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**OOTC ON THE AIR MEETINGS**

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SSB 11:00 CE(S)T 7090 kHz, Tue, NCS DJ2XB, Guenter Pesch.  
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Chapter #2 (CA): Tuesday, 1600 local 3917kHz. NCS W6HV, Troy Wideman.  
AZ CH: Tuesday, 1600 local, 3913 kHz. NCS W7LGB, Lyle Brown.  
N.East: Thursday, 1330 local, 7230 kHz. NCS K2VNM, Robert Kerns.  
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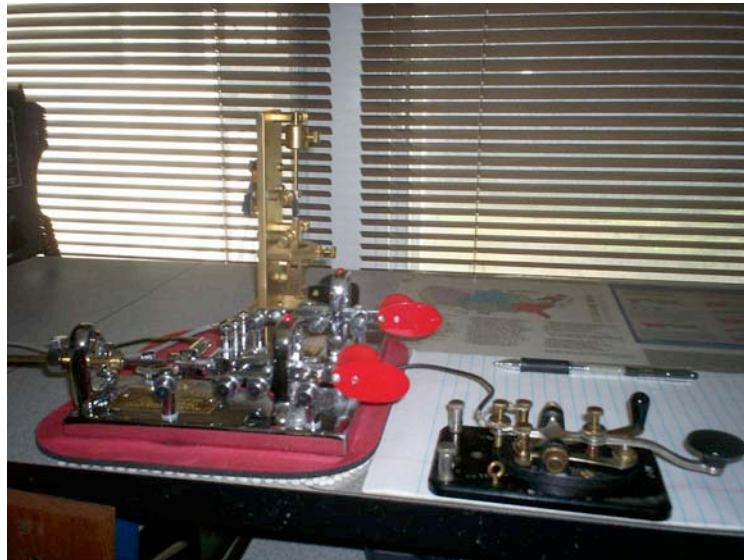
I just finished reading Bert's story about the Braniff gal CW operators (page13-15) and was immediately reminded of my old J-38 straight key. I had remembered to get it set up a couple of days prior to New Years Eve so, as in past years, I could use the key for Straight Key Night. It took awhile to get it cleaned and ready to use again.

Seems it is showing it's age just like my arthritic hands. However, it's in good shape and worked very well—more than I could honestly say for my "fist". My usual key is a Vibroplex Blue Racer with a homebrew "bug tamer" that allows me to slow the "bug" down to 20 (or less) WPM.

The photo below shows the operating position during SKN, January 1, 2008. Sitting beside the Blue Racer is a Vibroplex Vibrokeyer which is occasionally used when chasing DX and, in the back, is a Vertical VIZ Bug (handcrafted by K4VIZ, <http://vizkey.com/order.html> ). The "bugs" have a small jack mounted

across the connectors in order to quickly change keys. If you enjoy reading about the history of telegraphy, one of the most interesting sites on the Internet is the

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“W1TP TELEGRAPH & SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENT MUSEUMS”  
(<http://www.w1tp.com/telegraph.html>).

Many of our OOTC members are dedicated CW operators. If you wish to get more involved in CW, there are many clubs and nets available. Two of my favorites are, the FISTS Club (<http://www.fists.org/>) and the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) (<http://www.skccgroup.com/>). As for the available nets, on the FISTS web site there is a listing of both the high speed and slow speed nets (including the NTS nets). 73,

Troy, W6HV

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**SILENT KEY, PAUL W. FRITSCH, W3HHC, #2250**

After being a "Ham" since 1938, Paul became a silent key 9-29-2007. This has been a very sad season for our whole family - especially hard to see his silent amateur equipment. Good luck to all in the new year. 73's Anna Fritsch 4251 Oakleigh Rd, Allentown, PA 18104.

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**FROM ROBERT SHRADER, W6BNB, #3007**

I was just reading the latest SGT about old time spark operators. I believe I advised you that I used quenched spark transmitters in the early 1930s on Dollar Steamship Line ships. But when it comes to actually operating spark transmitters, we had one operating into a

dummy load at the old Oakland Central Trade School in 1932 when I attended there as a student.

But prior to that, now that I think about it, back in 1925 I found that I could hear my practice code buzzer in the HF regenerative receiver I had built. So with another young fellow down the street from me, and by adding 100 ft antennas and grounds to the coils of our buzzers, we communicated back and forth by Morse code with that equipment. Those were actually working as spark transmitters, but at what a low power! 1.5 volts into the 500-or-so ohm buzzer coil! About 4.5mW? Or maybe we increased our power output by using 3 volts, which would have made it 18 mW? Could that be some kind of a low power radio communicating record! Hi Of course the distance was only a few hundred feet. But I can say I was radio operating about 82 years ago! There aren't many of us who can say that any more, are there?

In October 2008 I will become 95, if I live that long! It's been interesting to have been with you these last years. Too bad some of you can't make my QRO nets on Mondays and Wednesdays at 15:30Z on 3599kHz or the SOWP net at 04:00Z on 3555.5kHz on Thursday evenings. We always need more members!

de Bob Shrader, author of the textbook ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, and licensed as W6BNB since 1941.

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**FROM GARY L. DOUGLAS, KD5VJC, #4455**

I joined the Naval Reserve in 1961 while still in High School and took basic training during the summer between eleventh and twelfth grade. Following graduation from High School I transferred from the reserves to the regular Navy with a guarantee of a school.

I asked for photographer's mate school, but the Navy needed radiomen and since radio was my second choice I was sent to San Diego for Radioman A school. My first assignment after radio school was NAF Naha, Okinawa where I was initiated into the real world of radio communications. -next page-

Some of my duties involved sending messages via teletype. Eventually though, I was placed on the CW circuit with some of the naval aircraft. The year was 1963 and I spent 18 months improving my skills. My next assignment was the USS Breckenridge, a troop transport once known as Liberty Ship. For the next twelve months we ferried troops to Viet Nam and sometimes other places.

On the Breckenridge we had to copy "Fox" broadcast by Morse code and to send all outgoing messages via Morse. By the time the ship was decommissioned I had improved considerably. There was still much room for improvement.

The USS Gurke DD 783, my final assignment, used other means to pass traffic and I was discharged without further using CW. After discharge I found employment working for MSTSPAC which was later renamed COMSCPAC (Commander Military Sealift Command Pacific). I was doing the same job I'd done while in the Navy. That was in 1966 and I left in 1973, having reached the position of Communications Equipment Terminal Supervisor.

I reentered the Naval Reserves in 1980 and discharged in 1990 as RM2. In 1983 I got my first ham call KA0MRA and remained a novice until 1998 when I advanced to Tech Plus. The following month I tested and passed the general class exam. Upon moving to Oklahoma I received the call KD5VJC that I hold today.

I am a member of ARE and RACES and have only to pass the necessary training to be up to par for emergency communications. I currently use a Yaesu 897D and a Kenwood TM-G 707A transceivers. 73.

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**SILENT KEY GEORGE J. MACZALI, K5STR, #3923**

"Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there  
be no moaning of the bar, When I put out to sea"

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At age 16 he served in World War II in the U.S. Merchant Marine as radio officer and was torpedoed twice. After earning a BS in Electrical Engineering, returned to sea as a marine radio officer on various types of vessels until retirement. After retirement, employed by ITT as radio-telegraph operator and marine service engineer. He was employed by ITT Mackay Marine, Radio Marine Corporation of America, Radio Holland, and Texas Instruments. He was communications officer at the Emergency Operations Center for the city of Houston and Harris county office of Emergency Management until retirement from the city.

Member of Holland Lodge #1, A,F,&,A,M, Scottish Rite and Arabia Temple Shrine, Marine Square Club of Houston, QCWA, SOWP, VWOA, ARRL, OOTC, Houston Vintage Radio Club, American Merchant Marine Veterans Lone Star Chapter Treasurer, and Council of American Master Mariners.

Words of condolences or tributes can be left for the Maczali family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com)

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**BOB SAUNDERS**, #4401 has new call, **W2IKN**. Old was WA2JUG.

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## **RADIO DAYS**

**@ 1995 Arthur C. Sandstrom, N5ATI, #4490**

Among the responsibilities of our Alaska Communication System (ACS) station in Nome was the "bush phone" radio contacts between Nome and outlying villages in our Northwestern Alaska area. These twice-daily schedules between our station and the 13 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) schools, plus a handful of stores and private homes in the bush, were the only means of communication for the villagers: radio-telephone patches to the outside world, personal telegrams read over the air, orders for food and merchandise, and relaying medical advice or arranging for air evacuation for emergencies. -next page-

Our transmitters and receivers and their associated antennas, located at two sites on the tundra each some ten miles out of town, were remotely controlled from our in-town station. The ACS transmit and receive frequencies were different from the 3385 kHz the Nome BIA office used for both its transmitting and receiving frequency. Constant communications with the bush were pretty well assured during weekdays when both ACS and BIA monitored their radios. Before 8:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m., though, and except for a few hours on Saturdays and Sundays when we were open, the people in the villages might as well have been living on the moon.

One Friday morning, after a close-call medical emergency in one of the villages had been happily resolved, several of my fellow operators were having coffee at the local cafe. Bob, in charge of the BIA's Nome Area Field Office, walked in and joined us. He was one of those fellows who jumped eagerly at the first solution to any problem and was feeling the weight of his responsibilities. He proposed an idea that would ensure future emergencies were quickly handled.

"I've got it! Just the answer! Why didn't I think of it before? Know what I'm gonna do?"

A chorus of "Nope. "

"I'm gonna take one of our radios home and put it in my bedroom. At night, I'll keep it turned on low, and if one of the villages has an emergency, the school teacher can call in and I'll hear it. The static shouldn't keep me awake, but I should hear the voice. What do you think?"

Not one to scoff at this sudden show of initiative, I smiled encouragingly over my coffee cup as mischievous thoughts suddenly swirled inside my head. "Gee, Bob - that sounds like a neat idea. Uh - when do you think you'll do it?"

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Once turned on, Bob was impossible to shut off. "I'll take the radio home tonight and put an antenna up tomorrow. I'll send out a message to all the teachers on this afternoon's schedule telling them what I'm gonna do." He wrinkled his brow for a second, then asked, "Ahhh, Art - think you could help me with the antenna?"

The devil materialized full-grown in my head. "Sure thing - I'll be glad to."

I jerked awake the following Monday morning as the alarm went off, shivered into my clothes, ran outside into the something-below 20 degree temperature, forced my Jeep to life, and set off through the winter darkness over the frozen snow-covered road for the transmitter site. I looked at my watch - 2:00 a.m.! - and hoped it would be worth it.

Once inside the transmitter building, I shifted the open-wire transmission leads of the 1,200-watt transmitter from its antenna connection to a dummy load. I reduced power to 5 watts and slowly detuned the transmitter from its normal frequency of 2784 kHz, using a nearby receiver to tell me when I had reached 3385 kHz. I was very much aware I was violating all kinds of government regulations.

After shifting the transmission leads back to the outside antenna and turning the receiver's gain to zero, I plugged in a microphone, held my breath, and clicked the button quickly one time. The signal strength meter on the receiver pegged its stop, telling me I was dead on frequency. I increased the transmitter's power up to somewhere around 10 watts. Hoping the tuned antenna's frequency mismatch didn't trip the transmitter's breaker or fry its final tubes, I took a deep breath and began.

'Oh, Bob," I slowly breathed out in a moaning, sepulchral whisper, holding the microphone close to my lips. "Ro-o-o-bert! Ro-o-o-bert! Oh, Ro-o-o-bert - are you the-e-e-ere?" -next page-

I released the button and turned up the receiver's gain, but heard only the hissing and occasional wintertime static crashes. After a minute of this, I wondered if Bob really did have his radio on. Was he a heavy sleeper? I suddenly had a vision of his wife's reaction to this ghostly voice in the darkness of their bedroom.

Again. "Ro-o-o-bert! Ro-o-o-bert!" I moaned his name in a low, wavering voice. "Oh, Ro-o-o-bert! Do you hear-r-r-r me? O-o-oh. oh, Ro-o-o-bert.. ." Nothing. I was deciding to try it one more time when the receiver squealed once, then resumed its normal open frequency hiss. I waited a few more moments, not wanting to end the game. I was ready to float one more ghostly salvo into the night when the receiver went silent as a carrier came up, then a metallic clatter followed by a male voice mumbling, "Hello? Hello? This is KWG24 - Hello? Who -" A woman's shrill voice suddenly overrode the words. I heard "told you - crazy - haven't slept - damn foolishness." then silence. I didn't wait to hear anything more. I hurriedly retuned the transmitter to its normal frequency and power, reset the receiver, restored everything back to normal, locked up, and drove home.

A few mornings later we were back in our customary rear booth in the cafe for our morning coffee when Bob walked in. He saw us, paused, and finally joined us. During a lull in our some what innocuous conversation, I finally decided to risk potential impalement on the hook of disaster.

"So, Bob," I said, holding my coffee cup close to my mouth - "how's the radio monitoring coming along?" Bob looked steadily at me for a few seconds while I succeeded in keeping a straight face and innocent composure. He finally shrugged. 'Ah, well, I, uh, decided that it probably wasn't worth it. You know, all those static crashes, all that noise keeps you awake, and besides, the Alaska Native Hospital down in Bethel monitors all night, and, well, they can handle any medical emergencies." The conversations gradually drifted off into other safer areas.

### CW OPERATORS FOR BRANIFF INTERNATIONAL AIRWAYS

In the 1940's the men CW operators of Braniff International Airways were being called into the services. To fill the gap, classes were set up to train girl replacements. They replaced men and they were 2nd Radiotelegraph and 2nd Radiotelephone licensed.

For more Braniff info see: <http://pages.sbcglobal.net/w5jnk/>

Often, when acknowledging, the last two letters of the station call was used. The call letters for Colorado Springs was KGIQ. I heard the Colorado Springs Operator send "I Q" which was promptly answered by another operator sending "I I Q 2".



Judy (KC4HWK), married Tony Weiner W0ZO (#3254 SK 6/9/2003.)  
Judy is third from right, front row **Photo courtesy Jeanette J. Weiner KC4HWK**

**FROM FRANK MILLER, W5PBN, #3066**

I was fresh from the Air Transport Command as flight radio operator and getting back to Braniff International Airways ground work as a vacation relief operator. I had a lot of contact with the girl operators. One of them in San Antonio TX could have killed me while I was working on the big Collins rig. I was working it hot and told her to put it on a CW channel and NOT to dial it until I was clear of the rig. I got down on my back and crawled into the base of the HF unit and was just about to put the finishing touch on the repair when she dialed it making the buss behind my head alive with high voltage. I managed to get out of the rig and then killed it, and worked it cold, the way I should have in the first place. In Austin TX a freshly trained girl replaced me so I could go on to San Antonio. She was green and we gave her a hard time. She was eventually able to handle the circuits enough so I could go. We had no female operators in Kansas City and I only worked them on the circuits while there.

**FROM CHARLES STANTON, W5LBU, #3409**

While stationed in Houston TX for Braniff International Airways as ground station operator, one night when the weather was bad, rainy and windy, one of the DC3's came in and landed on the taxiway instead of the runway. It came to a stop halfway on top of the gas truck, lucky no fire. The wings were taken off and it was trucked back to Dallas TX maintenance base.

**RECOLLECTIONS FROM THE 1940'S**  
**Bert, W5JNK, #2951**

Robert Otto Boller (SK), #3257 N0RB, affectionately called "Crazy Otto", came to work one day with his "Bug" modified with a long rod added to make automatic dashes. It worked but the chief operator banished it.

We flew as flight radio operators for the Air Transport Command. Otto and I used a dot or dash to let each other know we were in the

air at same time. Sometimes a pre-arranged touch of the key signaled takeoff. When I was working the ground station, I would note the tail number as it went by, look at the clock, and make out a log contact with the off time. We flew Goose Bay Labrador to Greenland, Brownsville TX to Panama with stops between and Dayton OH to Sacramento CA with stops between. We lost a C47 at Mines field Los Angeles CA. The pilot and copilot were killed but the radio operator, Arnold Pluff, W5QBV, walked away from the burning aircraft (Jap ammo exploding) with broken thumb and scratches. 2 military passengers in rear of aircraft survived.

Another time the gear collapsed on the ramp but fortunately no one under the C47. Once my plane was double-loaded with cargo that was supposed to be on another plane that left at same time. Our plane didn't fly well at all! The pilot brought it around and landed. The extra weight was off-loaded and we took off again.

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**FROM MEMBER GENE RUSSELL TABOR, KB7QG, #3113  
JOINED OOTC FEBRUARY 6, 1993**

Born Saratoga Springs, NY, 27 April 1923. One room school Lake Bomasen, VT. High School Hudson Falls, NY.

First job: Construction, submarine base, New London CT. Military service Paris Island recruit center 1942, South Carolina recruit center USMC, Camp LeJeune NC March 1943 to June 1944. We practiced night communications in the field using a TBX radio with hand generator. To minimize the noise we dug a hole for the generator as infantry was looking for us and if caught we would get a beating. We would send and receive a message, pick up our equipment and move to a new area. In July 1943 assigned to the 3rd Airborne Bn.. September 3rd became the 18th Defense Bn.

I spent several weeks on a 30-foot Higgins boat as radioman. We towed a target 100 yards behind us, close to shore, for 50 cal and 20

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mm gunfire. Further out for 90 mm and 144 Long Tom rifle fire. In March 1944 the 18th defense Bn. left by train for Camp Linda Vista CA (north of San Diego CA.)

May 1944 embarked on the SS Rubin Doncaster, an Army ship, merchant marine crew, Navy gunners, and carrying U. S. Marines. First stop Pearl Harbor then to the Marshall Islands and to Marianas. We went on shore on Tinian 4 July 1944 as part of the 5th Amphibian Corps. I carried a TBY radio, 50mc. with acorn tubes that had to be changed quite often. We spent several weeks on patrol until our 40s, 90s and 155 guns were in place.

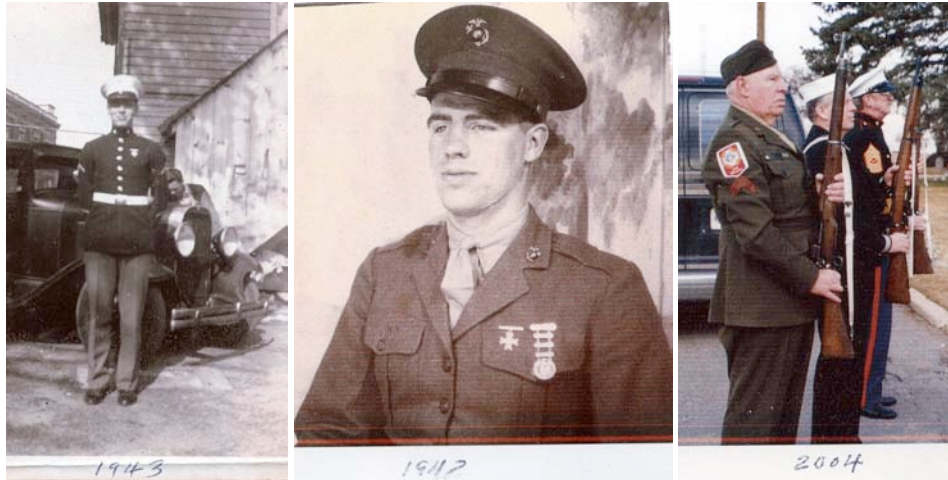
We set up our 90mm headquarters just south of the B29 air strip, dug down 8 feet in the coral for our radio shack and plotting room containing a Collins TCS radio and a TBW (Westinghouse) inter-island radio. During one of the Japanese bombing raids they hit a Navy B24 field just west of us, lots of shrapnel. The next morning when I turned on the radio I received a bad shock, our ground was cut. After that had several ground-wires.

We were on a LST headed for Japan when the "A" bomb was dropped. We turned around and went into Saipan. We were now the 18th and part of the 2nd Division. Was discharged 4 Mar 1946 Camp LeJeune NC.

1946 Electrical Engineering Milwaukee WI School of Engineering. 1948 married Patricia Joan Comley. Children include Doug, N6UA, OOTC member #4449 and Ronald WA7TZM. 7 grandchildren. 1950 J.I. Case farm machinery, IL. 1952-58 Customer Engineer IBM. 1958-63 Electronic, GDA, Atlas missile San Diego CA. and many missile sites. 1963 electronics Lockheed, SR71 aircraft and supervisor, Atlas missile data, rocket site Edwards AFB CA. 1966-72 Aerospace Vehicle Officer Hill AFB UT. 1972-85 Supvr. AF production civil service at Thiokol, Minuteman, MX missiles, Harm missiles. Retired 1985. -pictures next page-



**KB7BQ, GENE TABOR, #3113**



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**FROM TRAVIS MCKEE, W5JIF, #3653**

I was born February 25, 1935 in El Paso, TX during a power company strike. A picture that made the newspaper showed me being fed by a nurse holding me, and another holding a flash light. I was WN5JBH for one year, later was KA5FZF, then N5MQY for 29 years. I received the vanity call W5JIF in October 2004.

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I joined the U. S. Air Force one week before my draft notice came and served 1955-2004. I lived in Oklahoma City OK 1948-50 where I met my first "Elmer". Tom Banks, Jr. W5HJ (SK-1991) was my "elmer" for 42 years. I returned to El Paso, TX and met my second "Elmer" H. C. Deyampert (SK-W5JIF.) All his equipment was home brew. He turned his beam with the rear end of a Ford Model T and the steering wheel from a Model T. H. C. was gassed in WW I and died in 1957 while I was in the Air Force.



I have worked for a meat processor, in oil fields (laborer, tool room man, and dispatcher) and laid-off in an oil field slump when the business sold. Later got my old job back with another company. I added purchasing agent to my many skills.

73, Travis

--EDITOR-- Travis joined OOTC June 17, 1997 but his BIO was not printed in Spark-Gap Times until January 1999 due to a backlog of Bio's being processed. Here is that entry in SGT:

"Born February 25, 1935 El Paso, TX. Spouse Mary Ellen. Other calls WN5JBH, KA5FZF. U. S. Air Force E-3 1955-1964.

When I first got bit by the crazy noises coming from a neighbor's radio I was 14 and living in Oklahoma City, OK. I left there in 1950 to return to my hometown of El Paso TX and began to collect electronic stuff - old console radios that could receive shortwave bands. Most were junk so I enjoyed stripping parts off them. A man who worked at KROG gave me a big box of tubes, including large transmitting tubes, saying I could make lamps out of them, but I never did.

My grandparents rented a Instruct-o-graph code machine and a member of the El Paso Amateur Radio club helped me learn Morse code and theory to get a novice license. I joined the Air Force and it was 14 years before relicensed. I like to work 10 meters but it is dead now. Retirement is not far off and hope to be more active again"

**travismary@yahoo.com**

**NEW MEMBER WILLIAM I. "BILL" NEELY, W5NFN, #4501**

Born February 6, 1921 in Missouri. W5NFN-1948. Other call used W00ME. Battle field commission in Europe, Army Captain, 1943-1946, Korea 1951-1953. Married to Dorothy 67 years, one child. Dorothy is in nursing home Rolla, MO and I am in the Missouri Veterans home, Saint James, Missouri.

Email [w5nfn@centurytel.net](mailto:w5nfn@centurytel.net)

SOLDIER - TO - SOLDIER HAMS  
W1RES, Edward I. Bardfield

Sgt. David Bardfield, N1DDD, is an Army MP who was recently training at Ft. Wood in MO. as a specialist in a "Protective Services" unit. One of their jobs is to perform a room security search to prepare a temporary residence for high-ranking Army VIP's or military guests who are visiting areas overseas. For training purposes, the MP unit arranges with a typical larger civilian home and off-base property owners volunteer their home for the training exercise. One such residence was the large Retired Soldiers Home in Nearby Springfield, MO.

The hospice manager welcomed the squad to start the training search, mentioning there was only one room off-limits. Near the end of their search, David happened to pass by the "off-limit" patient's bedroom, and was surprised to see a ham radio set-up! David introduced himself with his call letters and was welcomed by a very surprised retiree, W5NFN. William who was a "somewhat lonely" wheel-chaired 86-year old decorated veteran of both W-II and Korea. An instant bond was struck between the two soldier-hams



unusual meeting, and Bill was proud to offer someone to enjoy his shack. What made it more heart-warming was when Dave got on the 15-meter police IPA radio net, and contacted his overseas dad, PJ7UQ (a retired army officer who conversed with Bill!). Editor note: PJ7UQ/W1UQ is OOTC Director District 1.

With the initial handshakes now changing to a good-bye embrace and a hug, this pair of "Army Strong" radio hams will never forget their unique meeting!

P.S. –After the squad members observed what had transpired, Dave's MP captain only comment was "Gee Dave, I didn't know you were a radio ham!" This is a fine example of the camaraderie of two radio amateurs encountering each other – in strange places!

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**NEW MEMBER GARY R. HARRISON, K0BC, #4502**

Born September 16, 1945 Springfield Mo. Spouse Carolyn, W0OUM. First call WA0RWS-1966. [k0bc@arri.net](mailto:k0bc@arri.net)

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**NEW MEMBER HUMPHREY H RUSSELL, N2HY, #4503**

Born January 21, 1931, Huntingtown, MD. Spouse Sarah, 1 child. U.S. Navy AL-3 11/1949-11/1953. First wireless Military-1951, K4IFW-1957, W8DUJ, W2CKF, AH6LF.

Became interested in BC SWL in mid forties. Entered Navy Nov-'49. Attended Aviation Fundamentals and Electronics School in Millington, TN. Flew as crew member in seaplane patrol squadron and worked at Fleet Air Wing Hq. base radio. Worked for Navy and completed electronics apprenticeship at overhaul and repair facility at Norfolk. Entered FAA in '60 as installation technician with comm./data. Flew with airborne instrumentation until Sep-80 before entering Flight Inspection of Airways Facilities inspecting facilities from ME to KY. Transferred to HI in '85 till '92 inspecting facilities from HI to Indian Ocean (Maldives) as well as South Pole in '88 and '89.

Left FAA in '94, went to Saudia for ARABESCO in their flight facilities program. Became a chauffer for daughter for 4 years until starting to work at approach and surveillance RADAR facilities in southern NJ for a contractor for the FAA. Here we are today. [nh2y@hotmail.com](mailto:nh2y@hotmail.com)

**NEW MEMBER DAVID A. "DAVE" LAMBERT, WA1JSD, #4504**

Born May 11, 1939, Needham, MA. Spouse Esther, 3 children.  
 WN1JSD-1968. USAF E-4 June1959-June 1963.  
[wa1jsd@verizon.net](mailto:wa1jsd@verizon.net)

**NEW MEMBER DOUGLAS E. "DOUG" HEILMAN, SR., WJ3W, #4505**

Born March 28, 1954 Lebanon, PA. Spouse Dorcas, 10 children. USN,  
 US Army 1972-87 E-6. I am currently a police patrolman, Ephrata PA  
 police department. Member ARRL, QCWA, FISTS. I like 40M CW and  
 Echolink. [wj3w@aol.com](mailto:wj3w@aol.com)

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

<b>NAME &amp; MEMBER #</b>	<b>LAST CALL</b>	<b>SK: DATE</b>
<b>BIRTHDATE</b>	<b>1ST-2-WAY</b>	<b>REPORT FROM</b>
<b>Correction: The call DJ5GG incorrectly listed as DL5GG in the January issue</b>		
<b>Gunther K. Philip #3918</b>	<b>DJ5GG</b>	SK October/7/2007
B:December/15/1926	DJ5GG-1959	Guenter Pesch, DJ2XB, #3384
<b>Robert W. McNair #3255</b>	<b>W6XS</b>	SK June/22/2007
B:September/11/1918	W6MPZ-1935	L, Beman, W6GP, #3934
<b>Richard L. Hackney #4432</b>	<b>N1ASA</b>	SK date missing
B:June/17/1944	K4WOE-1960	QST DEC.2007 P.75
<b>Clifford E, Seale #3340</b>	<b>W2MHF</b>	SK October/16/2007
B:December/9/1917	Military1942 W2MHF1957	QST JAN.2008 P.93 & K4CLA
<b>Joseph E. Nagel #3235</b>	<b>N8HOC</b>	SK October/26/2007
B:March/19/1926	Military-1946 KA8TOP-1983	QST JAN.2008 P.93 & K4CLA
<b>Richard J. Diehn #1741</b>	<b>W8MJG</b>	SK September/18/2007
B:Date missing	W8MJG-1934	QST JAN.2008 P.93 & K4CLA
<b>George J Maczali #3923</b>	<b>K5STR</b>	SK November/1/2007
B:March/17/1928	Military-1944 W2WGF-1947	Ms. Dorothy L. Maczali
<b>John W. Wittmann #4007</b>	<b>WK8X</b>	SK August/29/2007
B:January/21/1945	Commercial-1955 WA8CTC-1962	QCWA JnlWinter2007 & K4CLA
<b>George J. Kalousek #3240</b>	<b>N7GMK</b>	SK September/2/2007
B:April/24/1913	W8LHD-1934	Ms. Mary Kalousek
<b>Paul W. Fritsch #2250</b>	<b>W3HHC</b>	SK September/29/2007
B:May/28/1918	W3HHC-1948	Ms. Anna Fritsch
<b>Charles K. Cambell #1819</b>	<b>W9RBZ</b>	SK date missing
B:June/18/1917	W9RBZ-1934	Mail returned "Deceased"
<b>Harry Solov #3830</b>	<b>W1HVC</b>	SK date missing
B:August/24/1915	W1HVC-1934	QST February 2008 P.98
<b>Leslie S. Radnay #1011</b>	<b>W1PL</b>	SK January/20/2008
B:May/26/1912	HAF3RL-1928	Daughter, Eva Rajczyk
<b>Kendrick A. Moore #3157</b>	<b>W6WIS</b>	SK date missing
B:October/30/1916	W7AAF-1932	Spark-Gap Times returned "passed away"

DL3SA-Apr01	W1ALE-Apr-13	K7UAL-Apr-23	W9QS-May-01
KT2O-Apr-01	W2LN-Apr-14	W4IKU-Apr-24	K4MR-May-02
KC4PZO-Apr-01	DL2RVD-Apr-14	NC5K-Apr-24	HB9QA-May-02
W1EBI-Apr-01	AA7QJ-Apr-14	W0ABO-Apr-24	W1CX-May-02
DF7IL-Apr-02	K6HDE-Apr-14	K2PH-Apr-24	KF5EH-May-02
W2WSE-Apr-02	W7QEK-Apr-14	AA4P-Apr-24	W9ZC-May-03
K4YSF-Apr-02	W6CDO-Apr-15	PY5IO-Apr-24	OK2MZ-May-03
N5AF-Apr-02	W6GG-Apr-15	W4YE-Apr-25	K1ZOK-May-03
AA0SH-Apr-03	W2HD-Apr-15	W7BBW-Apr-25	W6HPE-May-04
W2AGN-Apr-04	W4GAL-Apr-15	W2OD-Apr-25	W4RTE-May-04
OE9SLH-Apr-05	W5LRC-Apr-15	W0WLL-Apr-25	W6TEE-May-04
W3JB-Apr-05	K7SM-Apr-15	N7BXX-Apr-25	K9WVM-May-04
K1IBR-Apr-05	W7CNL-Apr-15	W1KX-Apr-25	W8BIF-May-05
W5BEN-Apr-05	KA3AVB-Apr-15	W3TI-Apr-26	W1ODO-May-05
AB5LF-Apr-06	W9OP-Apr-16	AA6DI-Apr-26	W1WKO-May-05
W3ETT-Apr-06	W2SE-Apr-17	W1BML-Apr-26	K17PG-May-05
K4PTU-Apr-07	W1UBM-Apr-17	N9CAR-Apr-26	W5UGI-May-06
W9EBY-Apr-08	W2CSS-Apr-17	KB7QG-Apr-27	W4FOA-May-06
W9CJW-Apr-08	W1IZQ-Apr-17	W1QMK-Apr-27	W4CZ-May-06
K6LM-Apr-08	W1AEL-Apr-17	KD8WP-Apr-28	KA1RFD-May-06
W8MHH-Apr-08	G0NQZ-Apr-18	WA6YEA-Apr-28	N5NE-May-06
W9LOB-Apr-08	W7JON-Apr-18	W7RWB-Apr-28	K4ITV-May-06
DL3QY-Apr-09	AA3QR-Apr-18	N9GG-Apr-28	W1RCC-May-06
W3DB-Apr-09	DL6VL-Apr-19	VE3JX-Apr-28	W0EFR-May-07
KT5X-Apr-09	W7MAL-Apr-19	DL6TL-Apr-29	W3IF-May-07
W1NDH-Apr-09	W2NBT-Apr-20	W4ZJY-Apr-29	K1GHK-May-08
W1BC-Apr-09	BRUNKE-Apr-20	W9MYZ-Apr-29	W4NEX-May-08
W4AUP-Apr-10	K5JYD-Apr-20	KD8BD-Apr-29	KT2L-May-08
W6JGL-Apr-10	W1NV-Apr-20	W8GC-Apr-29	AA1NW-May-08
W7KS-Apr-10	K6SS-Apr-21	W5QNF-Apr-29	NQ5T-May-08
W6QEU-Apr-11	W6ZRZ-Apr-21	WB4FDT-Apr-29	W4AGI-May-09
N6JM-Apr-11	W1PRT-Apr-21	PY2NH-Apr-30	K1MAL-May-09
N3EA-Apr-11	W3GYK-Apr-21	W6SPQ-Apr-30	W4KXE-May-09
K9GLJ-Apr-11	WA3EXX-Apr-22	W6HVR-Apr-30	K1HGK-May-09
K9MM-Apr-11	N9CJI-Apr-22	AB6TB-Apr-30	WA7BDK-May-09
K5OK-Apr-11	DJ3BE-Apr-22	W9EFL-Apr-30	WB6VPY-May-10
K7MD-Apr-12	K6KRZ-Apr-22	K0JW-Apr-30	W7LGB-May-10
W1LCA-Apr-12	W1CNY-Apr-22	W8FDG-May-01	DL9KJ-May-11
W5ZR-Apr-12	K1ZZ-Apr-22	W0IZV-May-01	AA6LY-May-11
W7UG-Apr-12	KE4RY-Apr-23	K2VNM-May-01	W9RZW-May-11
W8GFA-Apr-12	KC2CB-Apr-23	W5IG-May-01	W7NSN-May-11
K1ANX-Apr-12	W8OWL-Apr-23	N1BCL-May-01	KD6MF-May-11
K4SSW-Apr-13	W7DD-Apr-23	W6GWJ-May-01	W2BHK-May-11

WA1JSD-May-11	W4KL-May-21	K8JRE-Jun-01	W0UCE-Jun-12
W7GB-May-12	W1ZFI-May-21	K2JQB-Jun-01	W1LHY-Jun-12
AE3Z-May-12	KW4RL-May-21	K1FPV-Jun-01	W5GXH-Jun-12
W8CA-May-12	W6BTP-May-21	N8HGL-Jun-01	W3ONE-Jun-13
AB6E-May-12	DM3FZN-May-21	W3TFA-Jun-02	DL7BZ-Jun-13
PY5GA-May-12	K7QV-May-22	K0HQW-Jun-02	W5LDH-Jun-13
W9HMR-May-12	KE7K-May-22	W9NX-Jun-02	N2JAV-Jun-13
W0TM-May-12	W2QBR-May-22	W1GAY-Jun-03	W3YOZ-Jun-13
N5TI-May-12	W1CKT-May-22	K8NUJ-Jun-03	K6ISN-Jun-13
KN2X-May-13	KD8PI-May-22	W6TJO-Jun-03	W0NKN-Jun-13
W5LUE-May-13	K8LJG-May-22	K2QPR-Jun-03	DK1WE-Jun-13
K5AVT-May-13	W2HYN-May-22	K6CJM-Jun-03	DJ2YE-Jun-13
KR1S-May-14	W4PBN-May-23	K3AXB-Jun-04	N0JW-Jun-13
W6EHM-May-15	W1DO-May-23	W4STX-Jun-04	W8NO-Jun-13
KE0KI-May-15	KF9KP-May-24	W3EH-Jun-04	K4BG-Jun-14
DL1VU-May-15	W1PD-May-24	W3DEF-Jun-04	AE5K-Jun-14
W5YCY-May-15	W2UGZ-May-24	W6HK-Jun-04	K4JWR-Jun-14
W1LZW-May-15	W6QLO-May-25	W1ZPK-Jun-05	N1JS-Jun-15
K6YR-May-15	W8HNI-May-25	K0WPK-Jun-05	K9ZZS-Jun-15
N9JZ-May-15	W9HTK-May-25	KB5LKG-Jun-06	W1RPM-Jun-16
K2SN-May-16	KK6O-May-25	NI0I-Jun-06	AE2L-Jun-16
W8KOX-May-16	W1ZS-May-25	K4OP-Jun-06	W4PHL-Jun-16
W1EOF-May-16	W1PL-May-26	W2ND-Jun-07	W7UNE-Jun-16
AF1E-May-16	DL7CY-May-26	N6FY-Jun-07	W0KXP-Jun-16
DJ8OT-May-17	KC2PS-May-26	K5EAP-Jun-08	W6AUF-Jun-16
W2VRK-May-17	K2KAD-May-26	W4NXE-Jun-08	W1IRH-Jun-16
W8CK-May-18	KR4R-May-26	W6LUE-Jun-08	N6TKL-Jun-17
NU5C-May-18	KZ3F-May-26	AG5G-Jun-08	DL1MEB-Jun-17
WJ2A-May-18	K6CD-May-27	DL6AB-Jun-08	W9VZR-Jun-17
K2DNF-May-18	KI4ON-May-27	DL6QZ-Jun-09	K1BI-Jun-17
W5GPJ-May-19	W5KSI-May-27	W3YMB-Jun-09	W1UVJ-Jun-17
WA2QZD-May-19	SM5TRT-May-28	W2LAP-Jun-09	W6MI-Jun-18
KZ1H-May-19	JA4ENN-May-28	WA2TWS-Jun-09	SK-W9RBZ-Jun-18
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N3HWA-May-20	W4KIX-May-29	K4GDC-Jun-10	K1CW-Jun-18
K6RXU-May-20	W0CI-May-29	DJ4WS-Jun-10	W1RGH-Jun-19
WA2MZP-May-20	K2CON-May-30	K2BLA-Jun-10	W8KUG-Jun-19
KJ6YK-May-20	W0VT-May-30	K4ROT-Jun-10	K4KB-Jun-19
W1JGS-May-20	W1DOH-May-30	K5MMP-Jun-11	KH7M-Jun-20
W5OU-May-20	W8RTN-May-31	KN6PR-Jun-11	WB2CEB-Jun-20
WB4GKI-May-20	UA4ZA-May-31	W8WM-Jun-11	KB7VUH-Jun-20
W2OEQ-May-21	VK3LC-Jun-01	W1RGX-Jun-11	KA3QNO-Jun-20
KJ4HQ-May-21	W7YU-Jun-01	W5UBU-Jun-12	KD4EZF-Jun-21
KF2JJ-May-21	K6FO-Jun-01	W4IWV-Jun-12	K5RB-Jun-21



W2GRA-Jun-21  
K1LWI-Jun-21  
W4OGG-Jun-22  
N7XFD-Jun-22  
W13U-Jun-23  
W1UQ-Jun-23  
W1FSM-Jun-23  
W2HLD-Jun-23  
W7UY-Jun-23

WA6NLG-Jun-23  
W9MYJ-Jun-24  
W0TAO-Jun-24  
K8CWQ-Jun-24  
W5GK-Jun-24  
W1HI-Jun-24  
N6AVC-Jun-24  
AB6CF-Jun-25  
AA0AE-Jun-25

WA9BMU-Jun-25  
W8CBH-Jun-26  
K4TF-Jun-26  
JA1LKJ-Jun-26  
W5KTX-Jun-27  
W1AM-Jun-28  
AE6N-Jun-28  
W9YWE-Jun-28  
W4VS-Jun-28

W4VZ-Jun-28  
K6RHA-Jun-28  
W3UQJ-Jun-28  
WB4CHB-Jun-29  
W5EKD-Jun-29  
K2GCE-Jun-30  
W2LAE-Jun-30  
W0GNJ-Jun-30





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 1970-1976 RAY MEYERS W6MLZ  
 Assistant LEE MANN K6KP  
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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

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present call \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

1st 2-way HAM wireless(Year) \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname/Handle \_\_\_\_\_

My first amateur call was \_\_\_\_\_ Other calls \_\_\_\_\_

If not HAM, first 2-way wireless Commercial Radio (  ) Military Radio (  )

CB (  ) Year \_\_\_\_\_ Describe it \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

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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\_\_\_\_\_CALL\_\_\_\_\_# children\_\_\_\_

Military Branch\_\_\_\_\_service from\_\_\_\_\_

to\_\_\_\_\_, Rank\_\_\_\_\_ I heard about OOTC from\_\_\_\_\_

Your Signature\_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 digits social security number\_\_\_\_\_(Helps for SK identification)