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N.East: Thursday, 1330 local, 7230 kHz. NCS K2VNM, Robert Kerns.
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ms. Diane D. Zimmerman, AA3OF, Chairman Scholarship Committee, The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., has notified OOTC of this year's award winner. The following is from her letter dated July 16, 2007:

"The Foundation's Scholarship Committee has completed evaluation of this year's scholarship applications and made fifty-eight awards. There were twelve applicants competing for the Old Old Timers Club Scholarship. Ms. Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT of Raytown, MO was selected as this year's award winner."

"Rebecca Rich, KB0VVT, is a 19 year old sophomore at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, studying electrical engineering with a minor in mathematics. From Kansas City, Missouri, she was first licensed in 1996 at the age of seven, and she received her Extra ticket when she was eight. Her parents are both hams. Over the years she has developed a love for CW and contesting - particularly ARRL November Sweepstakes and Field Day. She was awarded the 2004 Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial Award for her dedication to amateur radio, academics, and community. In 2006, she was a valued member of the multi-two team at PJ2T for the ARRL DX SSB Contest. Also in 2006, she set the all time record in the school category for the ARRL November Sweepstakes CW Contest. Presently she operates MIT's W1MX station for the ARRL November Sweepstakes, acts as a Volunteer Examiner, participates in the Raytown (Missouri) Amateur Radio Club's Field day, and helps teach Boy Scout Merit Badge classes. Presently she is active on SSB and CW on the HF bands, and is a member of the Raytown Amateur Radio Club, Kansas City DX Club, YLRL, FISTS, and the MIT W1MX society."



"She was recommended by OOTC member Lee Ward, K0LW, OOTC #4378"

My congratulations to Ms Rich, KB0VVT.

The primary offices of the OOTC are the Executive Secretary position and the Treasurer position. We have been fortunate to have these offices filled by Lee, W9MOL, as Treasurer and by Bert, W5JNK, as Executive Secretary for many years. Now we need to ask for volunteers to take over these positions when the time comes. It is important to identify replacements to avoid any gap. Please let us know if you are willing to fill either of these important offices.

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The duties are as follows:

Treasurer:

1. The job includes recording in Quicken the cash collections and reimbursements reported by the Executive Secretary, and preparation of annual and semi-annual financial reports together with comments thereon.
2. The candidate should have a computer and familiarity with Word, Excel, Quicken and Adobe.
3. Be knowledgeable of bookkeeping practices and statement preparation.
4. He or she serves as a member of OOTC's Executive committee.
5. Accounts for the OOTC scholarship fund. (Time expended varies from less than an hour a month, to several hours after the June 30th and December 31st reporting periods.)

Executive Secretary:

1. Appointed by, and a monthly fee set by the Board of Directors.
2. Member of the Executive Committee.
3. Reimbursed monthly for operating expenses.
4. Today, the Secretary uses a personal computer and the club pays for repairs and necessary software and hardware. The Secretary may choose to ask the Board for a club owned computer.
5. Deposits all money from members in the OOTC bank account.
6. Issues member cards, certificates and handles correspondence.

7. Sends the Treasurer deposit and operating expense reports.
8. Maintains computer database.
9. Scans, adds all records to Adobe PDF files in the computer.
10. Maintains the OOTC website www.ootc.us
11. Creates, publishes and mails the Spark-Gap Times to members by e-mail PDF attachment or postal service.
12. Provides the OOTC registered agent, Janice Lentz, K4IJK, a yearly report and fee for the Rhode Island Department of State to maintain corporate registration.
13. Present computer is IMAC (Intel) System10.4.10, MS Office2004, Acrobat7, Graphic Converter5.9, Netscape7.2(Composer), Fetch4 FTP, Filemaker8.5, AppleMail, Mozilla Firefox browser, Toast8.

73, Troy, W6HV

NEW MEMBER DAVID M. RITTER, ND4MR, #4487

Born December 6, 1952, Norfolk, VA. WN4GMC-1967. "I've been a ham ever since I was a child," is how I usually reply if ever I'm asked how long I've been a ham. Amateur radio, for me, traces its roots to a 6th grade science project on electro-magnets. Several library books later I discovered that it was possible to get a radio and talk to people in far way places. The rest, as they say, is history.

I got my novice license in 1967, and in those days it was a one-year, non-renewable license. Using homebrew, 25 watt, one-tube, crystal-controlled, 80 meter CW transmitter I worked 18 states during my Novice year. Shortly after passing my General, a local ham about to go on a extended deployment with the navy sold me his 5-band SSB transceiver at a bargain price, and that opened new worlds for me.

Because I started in ham radio as such a young age, I hardly remember life without ham radio. All the way through college and in all of my career changes and relocations (13 different addresses since going away to college) ham radio has always gone with me.

Now an "old fossil" in my fifties, my primary ham activity is public service communications. I am active in ARES, regularly check-in to our state traffic

nets, and am very active in the Civil Air Patrol, which I joined about the same time that I got my first ham license. My current call sign is my eighth one. Present call ND4MR contains my initials DMR. nd4mr@juno.com

NEW MEMBER RICHARD J. MAC GARVA, W2HCT, #4488

Born 1927, East Hampton NY. Widower. W2HCT-1956, K6SBM, W0WQZ, W9CYV. Captain US Navy & Coast Guard 1943 - 1963.

NEW MEMBER RAYMOND A. "RAY" ALLARD, W1RAA, #4489

Born September 11, 1946, Woonsocket, RI. Spouse Sharon KI4WDJ, 3 children. K1MFZ-1959. Air National Guard 1969-1981M/SGT. foxzulu@aol.com

NEW MEMBER ARTHUR C. "ART" SANDSTROM, N5ATI, #4490

Born December 30, 1933, Poulsbo, WA. Spouse Jeannine. WL7FCE-1959, KL7FLN. 1956 - Bushphone contact with remote villages out of Nome, AK. CW contact with various ships (Merchant, Coast Guard, Canadian, U.S. Gov., from ALC22 Nome.) Was in Alaska Communications system, an Army organization directly under Chief Signal Officer. ACS handled all government and civilian (commercial) telephone and telegraph traffic within and to-from Alaska. ACS is long gone. sndstrom@ix.netcom.com

FROM GUNNAR PERSSON, SM5TRT, #2910



TOM BENHAM (SK), W3DD, #4124.

12/30/1914 - 4/15/2006

FROM TOM'S MEMOIRS

KONTIKI

One of the exciting events in which I participated with the Single - Dial transmitter was the Kontiki expedition that Thor Hyerdahl launched in the fall of 1946. That was the experiment in the balsa raft to prove that the ocean currents would carry him and his crew from Peru across the Pacific to the western islands. He took along amateur equipment to keep in contact with "home". I was a part of the group of hams who listened for his transmissions and carried his news to the rest of the world.



My job was to get up certain mornings at four a.m. to look for him on the radio. I had the pleasure of contacting him the day that he first sighted land. He didn't land, but allowed a couple of his crew to set out in a small boat they had aboard to paddle ashore. The two men got ashore all right, exchanged greetings with the "natives". They decided to take the men back to the raft in a canoe, but by the time things got organized, the raft had drifted to the west of the island and there was a mad scramble to catch up. They brought supplies with them that were very much appreciated by the Kontiki group. Hyerdahl sent me a summary of all that, which I phoned to the local newspaper. A couple of days later I heard the landing they made at the end of the trip, but I was not able to contact them with my transmitter. Conditions were not suitable that morning

Court Room

In May 1945, I received a call from an attorney who asked me if I would testify in a case in which his client was suing an insurance company. The client, had set the furnace for a house temperature of 55 degrees and gone to Florida for several winter months. While he was away, the furnace failed to operate and the water in the radiators froze and burst some of the radiators. The flying metal parts had done considerable damage and when the weather moderated, the ice in the remains of the radiators melted and did more damage.

The insurance company had insured him against explosion but they maintained this was not an explosion. The attorney asked me to testify as a physicist that it was an explosion and to show how to prove it. I agreed and began to make preparations.

We did a demonstration in the Physic II course to show the explosive power of freezing water. We had a steel ball about 4 inches in diameter with a ¼ inch thick wall and hollow inside. There was a threaded hole about an inch in diameter in the

surface of the ball. A threaded ¼ inch thick plug could be screwed into the hole to seal the opening.

First remove the plug, heat some water to boil away any air dissolved in it, then let the water cool to room temperature. Fill the ball absolutely as full as possible, screw the plug in tight, to be sure there is no air pocket inside the ball. Then put the ball into a steel pail filled with a mixture of water, ice and salt. This produces a solution that is a degree or two below 32 degrees and sit back and wait, usually 20 to 30 minutes. When the water in the ball freezes, a very large force is developed by the ice trying to expand. The force becomes so great that even this steel ball blows apart with a rather impressive noise.

I arrived at the court room with my prepared pail, with a cover, and the ball. I put them on the witness stand and sat down.

"What is all that for?" asked he judge.

"This is going to be a demonstration of an explosion". I put the ball in the water and replaced the lid. The lid was to enhance the effect and to be sure no pieces would fly up and out.

The usual proceedings got under way and "my" attorney asked what I had there. I explained.

"Will it make much noise?" he asked.

"Oh, you bet," I replied. Then things went on with questions and answers.

After about ten minutes, the judge said, "Bailiff, take that bucket out of here, I can't stand the suspense!" The bailiff took it out in the hall and came back.

Another ten or so minutes went by and there was a very loud bang from out in the hall.

"Bailiff, go see what happened and bring the thing back in."

The lid had jumped off and there was a large dent in the side of the pail. Everyone was quite impressed.

During the performance, the attorney for the insurance company asked me all sorts of questions. He was so inept that I was getting a kick out of it. He asked me, "What is the tenstil strength of water?"

"I don't know the meaning of that word, tenstil."

"You mean to tell me a supposed authority in physics doesn't know what tenstil means!" My attorney looked it up in the dictionary and said there was no such word. Did he mean tensile? The jury laughed.

At another point he said to me, "Are you trying to testify as an expert in physics and you are blind?"

I replied, "So far as we have been able to ascertain, blindness has nothing to do with mental acuity!" To this, the judge said, "Bravo, bravo!" And the jury laughed some more.

The client won the case and was compensated for the damage to his house and furnishings.

That was a lot of fun.

NEW MEMBER BRUCE H. "SWEDE" OHLSON, K7UAL, #4491

Born April 23, 1931, Huntington, WV. Spouse Diane - KC7NHM. U.S. Navy 1949-1974. Retired as CDR in USNR 1974, WD0AKP-1974. Joined United Airlines as a pilot in 1964, retired as a captain in 1995. Started ham in Boy Scouts. Did not get my license until 1974. Currently retired and active in Navy Mars and am starting into QRP. Keep smiling. k7ual@charter.net

SILENT KEY ROY E. HOGAN, AC4ND, #2936. 1/20/1913-11/5/2002

A phone call from Helen Hogan, Roy's wife, brought news of his passing on October 5, 2002. Roy had a stroke October 1998. Paralyzed except for left elbow to wrist, Helen was at his bedside for 4 years. She wanted us to know how much Spark-Gap times meant to Roy. Helen is in bad health and needs your prayers.

NEW MEMBER DENNIS A. RIISE, K5AVT, #4492

Born May 13, 1937, Tucson, AZ. Spouse Margaret, 3 children. KN6DFJ-1953, K6DFJ-1954. USN 1959-1964 E5, Reserves 1955-1966. P2V Aircraft HF net - airborne 1956. A/C Pilot - Eng at Braniff Airways 1965 - 1968. LTV Eng till 1972. Owner DARCO COMM (Irving TX) 1972- 1981. LTC in USAF - CAP as Regional Comm Director 1965-1973. Owner/Op of Alphasatronics Co (2-way) through current (2007). Past member IEEE, extra class amateur, commercial phone license and ICET License. k5avt@arrl.net

NEW MEMBER ANTHONY F. "TONY" RICICKI, W2VRK, #4493

Born May 17, 1952, Newton, NJ. Spouse Patricia, 2 children. WN2VRK-1966, WB2VRK. My interest in ham radio started after Christmas, 1964 when I received a National receiver and started listening to shortwave broadcasts and the ham bands. By March 1966 I had learned enough CW to pass my Novice test, WN2VRK, and had lots of success making contacts on 80 meter CW. A few months later, I worked a KP4 station in Puerto Rico on 40 meters, my first DX station.

Bitten by the DX bug, I scoured the 15-meter band with a newly constructed rotatable dipole and eventually confirmed over 50 countries and WAC. I passed my General exam in New York in December 1966 and was very active until I graduated from college and moved away to a new job. Years passed and I had little time for ham radio but still managed to chase DX along the way. Having lived at my current QTH since 1996, I now spend most of my time listening for the new countries I still need to confirm. My other passion is researching and collecting vintage QSL cards, both US and DX. My collection goes back to the early 20s and many of the cards were given to me by OOTC members who started with spark

equipment. Their stories about the early days are fascinating and I've kept all the letters in my files for development into a future article about that subject.

Looking back, one of the biggest thrills I've had in the hobby was making my first CW contact and then by a stroke of luck, 30 years later, contacting the same station operating from his retirement home in Nevada. tpllrs@patmedia.net

A NOTE FROM MIKE ZANONI, #4395

Call has been changed from NG7A to AH6WA mikezanoni@gmail.com

On Jul 29, 2007, at 6:02 PM, Kim Elmore wrote:

My father, W5JHJ, unexpectedly became a Silent Key on July 21 this year. He had been a member of the OOTC for only a few years, though he had been eligible much longer. He was also a member of the QCWA. Health problems kept him from being very active in the club or on the air these past few years, though he always wanted to be more active. I know that he particularly valued his membership in the OOTC.

My Dad was born on 28 September, 1922. He became a ham around 1938-1939 or so (I don't have the exact date, yet) during the Depression, as part of training he received in a National Youth Administration camp (which was part of the WPA). W5JHJ is his original-issue call.

He used that training to obtain his 1st Class Radiotelephone ticket and became the chief engineer at the old KOME AM station in Tulsa and then in his military duty as a stateside LORAN slave station operator on Padre Is., long before it had become a tourist attraction. After leaving the military, he returned to being a broadcast engineer before earning his BS and then MS in physics at the University of Tulsa. He then became an aerospace engineer at AVCO Tulsa Division until AVCO closed that facility. Afterwards, he ran a small business, Electronic Systems, out of his home until his failing sight forced him to reluctantly close the business.

He taught me radio theory and CW, and then he and a friend of his proctored my Novice exam in 1970, where I earned the call WN5CLC. I have remained active ever since. While I was in Colorado, from 1982-1995, we kept a weekly schedule on 40 m 'fone. After I returned to Oklahoma in 1995, that schedule, and his activity, fell by the wayside. I will certainly miss him very much.

73, Kim Elmore, N5OP 1600 Burlwood Rd. Norman, OK 73026

SILENT KEY PAUL L. BOVACONTI, WD9DJD, #4121

I'm a cousin of one of your members, Paul Bovaconti (WD9DJD, 4121L). Unfortunately, I'm writing this note to inform you that Paul died on July 12, 2007. I ran across your web page while doing a Google search and thought you would want to know so you can update your records. If you want to verify this, you can find his obituary on the Chicago Tribune web site

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I know that Paul really enjoyed his involvement with HAM radio for many years. Thanks very much for being part of his life.

Sincerely, Chris Meyer, Cary, NC

NEW MEMBER JAN. D. PARKER, WA0LST, #4494

Born July 16 1946, Superior NE. CB-1960, WA0LST-1965.
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NEW MEMBER KENNETH B. "KEN" KING, N6YE, #4495

Born October 9, 1942, Teaneck, NJ. WV2HZI-1959, WA2ZI, WB6YLS. Army SP5 1963-1966. skyking9029@nj.rr.com

MEMBER JOHN GRAY, W6UZ, #2137, Says:

I was recruited by Ray Meyers (ExKPH) at SanDiego ARRL convention back in the '70s.. I've been continuously licensed since 1936, 50 years continuous ARRL and have DXCC 335 countries, 6BDXCC, WAC, WAS. Went to sea early 1941, everything from a seagoing tug to a 20,000 ton passenger ship, tanker and many freighters.

Spent 16 years in California with RMCA/RCAC at KPH both at the receiving station on Pt Reyes and transmitter at Bolinas. Then came 22 years with Voice of America.

Hey, John, this sounds interesting. Looking forward to receiving your BIO.

NEW MEMBER RUSSELL E. "RUSS" SWANK, KI7PG, #4496

Born May 5, 1936, Los Angeles CA. Spouse Ardis, 2 children. WN7FZD-1956, WB7NFA. U.S. Navy 1953-1961 E-4 (yn3). Operated from Club station KL7AWR in Kodiak Alaska on Naval Base using a Johnson Viking Adventurer and Hammarlund HQ120.

Have been active ham again since 1977 after busy raising family. Presently

operating from a 10 by 12 ft. stand-alone shack for many years now. Rigs Kenwood TS-440s, Yaesu FT-857 and Icom 775DSP. Have two towers with CL33 Moseley Yagi on each. Use wire doublets at 100 ft. for lower freqs. Fed with 170 ft. open wire ladder line and Murch UT2000B tuner in shack.

Use Viking Keyer SKM016 and sometimes vibroplex on CW. Worked for IBM Corp for 14 years. Boeing Seattle 3 times. Ran own office machine service for 26 years. Now retired at 71. rswank@wavecable.com

MEMBER JOHN DUKE, N5DRV, #4322 says:

In 1945 I had returned from the continent after taking part in the entire Rhineland Campaign that brought about the end of the war in Europe. I had been transferred from the unit, 1101st Signal Co. that I had gone over and served with, to the Air Corps, 306th Bomb Group, which was the oldest American unit in the UK. I was chief radio op and was on duty in the direction finder station on the night of my 22nd birthday. Our B-17s were out every day making strip-film pictures of the entire continent and usually asked the DF for a heading back from all over.

A RAF station was near us (we were at Thurleigh, Bedfordshire) and we could work the RAF young ladies who manned their station by detuning a small bit. About 10:00 PM one of the girls called and said "Yank, BBC London just announced that Japan has surrendered". By the way, the girls were great CW ops!

In a few minutes things really broke out on our base, fire trucks, ambulances and Jeeps circulating around the perimeter, guns firing into the air, Verri pistols of all colors firing and in a little while the GIs started setting fire to the hay stacks in the farm area around the base! It is kinda' amusing when I get mail from the VFW asking "do you remember Aug. 14, 1945?" Man, do I really! Jfd402@texas.net

NEW MEMBER PHIL SAGER, WB4FDT, #4497

Born April 29, 1951, Roanoke, VA. Spouse Ruth, 3 children, KB1QWV. Same call sign since 1967. I have been collecting the history of Ham Radio in Virginia – publications, old certificates, qsl cards etc. Ex-FCC, ARRL HQ. philwb4fdt@hotmail.com

SO MUCH INFORMATION – ABOUT OOTC

All applications for membership, all issues of Blabbermouth and Spark-Gap Times and a lot more is available [to OOTC members](#) on a single DVD. 3.29 gigabytes of Adobe Acrobat PDF files. You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader that can be obtained on-line free from www.adobe.com. If you do not have a DVD reader in your computer or attached to your computer, do not order. Send \$20 to OOTC INC. 3191 Darvany Dr. Dallas TX 75220-1611

**THE DEATH OF NEW YORK'S RADIO ROW
BY SYD STEINHARDT**

-continued from July 2007 issue Spark-Gap Times-
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Syd Steinhardt is a New York-based freelance writer.

THE BATTLE



The East Radio Store at 76 Cortlandt Street was closed by owner Irving Jaffe after over 50 years on Radio Row. (Yonker Photo)

The Radio Row merchants steeled themselves for the titanic battle to come. In 1959, they formed the Downtown West Businessmen's Association (DWBA). Its original purpose, ironically, was to promote their area as Electronic City with the enthusiastic support of Rockefeller's DLMA. As the site of the proposed World Trade Center complex moved across town, the association's mission became that of preserving Radio Row by defeating the redevelopment plans.

Led by Oscar Nadel of Oscar's Radio Shop at 63 Cortlandt St., the DWBA fought the condemnation proceedings until they exhausted all legal avenues in July 1966. Along the way, they engaged in street theater that caught the attention of the local and national media. They carted coffins down Cortlandt Street to demonstrate the death of the small businessman. Their families demonstrated outside Gov. Rockefeller's New York Cit office. In January 1964, they traipsed up to New Hampshire to heckle Rockefeller as he campaigned for the Republican presidential nomination.

Despite the legal defeats and the public indifference, Nadel refused to surrender. When the PA offered a bonus of three months' rent to those stores that

moved out by Feb. 28, 1966, 32 business owners accepted the buyout. One of them was the DWBA's executive director, Barry Ray. His Bal Tea and Coffee Shop was unfortunately located in one of the Hudson & Manhattan Terminal Buildings, two of the first properties that the Port Authority took over and demolished. "They've knocked out 32 of us, but we still have nearly 200 left." a defiant Nadel told The New York Times the next day. "If they want to evict us, let them try it."

It was already too late. With the backing of the courts, the governors and legislatures of New York and New Jersey, an unaccountable public authority, and the Manhattan commercial interests, the World Trade Center was an accomplished fact. The demolitions started on March 26, 1966. By then, the remnants of Radio Row had been dispersed so successfully that the Port Authority could justifiably claim that a new Radio Row was developing on West 45th Street.

Over 300 businesses, employing 30,000 people and directly providing the livelihood for as many as 120,000 more, were destroyed.

"They never had a chance," said Ronnie Nadel.

THE AFTERMATH OF THE BATTLE

Many of the merchants closed shop, never to reopen. Some relocated. Others went to work for someone else, while others simply retired. "A lot of them passed away from the stress," said MacInnes.

Simonoff believes that Oscar Nadel was one of them. "Oscar died a broken man," he said. "There were a lot of broken men."

Morton Brody is one of those who had to relocate. His store, Morel Electronics, stood at 185 Washington St. since 1950. "Some (merchants) went over to Chambers Street," he said. "I ended up on West Broadway." There he remained until he retired in 1982. His wife and partner, Jacqueline, died in 1998. Now 80 and in ill health, Brody is still bitter about the Port Authority. "They threw out private enterprise," he said.

Public entities replaced it. In January 1964, receiving no interest from potential tenants, Gov. Rockefeller announced that 33 state agencies and departments would occupy space in the as-yet unbuilt Trade Center.

In July 1965, the Port Authority said that 75 percent of the space in the proposed Center was "reserved, committed or under active negotiation."

Since 60 percent of the space was already taken by governmental agencies, the statement really meant that only 1.5 million of the 10 million square feet of space 15 percent of the total was actually under serious consideration.

Citing a recent program on the World Trade Center broadcast by The History Channel, a cable network, Brody disputed the Port Authority's assertion that it paid full compensation to the evicted shopkeepers. "They didn't," he said. "They only paid for moving." He received \$3000, the maximum provided by the Port Authority as a moving allowance.

Rather than start anew, Irving Jaffe simply closed the doors of his store, East Radio, which he started at 74 Cortlandt St. in 1933. He went to work for another electronics retailer and never recovered from the ordeal of losing his business. For years afterward, "he was despondent," said his daughter Barbara, a New York photographer.

During the boom years of the 1950s, MacInnes had opened another restaurant, on Seventh Avenue across from Macy's. Having sold it in 1965, he had to move from his original Cortlandt Street location when the Port Authority came to evict him in the early spring of 1967. With the customers who braved the trenches, the bulldozers and the jackhammers to partake of his plain old food, MacInnes relocated to 33 Cortlandt St. that May. "I put on a tam o'shanter, hired a bagpiper, and led a parade of customers and opened up the bar," he said. Despite the auspicious opening, he closed after a year.

Janet Webb is still angry about her father's ordeal. "We were all getting to be about college age," she said of herself, her brother and her two sisters, "and they took his livelihood away."

Faced with that loss, he and his wife, Virginia went into the real estate business. They started Terrace Realty in Forest Hills in 1968 and built it into a successful brokerage before retiring for good in 1985. Their daughter and son-in-law, Susanna and Robert Hof, now run the brokerage.

Herbert and Margaret Simonoff closed the last of their remaining New York area Leonard Radio outlets in 1990 and retired to the South. Though still angry over the forced loss of his original store and of Radio Row, Simonoff still remembers the area and the era fondly.

"It was a time and a way of life than can never happen again," he said.

Photo: Francis H. Yonker

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KPH

Visit this : www.radiomarine.org/kph-proj.html

Those who have been following the work of the Maritime Radio Historical Society (MRHS) know that what we now call the KPH transmitter site in Bolinas, CA was established by the American Marconi Company in 1913.

The objective was not marine communications but trans-Pacific point-to-point contact with the cities in the Pacific rim. The first transmitter at Building 1 in Bolinas was the standard Marconi Co. rotary spark gap. But when the Radio Corporation of America absorbed the assets of the American Marconi Co. after WWI they replaced the rotary with two Alexanderson alternators of 200kW each.

In his famous book "My San Francisco Story of the Waterfront and the Wireless" Richard Johnstone refers to the station as Bolinas High Power. And indeed it was. The long wave voice of these wonderful machines was heard across the ocean, day and night. When I arrived at the Bolinas site in 1972 I remember seeing a large copper plaque on the side of Building 1 proudly proclaiming that Alexanderson alternators dwelled within. The alternators were of course long gone by then. But on my second visit the plaque was gone. Only the threaded studs of its mounting remained, as they do today.

Since it was clear that the plaque had been carefully removed I hoped that it was in the hands of a collector who understood its importance. I hoped too that some day that plaque would surface and be returned to its home. That day happened when an email arrived from Steve Kushman of the California Historical Radio Society. He informed me that the plaque was in the possession of History San Jose museum. Monica Tucker of that museum graciously offered the plaque to the MRHS.

Today it was delivered to my San Francisco office. It will soon be back at the Bolinas transmitter site... excuse me, at Bolinas High Power. The plaque measures 3ft x 2ft and is massively heavy. It took two of us to move it from the delivery vehicle to my office. The inscription reads: This Station Was Designed and Constructed by the Radio Corporation of America. The 200 K.W. High Frequency Alexanderson Generating Equipment was Manufactured and Installed By the General Electric Company. The General Engineering and Construction work was performed by the J.C. White Engineering Corporation 1920. Clearly, this was a time when people and corporations were proud of what they did and wanted the world to know of their works.

See photos of the plaque and of Building 1 (with an Alexanderson helix base in the foreground) at: www.radiomarine.org/Alexanderson/ Please join us in welcoming this historic artifact home after its long absence. VY 73, Richard Dillman MRHS

OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB OFFICERS

Call letters shown were calls they used, subject to reissue since then

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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
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 1953-1958 CHARLES ELLSWORTH *******W1TU**
 1959-1961 LAWRENCE DUNN W2CLA/W2LP
 1962-1964 MERRILL BEAM K2BX
 1965-1967 PERLEY B DUNN W6WPF
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 Assistant BERT GAMBLE W5ZC
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 1977-1979 GEORGE ELDRED W9SG
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 1987-1990 DUNCAN KREAMER W1GAY
 1991-2005 HARRISON MOORE W2JQS
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 1953-1958 EARL CLINE SR *****W4PPZ**
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 1965-1966 EUNICE THOMPSON W1MPP
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 1969 BERT GAMBLE W5ZC
 1970-1976 RAY MEYERS W6MLZ
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 1992-1993 WESLEY RANGLES W4COW
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* **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

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Happy Birthday DuesPd members

Oct-01-OHLSON-W5LVM
 Oct-02-SMITH-W1LRM
 Oct-02-STOUT-W3GEB
 Oct-02-MC FADDEN SR-K4FF
 Oct-02-TURNER-W1DLP
 Oct-03-EBY-KF1B
 Oct-04-CURTIS SR-K5CP
 Oct-04-SCHWEIN-KE8Z
 Oct-05-BURNS JR-K1GUP
 Oct-06-BALLENTINE-K4AZU
 Oct-06-BROWN-W5IQL
 Oct-08-ADKINS-W4GA
 Oct-08-CURTIS-W1EXZ
 Oct-08-WARNER JR-K3EGR
 Oct-08-YINGST-W4CKI
 Oct-08-KEMPA-W9RSV
 Oct-08-NICHOLAS JR-K5HLZ
 Oct-09-KING-N6YE
 Oct-09-O'CONNELL-
 Oct-10-GRAHAM-W6HG
 Oct-10-KENNEDY-K2TTI
 Oct-11-RHENEY-NA4X
 Oct-13-COBB-W6JOJ
 Oct-13-MARSH-W9FBB
 Oct-13-BASHAM-W7TCT
 Oct-13-BARDEN-MDOCC
 Oct-14-DEVENDORF-W8EGI
 Oct-14-TRENCH-LU8BA
 Oct-14-JAKSA-W0VX
 Oct-15-OLIPHANT-W8BPC
 Oct-15-ALLEN JR-W6MFC
 Oct-17-KELLOW-W5LT
 Oct-18-RICH-W2SLW
 Oct-18-KIRCHNER SR-W9BUA
 Oct-19-CASSEN-W6RI
 Oct-19-GIBSON-W5PD
 Oct-20-SHRADER-W6BNB
 Oct-21-BURKE-W1LDG
 Oct-21-BATES-W2HLI
 Oct-22-LOVEJOY-K6UW
 Oct-22-JENSEN-W6RHM
 Oct-22-SINGER-K6KSG
 Oct-24-REAVIS-K9PVS
 Oct-25-HANSEN-W9IX
 Oct-25-GREENBERG-W6AEK
 Oct-26-ROSKE-N0UF
 Oct-27-BORENSTEIN-W9FO
 Oct-28-FLOYD-W5VGW
 Oct-28-CHRISTIANSEN-WM7C
 Oct-28-ROBERTS-W8BFQ
 Oct-29-FRERET-W4KB
 Oct-29-LYRA-PY5BLG
 Oct-29-CALLENDER-W4LB
 Oct-29-MOULTON-W2NLJ
 Oct-30-LAGODA-W3CL
 Oct-30-MURRAY-W3LF

Oct-31-GIBSON-W5RG
 Oct-31-ENAUULT-WA6OCP
 Nov-01-TURNBULL-W3ABC
 Nov-01-MOZLEY-W2BCH
 Nov-02-MURPHY JR-W3BBL
 Nov-02-HODAPP-K8OPV
 Nov-03-OSBORNE-WU4W
 Nov-03-SHEPARD SR-N4ZH
 Nov-04-MELCHER-W6ARM
 Nov-04-WALLACE-K5APB
 Nov-04-DOLAK-K3AHG
 Nov-05-ELLIS-VE3VTC
 Nov-05-MC COBB JR-W1LLU
 Nov-06-SASSON-W2JAJ
 Nov-06-SHAPPEE-W5HQJ
 Nov-07-DRESSEN-KD6LG
 Nov-07-BOYD-KD4VBR
 Nov-07-JONES-KC4UXO
 Nov-09-ENGLISH-W7LHI
 Nov-10-TROSTER-W6ISQ
 Nov-11-CASHON-K0PTK
 Nov-11-FOREMAN-W4EMI
 Nov-11-MC CAULEY-W4AJZ
 Nov-11-BEAUDRY-W1FVQ
 Nov-11-STRICKLAND-AC4DD
 Nov-13-LACABANNE-W6BPA
 Nov-13-WICAL-KH6BZF
 Nov-14-ALBERS-W4ER
 Nov-14-ELWOOD-WW7P
 Nov-14-WATKINS-W4OKL
 Nov-14-WARINSKY-K9NJ
 Nov-16-LANE-N4GX
 Nov-16-CRUMP-VE3OU
 Nov-16-RISSANEN-HP1WW
 Nov-17-COLBERT-W5XE
 Nov-17-ROSIE-W7GSV
 Nov-18-RAFFERTY-WA7ZOO
 Nov-18-SMITH-KK3P
 Nov-19-LAINE-OH2BH
 Nov-20-PERERA-W1TP
 Nov-22-SHAWSMITH-VK4SS
 Nov-22-NOLAN-WB6CFT
 Nov-23-CURTIS-W8BMJ
 Nov-23-TAYLOR JR-W8DFV
 Nov-23-LIEB-KH6HME
 Nov-23-DAY-N6HE
 Nov-24-HASSLINGER-W2CVF
 Nov-24-SMITH-W9NQC
 Nov-25-SCHUMANN-KA5TUF
 Nov-25-PRASSE-DJ5DC
 Nov-25-PFANNENSCHMID-W0ZZS
 Nov-26-QUINN-W0US
 Nov-26-COLLINS-K1BTD
 Nov-27-FLICKINGER-AE4WF
 Nov-28-KRAMER-W4NR
 Nov-28-JOHNSON-W6FU
 Nov-29-BRIDGES-W6FA
 Nov-29-SEARCH-W3AZD

Nov-30-SOUTHWORTH-KC5RZ
 Nov-30-MC NALLY-K6WX
 Nov-30-ROSENTHAL-K2VCO
 Nov-30-WORRELL-KC1ZI
 Dec-01-SMITH-WODUN
 Dec-02-LENTZ-K4IJK
 Dec-03-LUCKEY-W6MJ
 Dec-03-SERRA JR-N6NC
 Dec-04-TRAUGHBER-W0ZX
 Dec-05-PARKER-W8NSH
 Dec-05-FERRANTO-N6IE
 Dec-06-PESCH-DJ2XB
 Dec-06-HOOPER-W5DPJ
 Dec-06-BEVERAGE-W1MGP
 Dec-06-DREWS-DL7DH
 Dec-06-WHEATON-W5XW
 Dec-06-MORGAN-K0DEQ
 Dec-06-RITTER-ND4MR
 Dec-08-BELL-W6BJO
 Dec-08-GLUNT-W3OKN
 Dec-08-YANTIS-KOY
 Dec-08-MC ENTIRE-W6QMU
 Dec-09-CHURCHILL-W6QBY
 Dec-09-JOY-W5FNO
 Dec-09-SEALE-W2MHF
 Dec-09-GASCON-W7SJS
 Dec-09-PARKER-K2MEN
 Dec-10-LIPSKY-AF2S
 Dec-11-MC CULLEY-KE4BIN
 Dec-13-MILLER-W5PBN
 Dec-14-KEYS SR-W5WM
 Dec-14-JOHNSTON-W0TKW
 Dec-14-SOMMER-KL7FU
 Dec-15-RUFF SR-W9ZFU
 Dec-15-SANDIDGE-K4FUM
 Dec-17-HARDIMAN-N7DUC
 Dec-19-EDWARDS-W4BKZ
 Dec-19-GORMAN-W6SQZ
 Dec-20-RICHARDS-K6WNR
 Dec-20-CLANCY-WB5STU
 Dec-20-DIRKER-K8VV
 Dec-20-SWEENEY-K4LSB
 Dec-21-JENKINS-WA8VDC
 Dec-22-BEMAN-W6GP
 Dec-23-SHEEHAN-W1LMS
 Dec-23-GREENWOOD-W0JJA
 Dec-23-MITCHELL JR-W4OA
 Dec-24-DONOHUE-W1OU
 Dec-25-BUCKNER-W0VZK
 Dec-25-WELLBORN-K4CLA
 Dec-25-ARCURE JR-W3HKN
 Dec-27-JEUTTER-K3GGN
 Dec-28-STAPLETON-W1GJV
 Dec-28-PISKUR-K7FP
 Dec-29-MARTIN SR-W5HFP
 Dec-30-SANDSTROM-N5ATI
 Dec-31-RATHER IV-W7LBW
 Dec-31-CARLSON-W5LQ

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New member fee now \$22. (initiation\$10+\$12one-year dues.) Dues \$12 a year. Or LIFE DUES for \$10-initiation plus: Under age 75 \$175., 75-79 \$135., 80-84 \$110., 85-89 \$85., 90-94 \$60. Age 95 and over free. May pay in installments.

THE YEAR WAS 1935

Winding plug in coils for my homebrew receiver, dead tubes were broken out of their bases and the bases were drilled in appropriate spots for primary, secondary and tickler windings. Four pin tubes for two windings and six pin for 3 windings.

My buddy, Merrill, was enlisted to hold the tube base and I had the hand drill. Starting a hole was hard and the drill slipped off the curved surface and went through the fleshy part of Merrill's thumb. Mother cleaned him up and bandaged the thumb and we went back at it again with Merrill's other thumb. You guessed it, I went through the other thumb. The project was stopped until a better way of holding the tube base was found. Later, I was a wiser W9YLB, cut and drilled wooden dowels and boiled them in wax for feeder spreaders. Bert, W5JNK. #2951

NOTE CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NEW e-mail address for OOTC headquarters is now ootc@att.net. The address ootc@ootc.us will remain valid until it is no longer needed. Please change your address book if you have one to reflect this change.

SLOW RESPONSE

If you experienced slower than usual response to dues payments or other correspondence with HQ, the problem was the deer that was impaled on our van's radiator. We went on a camping trip as far north as Jasper in Canada. On the way back we were delayed an extra three weeks in Afton Wyoming having the car repaired.

We had stopped to take a picture of the sunset and I remarked it was a fitting end to our vacation. Our son said, "It ain't over till it's over." and a short time later we hit the deer. The six of us rode in the van which was pulled on to a flatbed truck and the camping trailer pulled behind for 60 miles to Afton, WY.

Then to top that off, had a virus infection in the computer that caused more delay.

Bert, W5JNK, Secretary. ootc@att.net

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

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

NAME & MEMBER #	LAST CALL	SK: DATE
BIRTHDATE	1ST-2-WAY	REPORT FROM
G. EDGAR BeABOUT #3093 B:SEPTEMBER/12/1921	W5QXM W8ABQ	JUNE/16/2007 DAUGHTER JAREN
AIME A. BEAUDRY #3438 B:NOVEMBER/11/1912(?)	W1FVQ W1FVQ	DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SUMMER 2007
WILLIAM F. BRAISTED #3729 B:FEBRUARY/27/1929	K1HLG KN1HLG	DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SUMMER 2007
EDGAR M. CAMERON #1407 B:MISSING	W6DC W6FJH	DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SUMMER 2007
ALBERT G. DAEMEN #1537 B:APRIL/28/1915	VE2IJ VE2IJ	DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SUMMER 2007
CHARLES W. EHRHARDT #3915 B:FEBRUARY/10/1942	K9PQR KN9PQR	DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SUMMER 2007
HERB J. GLEED, JR. #1476 B:MAY/24/1915	W6FQ W9BHP	DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SUMMER 2007
BILL HOLDER #3283 B:OCTOBER/3/1916	W6TNB W8LTT	DATE MISSING QCWA JOURNAL SUMMER 2007
JOHN V. NEAL #3515 B:MARCH/16/1918	W7VH W9MRY	JANUARY/7/2007 Wife, Vivian Neal
ROY E. HOGAN #2936 B:JANUARY/20/1913	AC4ND Military-1930	NOVEMBER/5/2002 N4ZUT-1990 Wife, Helen Hogan
GLENN H. BROWER #3151 B:OCTOBER/5/1923	K6AWC Military-1944	DATE MISSING K6AWC-1953 SGT returned marked SK.
KENNETH G. FLOOK #3680 B:MARCH/13/1913	ASSOCIATE Military-1936	MAY/9/2005 SGT returned marked SK 5/9/05
ROBERT E. ELMORE #4269 B:SEPTEMBER/22/1922	W5JHJ W5JHJ-1939	JULY/21/2007 Son, Kim Elmore, W5OP
JOSEPH L. CZERNIAK #2127 B:FEBRUARY/3/1914	W8NWU W8NWU-1935	FEBRUARY/--/1993 Son, Norm Czerniak
PAUL L. BOVACONTI #4121 B:MAY/17/1949	WD9DJD WN9CMD-1962	JULY/12/2007 Chris Meyer, cousin, Cary NC
ERNST KROG #2625 B:SEPTEMBER/29/1922	DL6II Military-1940, DL6II-1945	AUGUST/9/2007 Guenter Pesch DJ2XB
EVERETT S. BROWN #2017 B:FEBRUARY/15/1935	K4EF VE3AHV-1935	AUGUST/16/2007 Daughter, Mary Brown
KARL H. GERLT #4393 B:AUGUST/22/1919	KF8MG Military-1943	AUGUST/19/2007 D4APL-1946 Joseph L. Wehner W8KNO
JAMES T. DOWNEY #2984 B:OCTOBER/31/1938	W6TD WN6PZN-1952	DATE MISSING QST AUGUST 2007 P.90
WILLIAM E. RHENEY #2361 B:OCTOBER/11/1920	NA4X Military-1941	DATE MISSING KN4QHO-1956 QCWA Journal fall 2007 p.54

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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 _____

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Describe it _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____
Month Day Year

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