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- 6 CA-HI. TROY WIDEMAN, W6HV, #2852. No nomination received.
- 8 MI-OH-WV-IL-IN-WI. JOSEPH WEHNER, W8KNO, #4030. No nomination received.
- 0 CO-IA-KS-MN-MO-NE-ND-SD. LEO MEYERSON, W0GFO, #0707. No nomination received.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The OOTC Student Educational Assistance Program, established in 1988, is a fund to provide interest income that will enable awarding scholarships.

All donations are invested in a money market account and a certificate of deposit to earn an income for the awards. Through this fund, the OOTC works with the assistance of the Foundation for Amateur Radio (FAR), to help a young HAM in their pursuit of a college education.

The FAR Scholarship Committee evaluates and selects the winner of the scholarship. The program has proven to be very popular and worthwhile.

OOTC has been able to provide a scholarship award amount of \$600 annually for several years. The 2006 OOTC scholarship was made to Karen McDonald-Long, KC9BMH. For comparison, the QCWA provides sixteen scholarships (three at \$1500 and thirteen at \$1000). The number of OOTC contributors nearly doubled in 2006 from the number in 2005. If we can again increase our contributions to the fund and if interest rates continue to improve, then there is a very good chance that OOTC could increase the scholarship amount. Education costs have significantly increased and it is in our best interest to try and help a deserving young HAM. Please consider being a contributor.

Thanks to these contributors to the scholarship fund from February through April 2007: Bob Nicholas K5HLZ #4462, Willard Henderson W5UZV #3961, Jerry Mulberg W2MJP #2995, Ted Phelps W8TP #2918,

And finally, I hope you all gave the OOTC QSO Party a try. This was in celebration of the OOTC 60th anniversary. I nearly missed the start. Fortunately, my friend Len (K6SS), called on the phone to say "the party has started and I just worked Bert (W5JNK) on 20." Band conditions were not the greatest at this QTH. Also, there was competition from a contest or two. However, I managed a few contacts on 20 and 40 meters CW.

73,
Troy, W6HV

NEW MEMBER EDWARD W. "ED" GARLAND, K5WSX, #4468

Born February 12, 1942, New Orleans, LA. Spouse Marilyn, 3 children. U.S. Air Force 1964-1993, Col. My father. SK, was W5ASL, #1693.

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LETTER FROM JOHN HUNT, W5DKK, #3478

In the past 7 months I've been in 4 hospitals 5 different times. The important thing is I am home again and hopefully to stay. Due to conflict between my blood and Heparin, a blood thinner, I have lost part of my right foot and left leg below the knee, 12 inches of lower intestine, gall bladder and appendix. After fitted with a new leg I'm beginning to walk with a cane. A new van permits wheel chair to be secured while in motion. Kathryn is and has been an angel through the ordeal. We try to stay in touch. Enclosing 3 years dues. Send Spark-Gap Times e-mail.

w5dkk@earthlink.com

NEW MEMBER DONALD J. "DON" SHELTON, K5OK, #4469

Born April 11, 1947, Stillwater, OK. Spouse Mary, 2 children. USN 1966-1874, ETI(SS). **djs@donshelton.net**

NOTE FROM WARREN SIMMONS, W6MI, #1520

FB April issue of SGT. I spent 1932 and 1933 on Radio Row Lower Manhattan, Hi! Visited World Trade Center 1989. (W1FHO-1932) **w6mi@webtv.net** (See April 2007 and this issue of Spark-Gap Times for article)

NEW MEMBER JOHN L. "MAC" MC CARTHY, K4OP, #4470

Born June 6, 1948, Panama City, FL. Spouse Reanna, 2 children. Army 1966-1986, MSG. Ex WN3ZSP and KG4VZE. I like QSL cards and QSL 100%. No SASE needed. DX'ers, if you are not going to return a QSL card, please say so during QSO. It is getting expensive(\$5) to send IRC's and get no response. If I send IRCs to DX station, please do not reply via bureau, I am too old to wait on them (hi hi), thanks. All my QSOs are loaded onto www.arrl.org/lotw/ weekly.

I joined the Army in 1966 and served in Viet Nam from 12/68 - 01/70. I retired from the Army in 1986 as a MSG and found that I had to work for a living. I am now a computer network administrator at Ft. Knox.

I was an Adult Scouter from 1984 to 1996 in Panama, Florida, and Utah and received the Silver Beaver in 1995. Owl Woodbadge patrol! Working with the kids wore me out so I joined a volunteer fire department to relax. I am the Department

Safety Officer for the Rineyville Fire Department. I am a certified Kentucky Fire Service Instructor and an EMT-First Responder. Of all the firefighters in the United States, 70% of us are volunteers. Please support your local volunteer fire department. I am active in Freemasonry and Past Master of Big Spring #826 F&AM (KY) and Past Master Rocky Mountain #11 (AF&AM) (UT). Past Patron in Utah and Kentucky.



I got my DXCC, WAC, WAS, etc but I am a perpetual rookie in the ham area and my current projects are to get better with CW so I can work DX and QRP. I would like to find 10 10-10s on 10 (anyone from Alaska or Hawaii or any 10-10 members that will help me please email me and we can set up a sked around your schedule). ARRL VE. FISTS #9919 CC #1443. OMISS #4734 (WAS). Good in the bureau and military. **k4op@arrl.net**

NEW MEMBER SHELDON F. PARKER, K2MEN, #4471

Born December 9, 1946, Woodbury, NJ. Spouse Susan, 3 children. Army July 1969 to July 1975 SP5.

I was first licensed in 1963 as WN2JTR. Hallicrafters SX-96 and homebrew xmtr. Actively operated as KA2MEN on HF until the mid 80's when I devoted more time to raising our 3 children. After 20 year QRT, I returned in spring 2004. Most of my time is spent on 40 & 80 CW, but I can be found on most HF bands. FISTS #11067, CC #1703. QRP ARCI #11935. NJ QRP #471. NAQCC #795 skcc #2926



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NEW MEMBER RICHARD C. WILKERSON, WD6FDD, #4472

Born February 7, 1947, San Diego, CA. Marines 1964-5. First licensed 1960 as a WV6 when was a boy scout. QRP and tube rigs. **wd6fdd@cox.net**

NEW MEMBER ROBERT E. "BOB" GIBSON, W5RG, #4473

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NEW MEMBER ROBERT G. "BENNY" BENSON, W9CZA, #4474

Born August 15, 1922, Batavia, IL. Spouse Darlene. Naval Res. 1943-45 ARM1C. W6WDN-1946. Flight radio operator Pan American on B314 Clipper.

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NEW MEMBER CARL E. EVANS, KC2ICX, #4475

Born February 22, 1939, Marion, IN. Spouse Catherine, 2 children. Graduated from Hartford NY High School in 1956. Worked as a milk tester for DHIA in Washington County, NY for two years. Then for a trucking company in Ithica, NY. Started driving trucks in 1960 (CB-KCH8081) and got a Teamsters job in 1968 and worked for many trucking firms. Retired from AFB Freight in 2000.

Decided to try communicating with my uncle in Michigan, W8REB and went for amateur license again as code was dropped to 5 WPM. He tried to get me interested in the 1950's but I could not then meet the code requirements. Purchased manuals from ARRL and passed Tech in June 2000. Have repaired a Heathkit SB-102 and HX-10 Maurader. I now have too many radios but try to use them all and keep them in working condition.

Really enjoy QSO's and have made many acquaintances (and hopefully friends). Wish I had been able to pass the CW code as I know now I have missed many years of enjoyment. kc2icx@arrrl.net

NEW MEMBER REIDAR G. GABRIELSON, W7QEK, #4476

Born April 14, 1924. Virginia, MN. Spouse Kathy, 8 children. W9LIH-1938. U.S. Army 1943-46 SSGT. rgg14@ieee.org

NEW MEMBER MICHAEL H. "MIKE" GIBBEMEYER, K1CW, #4477

Born June 18, 1947 in Providence, RI. Spouse Nancy, 2 children. US Army 1966-1968, SSG E6. I lived all my early years in Bristol, RI, where my father, Gibby, K1RHG then K4JUP, operated a TV/radio repair shop. I guess my interest in shortwave radio began when I saw the dial of a shortwave radio that had come in for repair and noted the settings for Moscow, Berlin, Tokyo, etc. WOW! I could span the world by listening to this radio. After listening and getting more experience in the SWL world, my dad encouraged me to study for a ham license, which would allow me to TALK to these far away places. He did not have a license

at that time but did acquire one after I did. I went from Lionel train accessories each Christmas to a Hallicrafters S38E at Christmas 1958. A Hammarlund HQ-110 and a Viking Challenger in kit form followed after I passed the Novice Exam in April 1960. I was on 7192KC battling Radio Moscow, making contacts during 1960 and early 1961 (FCC allowed only a year to upgrade). Many mornings had me up early before I went to school searching for Ivor, VK3XB, who listened for Novices (according to Popular Electronics)!

I passed the General exam and was rewarded with an upgrade in equipment. The Challenger and HQ110 were traded in for a Viking Invader and HQ-170 (nice to have a dad in the radio business). He eventually got his ticket as K1RHG. In 1964, he traded up to a Collins S-Line, which I still have and use. A nice connection to radio's glory days. As Rhode Island is small and many RI hams know each other, 6 meter AM was popular in the early 60's (before 2 and 6 meter FM arrived). I remember the meetings of the older hams and the discussions of equipment and band openings that were common in those days right after the 1958 sunspot conditions. The story of the QSO by a W1 with Cuba on six, while the operator tuned his transmitter into a light bulb (dummy load) was one that I never fully believed but in those days anything was possible.

I graduated from Colt Memorial High School in June 1965 and started working full-time in my dad's shop. I was drafted in October 1966 and, true to military efficiency standards, was assigned to an artillery battery rather than a Signal Corp position. I returned from active duty in October 1968 and returned to work for my dad.

A few months after I returned to civilian life, I became involved in the FM and repeater movement in ham radio. I helped in the project building the first ham repeater in RI in 1969 on 146.70 MHz. I spent most of the next 5 years building and experimenting with VHF and UHF repeaters. This experience became valuable when I moved to Florida and started working for Motorola at its Portable Products manufacturing plant in Plantation, Florida, I worked exclusively with the HT-220 Handie-Talkie portable, both VHF and UHF models.

While working at the plant, became friendly with then WB4CQJ, now N4KS, who at the time was working at Motorola but awaiting his US Coast Guard license to ship out in the US Merchant Marine as a radio officer. We both liked CW on the ham bands and he encouraged me to obtain my 2nd Class Radiotelegraph license from the FCC and follow him to the high seas. Being single at the time made the 6-8 months at sea each time easy to handle. After having my application lost by the Coast Guard twice, I was forced to call my Congressman and ask that he see what the problem was. A few days later, I received everything I had been expecting for 12 months. I was ready to sail.

I was very fortunate to be joining District 2-AMO in 1977. Shipping was great and I was assigned to the MV Zapata Rover/KCBH for six months to get my sea time for my service endorsement. The ship was only 6 months old and modern. Sailed for 2 months along the Venezuelan coast, shuttling oil products for Lagoven. The ship went to the Baltimore Shipyard for a 6-month inspection checkup and I experienced my first shipyard experience. The ship departed after 2 weeks and we were bound for the Med. I finished my tour and returned home in time for Christmas 1977.

My first ship as sole operator was on the MV Zapata Ranger/ KCBG. I joined it in Carteret, NJ in January 1978. From 1978 to 1987, I sailed on ships owned by Zapata, Cove Shipping, Point Shipping and Falcon Shipping. In October 1987, I joined Texaco Marine and sailed on its ships until the fleet was sold in 1995. Came ashore in June 1995 and opened an electronics service shop, The FM Clinic. Got tired of working 6 days a week and chasing accounts and closed the shop after being hired by AMTRAK (railroad) to work in its communications/radio shops in Boston and Providence. Returned to sea in October 2004 and have been sailing on tankers owned by Oceanships in Houston. I also rejoined AMO (District 2-AMO) at that time.

In other areas of my life, I got married in September 1985 and returned to Rhode Island as my wife and I were born and raised in Bristol, RI, where we reside. I return to Florida for various periods of time when the weather turns cold in New England. My activity on the ham bands these days finds me mostly on VHF and UHF FM bands with a bit of CW operation on 80 and 40 meters. Equipment for the lower bands is a Collins S-Line and a Ten Tec Triton IV (great for CW/QSK). Antennas are a parallel dipole for 80 and 40 and verticals for 2 meters and 440 MHz.

Presently in the process of returning to sea, sailing in the Engine Department. With all the security requirements these days, paperwork is the most I have seen it since I began sailing.

I have known of the OOTC for a long time but I am not one to join many organizations. I was encouraged by Frank, W1EYH, to join this one, as the members all remember the great times for radio in the 50's and 60's. jurypowr@yahoo.com

E-MAIL FROM ANGELA HOUSER

I wanted to write you and let you know how much we enjoyed "Confessions of an Old Spark Ham" by Homer T. Houser. (see January 2007 Spark-Gap Times page 11 - available PDF at ootc.us/sgt0701jan.html) Though he has been a silent key for many years now this brought many fond memories to my husband of his

youth and times spent with his grandfather. My husband is now older and is terminal with cancer and not a lot brings a smile to his sickly, worn face but this did. Thank you so much for bringing a little joy to my husband.

Yours truly, Angela Houser. b_and_a2003@yahoo.com

STAR VALLEY WY HAMS, A VITAL PART OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE

From Star Valley Independent news 4/19/2007

Volunteers of Lincoln County RACES were recognized as the key to success in a full-scale mock-disaster exercise held recently at the Star Valley Middle School.



Bob Giese (center), W7UY, OOTC #4122, Bedford WY. L-R picture, Linda Hare KD7YHW Afton WY, Tim Hare KC7WRH Afton WY, VEC Matt Clark WY7MC Thayne WY, VEC Bob Giese W7UY Bedford WY, Brian Walton studying for Tech license, Jim Bean KD7OHL Alpine WY, VEC Gene Troy K3CTR Afton WY.

NEW MEMBER ROBERT T. "JACK" PARTRIDGE, K2QBZ, #4478

Born March 26, 1939, Glen Ridge, NJ. KN2QBZ-1956, K2MVR. U.S. Navy 1958-64 E5. Member Villages Amateur Radio Club, Sumter County, FL.
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**NEW MEMBER GREGORY M.
CROSSMAN, WE0D, #4479**

Born September 18, 1946, New York City. WN2CJF-1959 Age 13, WB2CJF, NOCTW. U.S. Navy 1964-68. When I was discharged I was an ETN-2 (Electronic Technician Communication). I last served on the U.S.S. Shangri-la CVA-38. In 1971 I passed and was awarded a 1st Class Radiotelephone License.



I gained employment with (TMC) Technical Materials Corporation as a project engineer on the 10 - 20 - 40 - 80 and 100 kilowatt HF transmitters. I later worked for the Dept. of Energy, and then the Dept. of Defense managing two Navy Communications facilities in both Key West, Florida and Panama CZ. Then worked at the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, working on antenna propagation, antenna physics, and RF Theory. I then went to work for Radio Free Europe, Radio Liberty in Munich, Germany. I was a Sr. Project Engineer on projects such as the purchase, testing installation and commissioning of a number of 100 KW HF Transmitters. Also the installation, testing, and commissioning of six 500 kilowatt HF transmitters at a new transmitter facility at Maxoquria, Portugal. I have had an interesting and very fulfilling life that started at the age of 13 with my first radio amateur license WN2CJF. God Bless, very best of 73 Greg. gmzman@aol.com

NEW MEMBER H. LAWRENCE SERRA, N6NC, #4480

Born December 3, 1945, Brooklyn, NY. WV2NFJ-1960, WA2NFJ, WA7UCO, WB6GSG, N6AZE, XE2L. NAVY 1967-70 LT. serra@serralaw.com

**FROM HARVEY CHASE, W4TG, #1416
Recollections--of an "Old Man" April 2007**

My first recollection of anything radio was about 1922, at age 7. My stepfather brought home a black box about 8" X 10" X 10" in size, with some binding posts, rotary switches and a crystal detector on top. After he rigged up an "aerial" on the rooftop of the flat where we lived and a ground wire, connected to our water pipe, he attached those and a set of earphones to the binding posts. We were able to listen to several broadcast stations in St. Louis, where I was brought up. About that time my uncle, who was a telegraph operator, taught me the "Morse Code." Where .. .-.-. is CQ and SOS is obviously not the "Morse Code" we use in radio but I didn't know that back then.

Fast forward to 1928, the year Herbert Hoover was elected president. I had my appendix removed. Surgery in the 1920s, even the late 1920s, was very brutal! During my 3 weeks or so of convalescence my mother brought me a book about building your own radio receivers, which I avidly read. Right then and there I decided I would build one as soon as I was able. I built several of them. They were regenerative detector/audio amplifier design and, of course, used vacuum tubes (thermionic valves, the British called them). These receivers covered the AM broadcast 550 to 1500 KHz (kilocycles then). Up to that time I had not heard of Amateur Radio.

In a casual conversation one day I mentioned that I had built some radios and the subject of Amateur radio came up. Someone mentioned that I ought to get into that. So I sent away to ARRL for "How to Become a Radio Amateur" --price 25C. I read that booklet with great excitement, the radio bug had bitten! One of the requirements was a test copying Morse Code. Hah, I said to myself, I already know that. What a surprise when I discovered the radio version of the Morse Code was not the same as that used by telegraphers on US land-line telegraph systems. So I had to learn the "new" code. I built the radio receiver according to the diagram and instructions in that ARRL publication. It was a one-tube regenerative detector covering the 80 and 40-meter amateur bands. It worked great! CW reception was, at that time, of little interest to me but hearing all those guys chatting on "AM phone" got me very excited and I couldn't wait till I could have an 80-meter phone station of my own.

First things first. I studied for the Amateur Radio license exam. In the early 1930s radio licensing was by the radio division of the US Department of Commerce. There were "Radio Inspector" offices in many of the larger cities but St. Louis was not one of them. Exams were given in St. Louis once every three months. The first part of the exam was copying Morse code ten words per minute. Until I passed that, I couldn't take the rest of the test. On my first try in June 1931 I flunked! I passed it three months later in September. As I recall there were either 12 or 15 questions to answer in drawings or essays. One, if not the first, was: "Draw a complete schematic diagram of the transmitting equipment you intend to use, including power supply, label all parts and describe their purpose." Others might be; Describe in detail how a vacuum-tube oscillator works, Why are Amateur stations forbidden to transmit music? What penalties may be imposed for violation of any of the Department of Commerce rules concerning Amateur Radio? What is a special emergency station? What is the function of a by-pass capacitor? Why is the presence of A.C. hum or other modulation on a continuous-wave Morse Code signal objectionable? What are "quiet hours" and under what circumstances may they be imposed by a Radio Inspector on an Amateur station?

I was quite proud when my W9CLT licenses arrived two or three weeks later in September 1931. The station license was on 8 1/2" X 11" white bond paper and

the operator license on a greenish-blue certificate about the same size with a fancy border. These were valid for one year. Renewal required station call signs of at least 3 stations communicated with in the last three months of the license term! The station license was for a "fixed" location. Portable or mobile operation required a separate license (with different call letters). I later applied for a portable station license with call sign W9KEB.

Not long after passing the exam, I finished building the transmitter described in the ARRL booklet. A "TNT" self-excited, power oscillator using a type 210 triode tube. The frequency determining component, the "tank circuit" was 13 turns of 1/4 inch copper tubing 2" diameter and a 250 PF variable capacitor. Parts were on a breadboard, the kind used for making bread dough. The antenna was a Windom horizontal dipole for the 80-meter band. For power supply I managed to acquire a 500-volt transformer, the rectifier tubes were hard to come by, so at first, the rectifier was the chemical type. Eight mason jars with borax solution with plates suspended inside. These were arranged in a bridge rectifier configuration. The filter capacitors were a pair of capacitors I found in a junk pile at one of the nearby factories. They were probably 440-volt AC units that had become too leaky for professional use, but worked OK for me.

In those days, without easily adjustable VFOs and methods of "spotting" operating frequencies, we would spend considerable time and effort in getting the transmitter frequency set in a particular part of the band. Once set, we would leave it there more or less permanently or at least for considerable length of time. To establish a QSO we would call CQ on that frequency for a minute or so and stand by, tuning the receiver over the entire band or a portion of the band listening for an answer. Or we would listen for a station calling CQ in our band or portion of the band near our transmitting frequency, and call that station for a minute or so then stand by to see if we established contact. Not very convenient but it worked!

As noted earlier, my zeal was to have a "fone" rig and chat on 80 meter AM. After a short time as a licensed ham it became evident that the money involved in building a good AM rig was well beyond my budget. With continued experience on CW, that mode was becoming quite comfortable so I continued to enjoy it, building newer and better equipment as I went along. By the time I finished high school in 1935 I was comfortable with international Morse code at speed up in the 30-WPM range. I could do a fair job with Land-line Morse, learned before I heard of Amateur Radio. I went on to a commercial First Class Radiotelephone and Second class Radiotelegraph.

I was a student instructor at Missouri Technical College in 1936 on the strength of my commercial licenses. I was a summer relief operator for broadcast station KFUE in St. Louis and for the US Army Corps of Engineers as radiotelegraph operator on the riverboat, US Tuscumbia (WYCY) during the Ohio and Mississippi river flood in early 1937. That same year I joined the US Naval Reserve. Because

of my amateur and commercial licenses I was Radioman Second Class. By 1937 the recovery from the "Great Depression" was starting but jobs were still scarce. I went to work for the Western Electric Company, a branch of the Bell System. The starting salary was 43 cents an hour!

I married my first wife, Ellen Schaad, September of 1940. In December, three months after my marriage to Ellen, my unit of the Naval Reserve was called to active duty. By then I was Radioman First Class. At the US Navy Destroyer Base in San Diego I was assigned to the USS Schley (DD103) a re-commissioned WW-1 four-stacker destroyer. The Schley was part of Destroyer Division 80 (DESDIV 80) assigned to patrol Hawaiian waters (mainly the entrance to Pearl Harbor). The Schley was in port in the US Naval Yard Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941 when the Japanese Navy launched their attack, plunging us into WW-2.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor, I was sent to the Navy's Pacific Fleet Radar School in Pearl Harbor. Radar in 1940s was a very hush-hush subject (classified "Confidential." We couldn't carry our radar school notebooks back to the ship after the course was complete, had to have them carried by armed courier. I graduated, topping the class of 30 or so hand-picked students, mostly first class and chief petty officers. After that I never sat on any radio watches the rest of my Navy career.

I was transferred off the Schley to the Section Base at Barbers Point where I became POIC of "Station Q", built on pilings on the reef about a mile off shore at the entrance to Pearl Harbor. It was equipped with Sonobuoys and radar. Sonobuoys were equipped with underwater microphones (hydrophones) and an FM transmitter. These were arranged on an arc, about 2 miles off shore and about 200 yards apart. In the station we had FM receiving equipment to monitor each sonobuoy for signs of submarine noise. The radar was sensitive enough to pick up a sub's periscope. I was POIC there during the battle of Midway in 1942. While there I was promoted to Chief Radioman and transferred to the US Naval Station, Midway Island. I became CPOIC of the Naval Radar Station at the Naval Airbase. While there I supervised the building of a new radar station including a 200-foot tower and co-axial feed to the antenna.

Before tour of duty was over on Midway Island, I was promoted to Warrant Officer (radio electrician.) No radar rankings had been established and since there was no "slot" for that ranking at Midway, I was re-assigned to duty as part of the pre-commissioning detail for an escort-class aircraft carrier, the USS Steamer Bay (CVE-187). We put her in commission on 4/4/44. I stayed with that ship as Radio/Radar Materiel Officer until the end of the war. When I was mustered out I had the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. I returned home to St. Louis and my wife and one daughter late in 1945. **w4tg@mto.infi.net**

NEW MEMBER MICHAEL B "MIKE" MC COLLOSTER, W5UM, #4481

Born 1946 U.S.A. WN5BCB-1961, N5PZB. merrymiler@yahoo.com

NEW MEMBER NEAL D. ENAULT, WA6OCP, #4482

Born October 31, 1940, Bakersfield, CA. Spouse Mary Ann, KD6ZJL, 3 children. WA6OCP-1960, immediately got on 6 meter AM with my Elmer and earned WAS. I'm 7 years late in joining OOTC, oh well, I finally did it.

I received my current call sign in 1960 while a junior in college. The sequence of college, marriage, two years of teaching, five years in the aerospace industry, and a growing family slowed down my ham radio activities. A move from Long Beach to Sunnyvale in 1970 started my long career in the wire and cable industry.

In the early 90's, I was finally able to devote an appropriate amount of time to ham radio. I semi-retired late in 1999 but still actively consult for the wire and cable industry.

My current shack consists of an IC-746PRO running 5W+, FT-817ND, and an SW-40+, SW-30+, and SST-20 all running <1W, along with various VHF/UHF gear. I am active in our local ARES group and am also a VE. On HF, you can find me on CW, infrequently on PSK-31 and SSB-QRP. Please don't ask me to point my antenna at you. My verticals take offense to that. Hi Hi

If you want to confirm a number we exchanged in qso, here they are: AK QRP 666, CTC 448, FISTS 10992, FP QRP 1016, GACW 746, JARL A1 628, NAQCC 204, SKCC 166, SOC 625, 10-10 63155. 72/73 Neal . wire2k@prodigy.net

NEW MEMBER RONALD DAVID HAYES, VE3JX, #4483

Born April 28, 1947, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Spouse Darlene VE3JVH, 2 children. VE3BRT-1967, VE3EIH.

When I was 13, my family moved to Australia for two years. When we came back in January 1963, I had just finished Grade 9. However, since the school year in Australia was skewed in comparison to North America (ran from February to December, instead of September to June), I was not permitted to start Grade 10, since it was halfway through the



year. Therefore, I decided to work until September. I got a job with CN Telecommunications in the shops where they put together bays of equipment with jack panels, etc.

It was there that I first saw an ARRL Handbook. One of the Techs was a ham, although I must admit that I don't remember his name or call sign; he was only there a short time before being promoted to elsewhere. Reading through the Handbook, (as well as the Electrosonic catalog, which also contained amateur equipment) my appetite was whetted. I wanted to become a ham.

September rolled by and I returned to high school with a determination to learn electronics. I immediately joined the Danforth Tech Ham Club, but it wasn't until I had graduated and was working for Bell Canada that I was able to pass the code test in March, 1967, and become a licensed radio amateur in April. My call then was VE3BRT.

We were at the tail end of the golden era of war surplus. I had purchased several different pieces of equipment, before being licensed, and used them as receivers. I remember an MN-26K, a beautifully made receiver that had two RF stages and multiple IF stages. It covered from 200 kcs to 1750 Kcs, (no Hertz in those days, unless you were talking antennas). I also had a No. 19 set, the venerable transceiver used in various Allied tanks. (They were produced in Canada for the Russians, among others.) I used the receiver only. Even after being licensed, I did not have the nerve to use the transmitter in the 19 set, since they were notorious as harmonic generators.

My first ham station that I put on the air, consisted of a used National Receiver (an NC-140, I think) and a used Heathkit DX-35 & VF-1 VFO. It was all on a card table, which was disastrous for trying to receive code on a general coverage receiver; the warble from my copying it down was more than I could bear. I replaced it with a used Heathkit ham bands only receiver. I moved away from home after a year or so, and that ended my ham activities for a while.

Soon, I discovered girls, and I married my life partner in 1969. We were both involved in Ministry work as volunteers. When my wife became pregnant, I returned to trade school to get a certificate in Electronics and returned to the Bell. After buying our home in Toronto, I got my license again, this time as VE3EIH, and bought a used Viking Ranger transmitter. I still hold that call, but added my present 2-letter call – VE3JX - in 2005, which is the one I use now.

Over the years, I have enjoyed CW, SSB, FM, PSK31 and Packet as modes. At present, I am involved with ARES as an AEC, and I am the custodian of the EOC call sign – VA3ESO - here in the Sault. I have also recently begun some DXing with my newer call. My latest endeavor has been to become the editor/publisher of the local club's monthly newsletter: The Algoma Amateur. That

has brought a lot of joy and satisfaction keeping AARC members informed about local, national, and international happenings associated with our great hobby; as well as a lot of work, hi hi. Vy 73 de Dave Hayes VE3JX. ve3jx@sympatico.ca

A NOTE FROM WAYNE PAARMANN, W0GNJ, #3655

Enclosed is check to extend my time on Spark-Gap Times. I guess I was born 100 years too early. It won't be long when ham license will be available for Wheaties box tops and a few Green Stamps. Thank you, 73, Wayne.

NEW MEMBER CHARLES M. "CHUCK" MILLER, W5IMR, #4484

Born October 2, 1915, Parkdale, AR. Spouse Dolores, 2 children. W5IMR-1939 JA2BO J2IMR DL4NW W5IMR/VO-2. U.S. Army Air Corps, U.S. Air Force 1937-1964 CWO4.

My first amateur radio contact was in 1939. Homebrew transmitter with 6L6 tubes and a Hallicrafters Sky-Buddy receiver. I have held my first call since originally issued. I joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1937 and after initial training was stationed in the Panama Canal Zone, with the Army Signal Corps. In 1947-48 when the USAAC became the USAF, I was stationed near Tokyo Japan where I was licensed JA2BO, and later as J2IMR, both under the FEARL amateur programs in Japan. During my tour in Japan I made many health and welfare phone patches between Japan and U.S.A.

During an assignment to Newfoundland, November 1954 I was licensed W5IMO/VO2. Later I served in Germany and licensed DL4NW. During my USAF career I was very active in the USAF MARS program operating and maintaining MARS radio equipment. I retired in 1964 and joined the USAF Security Service.

As I approach 93 years with almost 68 years of amateur radio operating, I am still very active. My station today operates on 75, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 2 meters. I am still married to my sweetheart, Delores, who I met after returning from Panama. Regrettably I no longer have the baby blue Oldsmobile convertible that we both liked very much.

NEW MEMBER JOE SPEARS, AF1E, #4485

Born May 16, 1951, Stamford, CT. Spouse Maggie, 1 child. First licensed in 1965 as WN1FCP at the age of 14. Passed my General early in 1966 and became WA1FCP. Then came incentive licensing so passed my Advanced in early 1969 and my Extra in late 1969. Lived in Illinois for a period around 1978 working for Automatic Electric and had the call N9AE. Then picked up the call AF1E in 1979 while in Massachusetts and have kept it while living in Kentucky and now North Carolina. Member of FISTS, SKCC, CDXA, Dixie Radio Pirates, Charlotte Amateur Radio Club & Mecklenburg Amateur Radio Society. af1e@bellsouth.net

NEW MEMBER HIROAKI NAKATSUI, JA4ENN, #4486

Born May 28, 1948, Yamaguchi, Japan. Spouse Keiko, 2 children. JA4ENN-1966. ja4enn@jarl.com

THE DEATH OF NEW YORK'S RADIO ROW

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THE WAY IT WAS

Radio Row had been the hub of the electronics industry in New York since the 1920's. When it died, its remnants scattered to other areas of Manhattan, another unique slice of New York's heritage perished, too. "People came from everywhere to buy electronics (there)," said Vickie Ploscowe. As a young woman, Ploscowe would accompany her father, window designer Manny Barsky, on his neighborhood rounds. "All the guys selling knew what they were talking about."

SO DID THE CUSTOMERS.

"There was a camaraderie to the guys who loved this stuff," she said. "You could go down and talk about the latest and greatest."

Radio Row's popularity peaked in the 1950s. Its proximity to the New Jersey ferry docks and the financial district, combined with the advent of new consumer electronics goods and postwar demand, attracted floods of shoppers to the area every day except Sunday. To service their customers, stores opened at 7:00 a.m. on weekdays and closed late on Saturdays.

Familiarity and loyalty served as cornerstones for the success of many of the stores. "An employee worked for his boss for 20 years," said Herb Simonoff, who managed Leonard Radio at 65 Cortlandt St. "Our men were technically-oriented, not just clerks."

Radio Row was not a neat and pretty sight. Block upon block over 300 street level stores, with over three times as many enterprises in the floors above them were jammed into 20 to 25 foot storefronts, up and down streets such as Albany, Carlisle, Greenwich and Liberty. Their shelves and floor spaces were packed with vacuum tubes, condensers, transistors and other high-tech bric-a-brac for ham radio enthusiasts and do-it-yourselfers. It was, as the New York Times called it in 1950, a paradise for electronic tinkerers."

Storefront windows were crammed with goods from top to bottom. Every product bore a card that listed its name, serial number, manufacturer and price. Most of these cards were hand-painted in red and orange tempera and India ink by Mannie Barsky.

The postwar boom brought consumer electronics such as stereos, big television sets, portable shortwave radios and the latest hi-fi equipment into the stores. Surplus electronic material, hoarded by the government during the war years for communications, was added to some inventories and sold at what one former customer called "junk prices."

Audiophiles flocked to the area to find that one needed part or that latest gadget. The narrow streets of lower New York were dense with pedestrians and the huge cars of the era vying for space. Some entrepreneurs added to the crush by displaying their wares on the street.

By 1950s Radio Row was "loaded with surplus parts," said restaurateur David MacInnes. "They would bring it out in the streets. You could buy anything. Sheet metal. Brass. For people to make things."

One baby boomer still has the tuning fork oscillator that he bought at Leeds Radio in the 1960s. Now the owner of Tekserve, a Silicon Valley computer retail and repair shop, David Lerner recalled going down to Radio Row to buy supplies for WBAI, the radio station where he worked as a teenager. He remembered the stores as having their own niches. "Some had used and surplus equipment," he said. "Others were parts stores. Others had large laboratory instruments."

What the area may have lacked in aesthetics, it made up for in vitality. In June 1965, local businessman Oscar Nadel told the House of Representatives' Select Committee on Small Business that 10 percent of the radio, television, stereo and hi-fi sets sold by American manufacturers were sold to retailers in the area.

This success owed as much to the knowledge and experience of the salesmen and they were all men as it did to the unique franchise agreements that manufacturers made with retailers. This unwritten compact, technically illegal, fostered a spirit of camaraderie and community among the businesses.

If (a customer) needed something (a merchant) didn't carry, the merchant would go to another one to get it for his customer," said Ronnie Nadel, a former consumer electronics wholesale executive and Oscar Nadel's nephew. That way, he said, each merchant retained his customer while maintaining an incentive for his neighbor to stay in business.

This culture, which might be described as competitive coexistence, was further strengthened by the segregation of specialties. The "brown goods" stores stocked radios, stereos, hi-fis and televisions. The "white goods" stores sold washers, dryers, dishwashers and refrigerators.

One place where everyone gathered was MacInnes' restaurant, a mainstay of Radio Row since 1919. David MacInnes ran the place with his mother, Sarah, from the time of his father's death in 1938. "It was a beautiful place, with a mahogany bar and beveled glass," said his daughter, Janet Webb. It was an Irish bar with a Scottish theme." To her father, it was nothing special, just a 25 by 40-foot restaurant and bar. When asked about the cuisine, he laughed derisively. "You say cuisine. We didn't have cuisine. We had plain old food."

The restaurant was on the bottom floor of a six-story building with a freight elevator. His first upstairs tenants were people who manufactured radios" before it became big time," he said. Those people were in the forefront of the technology of the day." Later, MacInnes leased the loft space to his neighbor, Leonard Levy, who stored parts and merchandise there for his store, Leonard Radio.

Levy built a thriving business that Herb Simonoff and his wife, the former Margaret Levy, eventually took over in the early 1960's. In time, the couple opened more Leonard Radio stores in the New York area. Yet, the circumstances of the flagship store's forced closing are still so painful to Margaret that she refuses to speak about it to this day. Her husband burns with barely suppressed rage nearly 40 years later. "People's lives were turned around for reasons not of their own doing," he said.

LOWER MANHATTAN MAKEOVER

The plans for the World Trade Center, first hatched by Chase Manhattan Bank Chairman David Rockefeller in 1958, rocked the enclave. Earlier that year, Rockefeller formed the Downtown-Lower Manhattan Association (DLMA) comprised of the leading business figures of the day. Its stated mission was to make over Lower Manhattan as a world center of international commerce, finance and maritime trade. He personally started such an initiative with the erection of the 66-story One Chase plaza in 1956. The grand scheme envisioned a world trade center on the site of the Fulton Fish Market.

Over the next few years, the site shifted to the Lower West Side, as it was then known, to accommodate the state of New Jersey. To bring newly elected Gov. Richard J. Hughes on board in 1961, the Port Authority of New York and New York Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, David's brother, struck a deal with Hughes and his predecessor, Robert Meyner. The deal linked the construction of the Center to the Port Authority's takeover of the bankrupt Hudson & Manhattan Railroad.

In addition, container ports were built at the Port of Newark-Elizabeth, New Jersey, sealing the fate of New York City as an international shipping port. That irony, compounded by the obliteration of the existing piers by the landfill that would be created by the construction's excavation, seems to have been lost on everyone at the time.

Renaming the commuter rail line the Port Authority Trans-Hudson, or PATH, the port authority rerouted one of its tubes into the site of the new center. That action created the "public purpose" that justified the eminent domain proceedings against the businesses and residents that stood on the 564-acre site.

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1947-1949 IRVING VERMILYA ***W1ZE**
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 1953-1955 IRVING VERMILYA W1ZE
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 1964-1967 BERT OSBORNE W4MF
 1968-1969 RAYMOND F GUY W4AZ
 1970-1976 ANDREW SHAFER W8TE
 1977-1978 FRED ELSER W6FB/KH6CZ
 1979-1984 RAY MEYERS W6MLZ
 1985-1986 LEWIS SIEK K4NE
 1987-1990 L. F. HEITHECKER W5EJ
 1991-1992 DUNCAN KREAMER W1GAY
 1993 HARRY GARTSMAN W6ATC
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 2005 DUNCAN KREAMER W1GAY
 2006-2007 TROY WIDEMAN W6HV

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 1953-1958 CHARLES ELLSWORTH *******W1TU**
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 1962-1964 MERRILL BEAM K2BX
 1965-1967 PERLEY B DUNN W6WPF
 1968 FRED ELSER W6FB/KH6CZ
 1969 EDWARD RASER W2ZI
 Assistant BERT GAMBLE W5ZC
 1970-1971 WILLIAM GOULD III K2NP
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 1980-1984 LEWIS SIEK K4NE
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 1965-1966 EUNICE THOMPSON W1MPP
 1967-1968 T. FRANK SMITH W5VA
 1969 BERT GAMBLE W5ZC
 1970-1976 RAY MEYERS W6MLZ
 Assistant LEE MANN K6KP
 1977-1978 RAY MEYERS W6MLZ
 1979-1986 A. J. GIRONDA W2JE

TREASURER

1987-1991 BERT AYERS W6CL
 1992-1993 WESLEY RANGLES W4COW
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 1989-1990 WESLEY RANGLES W4COW
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 1994-2007 BERT WELLS W5JNK

* **W1ZE** Operator at old "CC", the Marconi station at South Wellfleet, Cape Cod, Mass.

** **W1AE** was head of the FCC during his term as OOTC President.

*** **W4PPZ** Originator of OOTC newsletter Blabbermouth later renamed Spark-Gap Times.

**** **W1ANA** designed OOTC certificate still used today. Was top executive Maxim Silencer Co. & close associate of Hiram Percy Maxim the founder of ARRL.

***** **W1TU** One of the three wireless operators who handled all the traffic on the Titanic sinking while he was with the Canadian Marconi Company in New Foundland. Also received a Presidential commendation for the handling of radio traffic on the NC-4 transatlantic flight. He sponsored Marconi's daughter as OOTCs first honorary member.

***** **W1MPP** The first woman broadcaster in the United States, and no doubt in the world.

#0026 K2AE Henry Broughton made radio contact across the stage as assistant to Nikola Tesla at the Chicago Worlds Fair in 1893. SK-1959.

This report compiled from the best records I have found, if better info known, advise Secretary OOTC.

OOTC Chapter 2
13 May 2007

April 15th turned out to be a beautiful day for our luncheon meeting at the Long Beach Yacht Club. Twenty-four members and guests attended. Our President Paul Schinnerer phoned the morning of our meeting to say he would be unable to attend because of severe leg pains that prohibited walking and requested that I chair the meeting in his absence.

The meeting was called to order and David Flesh (W6IBF) OOTC #4460 was introduced and asked to stand and be warmly welcomed as our newest Chapter 2 member. The meeting was then temporarily adjourned to enjoy our buffet brunch.

After completing our meal, the meeting was recalled to order. Members and guests present included Bill Carter (W6AJ) and friend Mardy Graves, Glen Skagerberg (N6AVC), Joe Saugier (K6CD) with friends Tom (K6DAY), Paul (K6POS), and Tina (K16GDJ), Ken Johnson (W6FU) with friend Carol Jacobs, Lyman (W6GP) and wife Marilyn Beman, Hugh (W6HG) and wife Marcia Graham, David Flesh (W6IBF), Archie Willis (W6LPJ), Al Windelbo (KK6O), Helen Windham (N6ZLL), Jim (K6TLN) and wife Donna Nicholson and Bill (W6UUC) and wife Audrey Snow.

Once again Helen Windham was applauded for arranging our group to enjoy the Long Beach Yacht Club as our meeting and dining establishment. Her efforts are truly appreciated.

A moment of silence was then observed for members experiencing health problems and those who are now Silent Keys.

Members were then asked to individually stand, introduce themselves, wives and guests and if they wished to tell some anecdote from their ham experience. This has become an interesting portion of our meeting.

As Secretary Lyman Beman reported our bank account now stood at \$1,850.25 and that the Club has received a nice thank you letter and certificate in appreciation of our \$500.00 donation to the ARRL Spectrum Protection Fund.

There was no further business comments from the floor so the meeting was adjourned early afternoon.

Respectfully,

Lyman Beman W6GP
Sec/Treas OOTC Chapter 2

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS LIFE DUES OR CURRENT DUES PAID

Jul-01-W0UHL-WOOD	Aug-08-W8KP-WITTLA	Sep-02-W7UIZ-HARRIS
Jul-01-W1FKD-THOMASON	Aug-08-W2PL-LENNAN	Sep-02-DL8MTG-HANSCHMANN
Jul-01-W7EST-CAUGHIE SR	Aug-08-W9KXI-OLDFIELD	Sep-03-W2IX-LAURI
Jul-04-W4SQE-POTEETE	Aug-09-W7ER-BRUCE	Sep-03-K3ARR-BECK JR
Jul-05-WA4JCS-FISCUS JR	Aug-10-K6GTY-DEMING	Sep-06-W4AXH-SHELL
Jul-06-W0HPD-SWISHER	Aug-10-K5ZYZ-BRODIE	Sep-07-K4HEB-MAYER
Jul-06-W7FKF-KINCAID	Aug-11-DL3WX-DENGLER	Sep-07-K6MV-MOYER
Jul-07-W3QPP-GERBRACHT	Aug-11-WA1ENO-MANNA	Sep-07-K4EH-SANDEN
Jul-09-W6QHD-LUSTER	Aug-12-K5KC-CASE	Sep-07-AG4HC-CONNOLLY
Jul-10-K6ZE-MITCHELL	Aug-12-KO4TV-BLOODWORTH	Sep-08-W3BRX-TROTMAN
Jul-11-W5AE-STOVER	Aug-12-W3BE-JOHNSTON	Sep-08-W1SUJ-PANN
Jul-11-N4CC-WILSON	Aug-13-WN3R-HAYMAN	Sep-08-W5CJZ-MOFFATT
Jul-13-KP4MO-VILA	Aug-14-N6UA-TABOR	Sep-08-W5TZD-SMITH
Jul-13-W0BZJ-JALLEN	Aug-15-W5ZMI-RAY JR	Sep-08-N4PF-BABB
Jul-14-W3GN-FADNER	Aug-15-W9CZA-BENSON	Sep-08-N6MFH-TOEPHER
Jul-14-K9EAT-LINTHECOME	Aug-16-W5NJJ-OLIVIER	Sep-09-NW5E-VEST
Jul-14-W3ZIF-KRAMER	Aug-16-K7AMR-RIBEIRO	Sep-10-AD6YU-SINGH
Jul-15-W8FLA-POLITYKA	Aug-16-W9GRX-BURDEN	Sep-10-W0GN-ELY
Jul-15-W3FZV-BATTEY	Aug-17-N4MM-KANODE	Sep-10-K6DJ-JONES
Jul-15-W4FWG-FERGUSON	Aug-18-W5HS-MAKEEVER	Sep-11-W6XS-MC NAIR
Jul-16-KG9QC-SCHLECHTE	Aug-18-W0FP-PHILLIPS	Sep-14-WA4QE-WEATHERLY
Jul-17-W3GNG-BURNHAM	Aug-18-W5MO-SMITH	Sep-14-K4ORD-DUDLEY
Jul-18-WA7PVC-HELLWIG	Aug-19-W6KC-STOCKWELL	Sep-15-DL3QV-KÜHL
Jul-19-W6ILL-HITTERDAL	Aug-20-WB9UAD-STEVENSON	Sep-15-DJ3JV-BEISSNER
Jul-20-K5HGL-ENGLEMAN	Aug-20-K6PPJ-WILLIAMS	Sep-16-K5OI-PETTIBONE
Jul-20-W4KE-LETTEER JR	Aug-21-W3QYL-FRIEDMANN	Sep-16-K3MRT-VALASEK
Jul-20-W6SVU-ROBISON	Aug-21-WA2SEI-CZYZEWSKI	Sep-17-DJ1GE-HOYER
Jul-21-K2ATB-BRILL	Aug-22-W5PZA-BEASLEY	Sep-17-N1JB-BUTTOLPH III
Jul-22-W6CK-HESS	Aug-22-KF5ZE-SCHMELZER	Sep-18-WA8DBI-SEVER
Jul-22-K4DWW-TODD	Aug-22-N4JJ-JACKSON JR	Sep-18-CROSSMAN
Jul-23-K3MD-THOMPSON	Aug-23-K5RN-NIELSEN	Sep-19-W5JIZ-PULLY
Jul-26-WA6FEJ-GREGORY	Aug-25-W2CC-POPKIN	Sep-23-W9FHW-FABERT
Jul-26-W6HB-DOWDS	Aug-26-W6BV-MUNZIG JR	Sep-24-AL6R-SHIDELER
Jul-26-W6IBF-FLESH	Aug-27-W0NYG-THOMPSON	Sep-25-W3QT-ROACH
Jul-27-K6LLD-CELENTANO	Aug-29-W2ZXQ-WARREN	Sep-25-W3HVW-WORLEY JR
Jul-27-W0RQ-TYSON	Aug-30-W6IST-GAYNOR	Sep-25-KH7JJ-CONKLIN
Jul-31-W3ENL-SCHWARTZ	Aug-30-WA5FLV-SHERARD	Sep-26-AI2X-BOGERT
Aug-01-K6CMS-SEALOCK	Aug-31-W9NZF-LINN	Sep-26-W5JNK-WELLS
Aug-02-W6UUC-SNOW	Aug-31-K5ZOL-IRISH JR	Sep-26-W7IBC-LENNY
Aug-02-W6MHT-YOUNG	Aug-31-WA9BXB-BRECKINRIDGE	Sep-28-AL7KK-WILSON
Aug-03-N3NN-MEHNERT	Sep-01-W3GQJ-FLEMING	Sep-29-WB8SNH-ROBERTS
Aug-03-WA1SMI-ISAACS	Sep-01-WB2JEY-SINGLETON	Sep-30-AC6H-ZUKERMAN
Aug-04-K8SPE-SHUMAN	Sep-01-VE3SJE-MARTIN	
Aug-07-W9EK-SYLFEST	Sep-02-W5BR-RISACHER	

ROUND GOLD STICKERS

The 1 inch OOTC gold stamps are free with SASE. See Page 4. The glue on the back of them is weak, moisten carefully. You may need to use a glue stick. Send SASE to OOTC 3191 Darvany Dr Dallas TX 75220-1611. Will send you what the postage you provide allows.

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MORSE / INTERNATIONAL MORSE - Bert, W5JNK, #2951

The first Morse I heard was the telegraph sounder at the rail station a block from our home. The Prince Albert can made it sound great.

There are a lot of viewpoints about the elimination of the code test. How about this one. Morse code is the only method that can be understood just as we are equipped at birth.

Eyes - Signaling by blinking light. My first code use was by flashing light over wires between our house and a friend's house.

Ears - Tapping on solid object, clicking sounder, interrupted tone. My friend and I replaced lamps with buzzers.

Feel - I've QSO'd a deaf ham that used his finger on speaker cone.

The most dependable emergency communication is Morse code. There are keyboards, electronic code readers and many communication methods. When all else fails, it is invaluable.

I don't want to turn the clock back, how about recognizing International Morse proficiency (a worldwide treasure) with an endorsement on a ham license?

How many of you remember the RKO movie introduction with

.....
I smiled with satisfaction every time!

Those that cannot change their minds cannot change anything.
George Bernard Shaw

To love what you do and feel that it matters - how could anything be more fun?
Katherine Graham

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New member fee now \$22. (initiation\$10+\$12one-year dues.) Dues \$12 a year.
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85-89 \$85., 90-94 \$60. Age 95 and over free. Installments accepted.

The Old Old Timers are saddened by the passing of our friends
and associates.

**THESE MEMBERS ARE "SILENT KEY". CALLS ARE THE ONES
THEY USED AND MAY HAVE BEEN REISSUED SINCE THEN.**

NAME & MEMBER # BIRTHDATE	LAST CALL 1ST-2-WAY	SK: DATE REPORT FROM	SPARK?
PHILIP W. AMBORN #1301 B:JULY/4/1910	W6PA 6AJG-1925	SK DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SPRING 2007 P.54	
HARRIET L. AMBORN #1235 B:OCTOBER/11/1909	N6HA W6DOI-1928	SK DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SPRING 2007 P.54	
JAMES H. BOTTOMLEY #1991 B:DECEMBER/10/1917	W7TG W4DLI-1935	MARCH/11/2006 BETTY R. BOTTOMLEY	
ROBERT G. SIFF #2784 B:DECEMBER/20/1919	K4AMG W8QDI-1936	SK DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SPRING 2007 P.54	
RONALD A. YOUNG #2902 B:AUGUST/3/1931	W6MHT Model-T Spark-1945, W6MHT-1950	FEBRUARY/22/2006 Madelyn Parrett Sister-in-Law	
ROBERT G. SEVER #4069 B:SEPTEMBER/18/1920	WA8DBI Military-1942 WA8DBI-1962	APRIL/6/2007 Dean Sever W8IM #3851	
ARTHUR M. MONSEES B:FEBRUARY/3/1914	W4BK W6HJP-1932	SK DATE MISSING QST MAY 2007 P.90	
EDWARD S. GROGAN B:JUNE/29/1937	WW1N KN1ZSI-1962	SK DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL NOV. 2006 P.101	
JOHN D. BRAND B:NOVEMBER/21/1937	K6WC WN7ZUC-1955	SK DATE MISSING FAMILY ADVISED SK, NO DATE.	
T. A. BENHAM B:DECEMBER/30/1914	W3DD W3DD-1931	APRIL/15/2006 LEE BENHAM	
ERNEST L. BRACY B:APRIL/24/1916	W1BFA W1BFA-1930	SK DATE MISSING QST JUNE 2007 P.91	

OOTC BADGE 1/16" X 2" X 3"

White background and either BLACK or RED logo and lettering. Beveled edge gives either a black or red border. Send this order blank or a copy of it, with check, money order or U. S. currency to:



OOTC INC
3191 DARVANY DR
DALLAS TX 75220-1611

PUT MY MEMBER # UNDER THE CALL LETTERS YES___NO___
(IF YOU DO NOT CHOOSE, THE MEMBER NUMBER WILL BE OMITTED)

CHOOSE RED OR BLACK LETTERING
(If you do not choose, black lettering will be ordered)

WHITE WITH BLACK LETTERING_____

WHITE WITH RED LETTERING_____

BADGE WITH LOCKING SAFETY PIN BACK (\$7.00)_____

BADGE WITH PLASTIC POCKET CLIP (\$9.00)_____

BADGE WITH MAGNETIC BARS (\$9.50)_____
(NO HOLES IN SHIRT OR BLOUSE)

BADGE WITH BOLO CLIP AND TIE (\$9.50)_____

CHOOSE TIE COLOR
BLACK___RED___BLUE___BROWN___
(If you do not choose, black tie will be ordered)

PRINT YOUR CALL LETTERS

PRINT HOW YOU WANT YOUR NAME TO APPEAR

PRINT WHAT YOU WANT HERE, CITY & STATE OR ?
(If you want nothing here, say "nothing here")



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3191 DARVANY DR. DALLAS, TX 75220-1611
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A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM
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(PLEASE PRINT ALL ITEMS CLEARLY)



Name _____ Present call _____

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

1st 2-way HAM wireless(Year) _____ Nickname/Handle _____ PHONE# _____

My first amateur call was _____ Other calls _____ E-Mail _____

If not HAM, first 2-way wireless was Commercial Radio () Military Radio () CB () Year _____

Describe it _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____
Month Day Year

NEW MEMBER ENROLLMENT FEE \$22. (10Initiation+\$12.one year dues.) Yearly Dues \$12. Or you may elect \$10 initiation plus LIFETIME DUES, under age 75 \$175., 75 to 79 \$135., 80 to 84 \$110., 85 to 89 \$85., 90 to 94 \$50. IF YOU ARE 95 OR OVER, SEND APPLICATION AND NO MONEY. All funds must be acceptable at a U.S. Bank. Installment payment accepted.

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You are eligible if you had two-way wireless communication 40 or more years ago. OOTC recognizes your first two-way communication whether through CB, amateur, commercial or military operation. Provide proof if possible. If you were never licensed but had 2-way communication, you join as an Associate Member.

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First name of spouse _____ Number of children _____ Spouse's call(if any) _____

Military Branch _____ service from _____ to _____, Rank _____

I heard about OOTC from _____ Please credit (name or call) _____

Your Signature _____ Last 4 digits social security number(US) _____ (for SK ID