Jan-06 K0HLA-64	Jan-18 KB0MTY-88	Feb-04 K5CSK-57
Jan-07 K4QF-62	Jan-19 W5ZUT-78	Feb-04 W6EEN-76
Jan-07 W5LE-102	Jan-21 W8IXD-71	Feb-05 W5UJA-82
Jan-07 W5RFM-81	Jan-21 WK8X-60	Feb-06 W2CF-55
Jan-07 W9QXR-68	Jan-22 W5LCM-84	Feb-07 W2RS-62
Jan-08 K2GYX-95	Jan-22 W6NVN-89	Feb-07 WA3KNN-92
Jan-08 DL2AYJ-68	Jan-23 W1FJI-67	Feb-07 WA4SLF-86
Jan-08 N3CZB-97	Jan-23 W6RZA-83	Feb-07 N6DZQ-99
Jan-08 W5LBU-83	Jan-23 W8OWN-81	Feb-07 N7TP-55
Jan-08 W6LPJ-78	Jan-24 W5NJS-76	Feb-08 W5HX-67
Jan-08 W00IY-84	Jan-24 W9WA-59	Feb-09 W2ERJ-89
Jan-09 K6IPM-66	Jan-25 W1FA-76	Feb-09 OH2BN-64
Jan-10 WA2IEI-83	Jan-25 W3BNR-72	Feb-09 K6QS-88
Jan-10 WA4BUE-59	Jan-25 W8VLD-71	Feb-09 W0CNY-98
Jan-10 W5QQ-96	Jan-26 K5CFW-55	Feb-10 W4TY-73
Jan-10 K7VPL-83	Jan-27 NU2P-81	Feb-10 K9PQR-63
Jan-11 K3ARN-65	Jan-27 N4DB-64	Feb-11 KA1BAB-78
Jan-11 K4IH-101	Jan-27 WA4GCH-56	Feb-13 K5IU-59
Jan-11 K4OMZ-66	Jan-27 W7IWE-90	Feb-13 W6AJ-61
Jan-11 W5PUT-61	Jan-27 W8WWG-69	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS WITH LIFE DUES PAID OR DUES PAID  
TO 1/1/2006 OR LATER. This list may have silent key members unknown to us.

**USE WITH CAUTION.** (To have your birthday removed, advise HQ ootc@ootc.us)

Feb-14 W3AAA-89	Mar-03 G3KWK-72	Mar-19 W90D-100
Feb-14 W9MIU-65	Mar-03 W6DPD-63	Mar-19 W9IEI-66
Feb-15 K4EF-84	Mar-03 W7DH-96	Mar-20 DU10R-101
Feb-15 W4DGJ-87	Mar-04 W1GQU-71	Mar-20 KU6Y-74
Feb-15 W5PNY-61	Mar-04 W6VIF-88	Mar-20 WA8KAZ-63
Feb-16 W4HFB-72	Mar-05 W7TW-85	Mar-21 K1GIR-78
Feb-16 K0MFB-65	Mar-05 K0PFX-60	Mar-21 W3WPY-84
Feb-17 K2DL-57	Mar-06 W3DJ-81	Mar-21 W5FO-66
Feb-17 K6GTP-82	Mar-06 KA7KIK-82	Mar-21 W5EGS-74
Feb-18 K6HV-95	Mar-07 W2YC-60	Mar-21 K5RA-60
Feb-18 W7JT-64	Mar-07 W3ZMN-68	Mar-21 KJ9N-77
Feb-19 W3SYY-72	Mar-07 DJ5ND-85	Mar-22 W8KWO-96
Feb-19 WB4NLU-65	Mar-07 W70P-66	Mar-22 DJ9AL-65
Feb-19 WB7EMJ-96	Mar-07 K9RXK-82	Mar-23 K4IV-101
Feb-20 WA2ELE-74	Mar-07 W0GFQ-94	Mar-23 N5PEN-87
Feb-20 AC4KA-76	Mar-08 W4RD-61	Mar-23 K6VLH-80
Feb-20 K4ZRP-60	Mar-08 NM4R-82	Mar-24 W1ZD-63
Feb-20 W6JL-65	Mar-09 W7BQ-61	Mar-24 NN7K-59
Feb-20 K0RJS-68	Mar-09 K9RCN-67	Mar-25 K9AAL-58
Feb-21 KA8FXA-101	Mar-09 NQ0G-95	Mar-25 K0VF-75
Feb-22 K1TU-68	Mar-10 W2ATQ-95	Mar-26 W2DAB-98
Feb-22 DM2AX0-79	Mar-10 K5RG-60	Mar-26 N4US-67
Feb-22 K4SV-100	Mar-10 W8TP-87	Mar-26 K6THQ-64
Feb-23 K2VX-73	Mar-10 W9HW-100	Mar-26 N8PWD-74
Feb-23 K55A-58	Mar-11 K6FVH-88	Mar-26 K9PLM-62
Feb-23 N9SW-62	Mar-11 WA7SNY-64	Mar-27 VE3CT-78
Feb-25 WB2SPP-60	Mar-12 K1QAR-59	Mar-27 K4BAI-63
Feb-25 W00Z-86	Mar-12 K4NTS-82	Mar-28 DL1NP-83
Feb-26 F5TZ-75	Mar-12 W5UZV-80	Mar-28 W3DJD-97
Feb-26 K9UTQ-61	Mar-13 N2FLR-84	Mar-28 W7ACD-85
Feb-27 W1DOK-74	Mar-13 W6LLP-61	Mar-28 NH7Y-66
Feb-27 W0JKY-80	Mar-14 W2VCI-83	Mar-29 W2MJP-84
Feb-28 C6ADY-96	Mar-15 W1LZS-82	Mar-29 ZS6AD-96
Feb-28 WB0LBL-74	Mar-15 N3RSD-71	Mar-29 W7AB-66
Feb-29 W4SZL-69	Mar-16 W4UMC-87	Mar-29 K8NKB-62
Mar-01 K3SIS-60	Mar-17 K4ZA-57	Mar-31 K3EE-77
Mar-01 W8KNO-68	Mar-17 K4PMT-60	Mar-31 DJ3WE-65
Mar-01 W0IKT-67	Mar-17 K0FNR-60	Mar-31 KH6GI-89
Mar-02 W2ST-64	Mar-18 W1TXU-79	Mar-31 K8IA-59
Mar-03 WA2NZA-57	Mar-19 N8HOC-79	Mar-31 W8CNJ-64



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W1GAY is looking for a DECCA RECORD "AMONG MY SOUVENIRS" by Al Johnson. Contact Duncan Kreamer e-mail - [duncankreamer@yahoo.com](mailto:duncankreamer@yahoo.com)

DICK FLANAGAN, W6OLD, #4076, changed call to K7VC. [k7vc@arrl.org](mailto:k7vc@arrl.org)

BOB BARDEN, M0CCE #4179, call now MD0CCE Ramsey, Isle of Man, U.K.

ROB WILSON, AL7KK, #4033, new address 6585 Pine road, Grand Forks BC VOH-1H5 Canada (soon to be VE7ZKK) [kl1hg@telus.net](mailto:kl1hg@telus.net)

WAYNE FLICKINGER, W9BKJ, #3108 changed call to AE4WF

JAMES OUTLAND, W4YJM, #3951 changed call to KI4PUK

At a Chapter meeting, one member asked another, "No matter how I try, I just can't remember your name." Several minutes later the other member finally said, "How soon do you need to know?"

Two caterpillars are sitting on a branch and a butterfly flies overhead. One says to the other, "You'll never get me up in one of those."

73, Bert, W5JNK, E.Sec'y OOTC

**THESE OOTC MEMBERS ARE "SILENT KEY". CALLS MAY HAVE BEEN REISSUED.**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>LAST CALL</b>	<b>SK: DATE</b>	<b>SPARK?</b>
<b>BIRTHDATE</b>	<b>1ST-2-WAY</b>		<b>REPORT BY</b>
<b>JAMES M. HALL</b> B:JULY/2/1922	<b>W3JI #2220</b> W3IJR-1939	<b>D: JULY/26/2006</b>	Jerry Deutscher KQ4UW #3913
<b>GEORGE J. TAUXE</b> B:SEPTEMBER/20/1913	<b>W6FJT #3031</b> W6FJT-1931	<b>D: JULY/??/2006</b>	Lyman Beman, W6GP #3934
<b>CHARLES F. OWSTON</b> B:SEPTEMBER/25/1917	<b>VE2RO #2724</b> VE3AIQ-1935	<b>DATE MISSING</b>	QST October 2006 P.93
<b>LOUIS J. KOCUREK, JR.</b> B:DECEMBER/11/1935	<b>W5VIV #3518</b> WN5VIV-1950	<b>D: JULY/27/2006</b>	World Radio October 2006 P.57
<b>CLARENCE N. ZORNES</b> B:JULY/5/1918	<b>W9TAL #2483</b> W9TAL-1934	<b>D: JUNE/30/2001</b>	Richard S. Kempa W9RSV
<b>LEO W. SMITH</b> B:JUNE/16/1912	<b>W8SSK #4046</b> W8SSK-1949	<b>D: JUNE/15/2004</b>	Daughter Caroline
<b>EARL D. FOX REPORTED SK IN OCTOBER 2006 ISSUE AS N4DWR. CORRECT CALL IS W4DWR AND SILENT KEY DATE IS APRIL/25/2006 REPORTED BY K4HF #4151</b>			
<b>WILLIAM R. DAVIS</b> B:NOVEMBER/12/1918	<b>WA6EQT #4031</b> MILITARY-1939	<b>D: NOVEMBER/10/2005</b>	Nancy F. Davis, Widow
<b>HAROLD ALMAN</b> B:JANUARY/22/1923	<b>WN1TKD #3390</b> MILITARY-1943 WN1TKD-1968	<b>DATE MISSING</b>	SGT returned "Deceased"
<b>KENNETH A. FULLER</b> B:OCTOBER/10/1919	<b>W8VVR #3563</b> WN8VVR-1955	<b>D: JANUARY/?/2005</b>	Geraldine Fuller
<b>DAN W. DAMROW</b> B:AUGUST/8/1917	<b>W9GQY #3623</b> MILITARY-1940 W9GQY-1945	<b>DATE MISSING</b>	SGT ret marked deceased

**The Old Old Timers pause with regret and sorrow at the passing of these our friends and associates who have become silent keys. Our condolences to their families and personal friends.**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number & Street City State/Province Code Country(if not U.S.)

Year of 1st 2-way HAM wireless contact \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname/Handle \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

My first amateur call was \_\_\_\_\_ Other calls \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

My first 2-way wireless was by Commercial Radio(  ) Military Radio(  ) Year \_\_\_\_\_ Describe it \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
 Month Day Year

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