

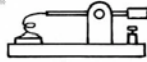
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I really didn't want to write this because it means that the OOTC must acknowledge that two of our hardest working organization officers are retiring. Oh, they both said, "if you need me, I'll be there"—and I know they mean it. So we aren't losing them, just letting them spend a bit more time chasing DX and having QSOs with their friends. Yet, I always hate to say goodbye, so I hope both Lee and Bert will continue to stay in touch.



Lee Knirko, W9MOL served as the OOTC Treasurer for 15 years. His professional expertise enabled the organization to remain "in the black". The scholarship fund is a tribute to his excellent stewardship. This year the fund produced an award of \$1000 (up from prior years \$600) available to some deserving

"ham".

Bert Wells, W5JNK served as the Executive Secretary for 14 years. He did this without fail and, sometimes, while experiencing considerable health issues. I expect you have noticed the considerable improvement we have enjoyed in the Spark Gap Times. Well, you can thank Bert!

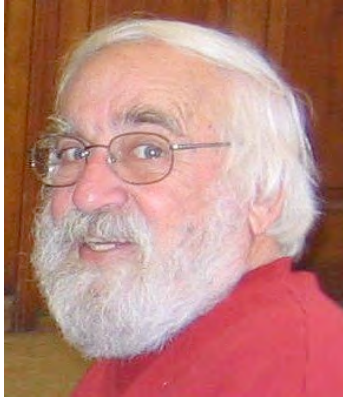


When I came aboard, there was a very steep learning curve facing me. However, Lee and Bert were always there to guide and point me in the right direction. My hat is off to these gentlemen for their significant contributions.

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TREASURER JOE WEHNER, W8KNO



"I did not start out to become an amateur; it just seemed to happen. While a freshman in high school, I got a real paying part time job and started collecting Edison Victrolas. Because all the auctions and house sales I attended did not have Victrolas, I bought a few old radios. I learned to repair them and by the time I was a junior in high school I was repairing both radios and televisions. It was also the time I was exposed to amateur radio as I joined the High School Amateur Radio Club and was elected vice president even though I did not have a license. It did, however, prepare me for the next stage of my life. After high school, I enlisted in the Navy to earn the GI bill benefits and attended Electronic Technician School at Great Lakes, Illinois. Standing first in my class, I choose the USS Toledo (CA-133) out of Long Beach, California as my first duty station. There were four amateurs in the division and they used to talk to each other in Morse code. One of my responsibilities was to repair the receivers in Radio Central and, since that was a relatively easy task, I sat down with the Radiomen Strikers and learned Morse code.

My next duty station was Prep School at Bainbridge, Maryland where I earned an appointment to the Naval Academy. I joined the amateur radio club, W3ADO, and while at home during my plebe (freshman) year I took the Technician test, passed and was given my first call sign, K2UEL. Two years later, I upgraded to General.

Upon graduating in 1962, my first duty station was the USS Hammerberg (DE-1015). I operated maritime mobile as the ship station as I also did on my second sea tour aboard the USS Gearing (DD-710). I operated maritime mobile form North America, South America and Europe. The greatest feeling of accomplishment was while on cruise in South America, when I operated 26 hours

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continuously passing phone patch traffic so each crew member could talk to home.

Upon leaving the service in 1971, I moved to Ohio and that fall I went to the Federal Office Building in Cleveland to change my call sign. I was asked if I would take the Advanced test. I did without any preparation, passed and was assigned the call I still have to this day, W8KNO.

I operated just enough to keep my license renewed until I retired in 1999. Becoming more active, I found it annoying to have to look where the Advanced band edges were, so now I am an Extra. I am an ARRL member and belong to the Old Old Timers, Ten-Ten International, Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Warren Amateur Radio Association and the Mad River Radio Club. Award earned are WAS, WAC, DXCC, VUCC and as band conditions improve I will get the last two zones for WAZ.

That is my amateur radio background. As to my qualification to be Treasurer, it started early while I was in High School. My father was an accountant. He was the Assistant to the Treasurer of American Museum of Natural History in New York City, Treasurer of the Fire Department in our borough as well as the Water Collector. Because he commuted to New York City every day, I started to pick up the water remittances, posted the receipts in the ledgers and made up the deposit slips and made the deposits. My father checked my work each weekend. At the Naval Academy, I was the Treasurer of W3ADO; aboard the Hammerberg Mess Treasurer; for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers Traveling Auditor and a member of the Audit Committee for the Portage County Amateur Radio Service.” **jlw_usna62@yahoo.com**

I AM

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BILL CARTER, W6AJ

"I am a semi-retired petroleum engineer. I do occasional consulting work, often overseas. I have worked in India, Nigeria, Brunei, and Irian Jaya, among others.



As for amateur radio, I have been active on and off but continuously licensed for over 50 years and last year received my 50-year member pin from the ARRL. I grew up with ham radio as my father was a ham - the previous W6AJ. My original call was WN6VCY and then became W6VCY. I have also held the secondary calls of WB5LQM in Oklahoma and Texas, and KG6JEV in Guam while stationed in those locations while in the U.S. Air Force.

I have a tower but am currently missing an antenna so my only HF activities are on the Lane Victory - W6LV, or the Los Angeles Maritime Museum Station - K6AA. I am the vice president of the United Radio Amateur Club and also active in DCS. I am the VE coordinator for URAC for both amateur and commercial exams. We are one of the few that still give Radiotelegraph examinations, four in the last year puts us at the head of the pile. I joined OOTC in April 2005 at the time that I changed to my father's call."

I look forward to a rewarding future for OOTC with our new staff.

OOTC has received a check from the estate of Sally R. Lester in the amount of \$2,500. The OOTC will use these funds to increase the OOTC Scholarship Fund. Proceeds from earnings of this fund are used to provide scholarships, through the Foundation for Amateur Radio, to deserving young amateur radio operators.

73, Troy, W6HV

SILENT KEY JAMES R. FREDERICK, K2GBR, #2934

James R. Frederick, 81, passed way Tuesday July 31 2007 at the Highlands in Pittsford NY. He was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin with degrees in Chemistry and Law. He met and married M. L. Hutch Hutchinson. He was employed as a patent attorney by Eastman Kodak for 33 years traveling to Germany, France, England and Japan on company business. He, and his wife, entertained guests of Eastman Kodak at their summer home in Bristol Harbor, Canandagua, NY. Both were pilots, owned their own airplane and enjoyed flying in the United States and Canada. Both enjoyed nature trips to Kenya, Peru, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Belize and Guatemala. Jim was an amateur radio operator (W9KEE and K2GBR). He was involved with the Antique Wireless Association (AWA). He was a past member on the board of directors of the AWA. He was a member of the Society of Wireless Pioneers and a Volunteer Examiner. Jim served as a radio operator in the Navy on an LST (1138) in the Pacific.

Predeceased by daughter Barbara, survived by his wife "Hutch" and son Kenneth. Contributions in Jim's memory may be made to the AWA Museum in Bloomfield, NY.

**NEW MEMBER DR. EBERHARD
"HARDY" JANATA, DL7LX #4506**

Born April 15 1943 Berlin
Germany. Spouse Charlotte 2
children. DL7LX since 1964.

Present activities are low band CW
operation using a Drake TR7, a dipole
160 and 80 meter and a 20 meter
vertical.

73 Hardy e.janata@t-online.de



LETTER FROM AL MILLER, VE7KC, #3890

Just a comment regarding the account by Robert Shrader, W6BNB #3007 where he tells about how he became a Spark Gap operator going back to 1925 using a buzzer to practice Morse Code. I can't beat him time wise but I also did a little buzzer spark gap operating about 1931. Before I had even heard about Ham Radio my buddy and I had been experimenting with telephones between the house and the wood shed using overhead wires. Once we heard about Ham Radio we discarded the telephone idea and hooked up keys and buzzers using the same overhead wires. The system worked fine but right away we ran into a problem. Like Robert, the buzzers were miniature spark transmitters, but our problem was the overhead wires made a fine antenna. The neighbors did not take kindly to our spark transmissions being radiated from the overhead wires that wiped out all the local broadcast sets. So much for buzzers and code practice between the house and the woodshed.
almiller73@shaw.ca

**SILENT KEY LESLIE S. RADNAY, HAF3RL(EWRL)1928,
WA1HFU, VE2AQZ, HA4SA, W1PL, #1011. 5/26/1912-1/20/2008**

Dr. Leslie S. Radnay, 95, of Melrose MA., died unexpectedly on Sunday, January 20, at the Merrimack Valley Hospital. He was born in Szolnok, Hungary, May 26, 1912, son of the late Ferenc and Ida (Varsa) Radnai, and received his education in Hungary, including a doctorate in Law and Physics.

He was a Holocaust survivor who spent the duration of the war in forced labor camps. In February of 1957, he and his family escaped from Hungary and came to the United States in 1959. In 1966 they settled in Melrose MA where he resided until his death. Dr. Radnay was employed as an engineer at Raytheon in Bedford MA and had worked in the missile systems division until his retirement in 1977. He was an active amateur radio operator for over 80 years.

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He was actively involved in many ham radio organizations including the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the First Class C.W. Operators club (FOC). He was a generous mentor and friend to generations of ham radio operators throughout the world. Dr. Radnay is survived by his daughter Eva Rajczyk and husband Adam of Haverhill; daughter Katalin Baltimore and husband Bob of Orange, CT; grandchildren Daniel, Lisa, Gwen, and Rick; great grandchildren Kyle and Ryan. A celebration of his life is being planned for the late spring. Donations may be made in his name to Lighthouse International www.lighthouse.org/donate/, The Sol and Lillian Goldman Building 111 East 59th Street, New York, NY 10022-1202.

Information from David Ring N1EA #4439

NEW MEMBER GORDON C. GROVES, K3GG, #4507

Born May 28, 1930, Chicago, IL. Spouse Jane, 2 children. Army Sgt. 1952-1953. Calls KA3DTI, N3BAA, KB3ME, KK3O.

It may interest some of you brass pounders that in 1953, CW was used extensively in the Korean War. I was a Sergeant in a forward infantry company, and we had very good voice radios (PRC 10s). However the Chinese jammed every frequency they could find with Chinese music, which would absolutely wipe out any voice communications. We found that we could almost always copy CW through the music. As I recall, we used ANGRC 9s for the CW. The Chinese never did find a way to jam this method. Also, encrypted ciphers were always sent using CW. gordon.groves@gmail.com

LETTER FROM DAVE WIESEN, K2VX, #2990

When I was in the Army I was stationed in 1955 at Fort Lewis, Washington. I was the Officer in Charge of the Radio Section of the 6th Army Communications School. One of my Sergeants was a ham whose w6 call I don't recall. His name was Donald H. (Skip) Gross. At one point he was very anxious to get out of our outfit. I had contact with the CO of the Alaska Communications System and Skip was

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willing to "go north" so I arranged a fast transfer and shipped him North in 24 hours. A year later I was the communications officer of the First Engineer Arctic Task force operation on the Greenland Icecap east of Thule Air Base. I had a BC 610 and a Collins 51J and the call KG1AX. I put out a CQ on 20 CW, A KL7 came back with the immediate query, "Dave, How did you get to Greenland?" It was Skip and he had recognized my bug fist. That was my last contact with him. He may have retired from the Army from the assignment in the ACS. Anyone know a ham who served in the ACS in the late '50s named Skip Gross? He was a WW2 and Korean War vet. 73, Dave K2VX #2990 k2vx@amsat.org

SILENT KEY JOSEPH D. URBAN, WB1BUC, #4404

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of my husband, Joseph D. Urban (WB1BUC), on December 18, 2007.

My husband was first licensed as a Novice in 1977, but spent most of the last thirty years at the Tech/General level; and he took great pleasure in daily operation during the latter years of his life. His final address was 63 Princess Dr., Madison, CT 06443.

Sincerely yours, Ann Urban

FROM MILBERT A. WELLS W5JNK #2951 (RETIRING)

**NOTE: Please send all e-mails to new Secretary at
ootc@ootc.us**

The last 14 years, as Executive Secretary/Editor-Publisher of Spark-Gap Times, has been a privilege and joy. Working with Treasurer Lee Knirko W9MOL could not have been better. What an honor it has been to serve you, the members.

When Executive Secretary Ted Heithecker, (ex)W5EJ, died on Christmas day 1993, OOTC had 3192 members, we have enrolled 1324 new members since then. 2759 OLD OLD TIMERS are now Silent Keys. They helped build the future we now enjoy. There are about 1758 living members, the oldest 104. It isn't called the **OLD** Old Timers Club for nothing! -continued next page-

I believe there is romance in ham radio. Especially back in the old days when you had to build your own ham gear, sit in your "shack" and communicate all over the world. To me it has been like a world of it's own, carefree, friendly, limitless and knowledgeable.

Here is my favorite "Spark" story - 73, Bert w5jnk@att.net

**ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN TO ANYBODY, PARTICULARLY
TO A WIRELESS AMATEUR**

By Paul G. Watson, W3BO (SK) #0135 3BV-1912
(Reprint from issue #9 June 1962)

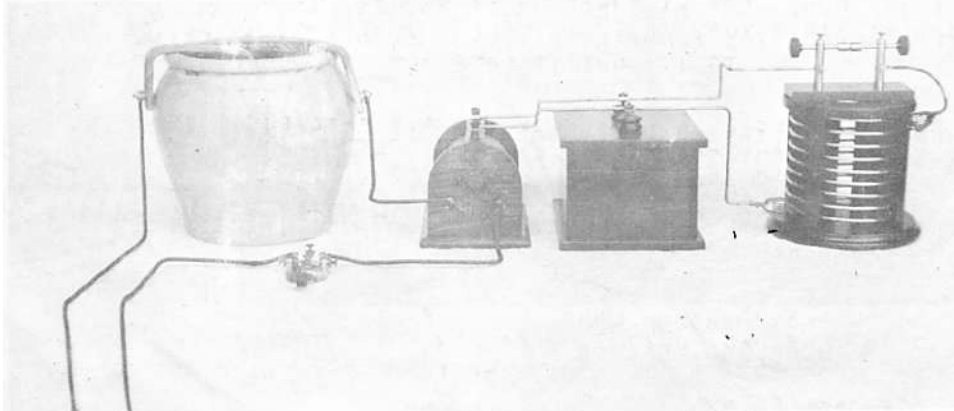
To fully appreciate the incident concerning early "wireless" which follows, let me lay the background against which it all happened. I was just past 14 years old at the time. "All wrapped up in wireless" under the tutelage of C.D. (Jerry) Guthrie who had been on the USS KENTUCKY along with Wolverton in 1904-1906, and who also installed NAI at the Philadelphia Navy Yard in the early days. (It was a two letter P- call at the time it was put in).



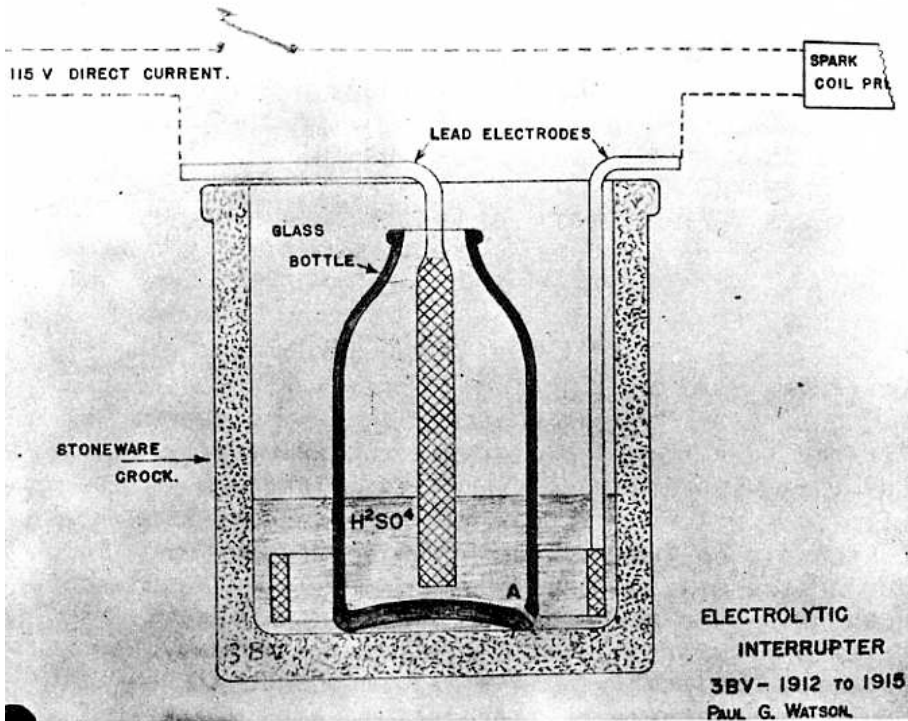
Guthrie was calling on a young lady who lived across the street, so we saw him rather frequently in the spring of 1909, he brought us a "wireless" receiver, put up an antenna and we listened in for the first time. So did the "YL". About a year later a spark coil was acquired, and with a homemade spark gap was on the air, the helix and tuning all came later. All this was battery operated until 1912 when my parents had our home wired for electric light, (direct current of course).

From some source, long since forgotten, I had learned of the possibility of using direct current power through an "electrolytic interrupter" on the spark coil, and proceeded to make such a device. It is contained in the large -continued next page-

“crock” shown at the left end of the transmitter, and pictured in detail. The stoneware crock contained about two gallons of battery acid, the quart milk bottle had a small hole bored at point “A”, and two pieces of lead pipe were used as electrodes one inside the bottle,



PAUL WATSON'S ORIGINAL WIRELESS EQUIPMENT, 1910



and the other placed on the bottom of the crock. Electrically, the only connection between the acid inside the bottle and that in the crock was the small column of acid in "hole" "A". This small column of acid promptly vaporized, (exploded) is a better word, when current was passed, opening the electrical circuit. Gravity then caused the acid to refill the hole, the explosion repeated itself, and so on, giving the desired "interrupter" effect so long as the key was down. Under such conditions the acid was gradually decomposed and became most offensive to smell. The mechanical vibrator on the coil is bridged out when the electrolytic interrupter is used. Now with all this high power and a receiver that was "tops", we started to work late at night, and particularly during the winter months when static was low. One particularly cold night when conditions were unusually good, we had several good contacts, and when I started to call another, the transmitter was dead. Investigation showed that all of the acid was gone out of the crock. Heat had cracked the bottom out of the crock.

It was around 2:30 A.M. At about the same time this was happening, I became aware of considerable loud talking in the front part of the house, which was quite unusual in it-self, and of hearing windows being raised. Then I heard my father downstairs, in the kitchen, directly below the room where I had the wireless, opening windows and doors. Because of the unusual activity, I started through the house, and as I opened doors on the second floor, leading to the stairway, I encountered the vilest of odors, and it got worse as I progressed. On my arrival in the kitchen, the cause of the activity was apparent, to say the least.

The two gallons of partly decomposed acid from the interrupter had come through the floor, dripped into a pan of bread dough which my mother had hanging over the coal range in the kitchen, and most of this mess had boiled out of the pan and dropped on to the hot top of the coal range.

It was laying down one of the most effective smoke barrages I ever saw. -continued next page-

Also in this process my mother's highly polished range had turned to a bright orange color. As this mess lay on the stovetop, it did a lot of spitting and sputtering, so that the whole room was involved when we got to it. But it does not end there.

My father picked up the small metal coal shovel, which was standard equipment with a coal range and started to shovel the mess, one scoop at a time out the kitchen door. This worked fine till the third scoop, when he slipped and landed on his bottom in the mess he was shoveling, in his nightshirt. He took off for the bathroom, the doctor told my mother to use soda to calm him down and it was well after daylight before he got around to me.

Perhaps it might have been for the best had my father's threat of "no more G—D--- wireless around here" been carried out. We had "quiet" hours for about two months, he gradually relented, and we went on from there.

It took nearly a month to get the stink out of the house. Guthrie dropped the girl, married one from Brooklyn and everybody was happy.

**SILENT KEY WILLIAM R. MILLER, K2GCE, #2480
6/30/1921 - 2/12/2008 age 87.**

I am always sad when record silent keys, especially one passionate about serving OOTC. The Spark-Gap Times "PIPELINE" column was named by Bill McKee W1KC(SK) when he started assisting Ray Meyers W6MLZ(SK) June 1970 until Nov. 1978.

Ted Heithecker W5EJ(SK) continued the column until Bill Miller K2GCE stepped up to assist Ted in the April 1987 issue. The column died at the end of 1991, because of lack of letters from members. Bill revived the column June 1994 but reluctantly discontinued October 1995.

Bert, W5JNK

NEW MEMBER ROBERT A. WELLS, KA1GSX, #4508

Born July 2, 1951 Dallas TX. Spouse Dorothy, 2 children, based in Afton, Wyoming. WN5ZEA and WN5KYL then general license KA1GSX. Graduated Rice University, Houston with BA Geology, and MS at University of Wyoming, Laramie.



Assisted my dad, W5JNK, with OOTC database conversion and Spark-Gap Times. Now self-employed EV Technical Services Inc. PO Box 713 Afton, WY 83110. Work a lot on mining projects and natural gas wells, presently part time in Patagonia, Argentina.

bobwells@silverstar.com

LETTER FROM TRAVIS MCKEE, W5JIF, #3653

My xyl read my bio in the April 2008 Spark Gap Times. She called to my attention that it doesn't say I now live in Houma LA, retired on Social Security. As a teacher's aid I taught foreign students and Morse code to 10 classmates. All but one got ham tickets. I'll be buried here in Houma someday. 73-Travis travismary@yahoo.com

NEW MEMBER CHARLES A. WILLIAMS, KI7DG, #4509

Born December 17, 1940 Highland Park, MI. Spouse Carol. USMC SGT E5 1958-1962. Sponsored by W7GSV #4463. CB KOX0247 in 1965. First used plug in crystals. When unlicensed activity rendered the band useless, a ham friend W6SQS talked me into being a ham. 07/31/70 WN6CTB, 04/04/72 WA6TCB, 11/15/88 N7LXA and 6/2/92 KI7DG. -continued next page-

My first ham contact was K6SIR on 40 CW. Over the years I have enjoyed thousands of CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31 contacts. Member ARRL and QCWA. ki7dg@arrrl.net

NEW MEMBER PAUL GAGNON N6MA, #4510

Born February 7, 1945, Lowell, MA. Spouse Jill, 3 Children, WD6ASD. Navy RM2 1966-68. K7RWI-1962 WA6DEI. Military 1966 to Navy ship aground in San Diego CA harbor. paulgagnon@earthlink.net

NEW MEMBER JOHN T. KAFKA KB2BAA, #4511

Born November 17, 1950, The Bronx New York. 1st 2-way CB with KKD6135, Phil Monego, who got me interested in amateur radio along with his dad Joe Monego W2OFB Freehold, NJ. 1st ham CW QSO December 2 1964 jkafka@optonline.net

NEW MEMBER JOHN P. "SKIP" PURCELL W3VQY, #4512

Born September 20, 1934, Lillian VA. Spouse Connie, 2 children. WN3VQY-1953 N3USC. US Army 1960-62 PFC. I was an intermediate speed radio operator in the Army (MOS:051) at Ft. Jackson, SC and 229 Sig. Co. Spt. and Co. A 1st Sig. BN in Boeblingen, Germany. w3vqy@aol.com

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A COINCIDENCE From Bert Wells, W5JNK, #2951

During a mobile-to-mobile QSO on 40CW December 7 1984 with AK4G 20 miles north of Huntsville, AL we exchanged handles and other information. Both handles "Bert", same car, same keyboard, same rig, both CFO Club members, "Chicken Fat Operators". Everything runs better with Chicken Fat. -Continued on next page-

The greeting is " did-did-dit-dit-didaah-dit!

"Bert", AK4G, now 83, still driving the same VW diesel rabbit 24 years later! If you hear a chicken cluck, it might be me. There are OOTC members in the roster. Interested? Check out these URLs and DO NOT miss the links to the sound bites!

A roster <http://home.aurora.edu/~bdillon/cfo/ros4.html>
Pictures, etc. <http://home.aurora.edu/~bdillon/cfo/cfo2.html>



**BARRY M. GOLDWATER, SPARK OPERATOR 6BPI-1923, #0400
JOINED OOTC MAY 8, 1963. 1/1/1909-5/29/1998**

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William F. Buckley Meets Amateur Radio: In a personal essay published in the April 7, 2008 issue of "The National Review," the late William F. Buckley Jr. described a fascinating story involving himself, Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA (SK), and of course ham radio.

It seems that Mr Buckley was part of a 12-man trip to Russia's Vostok station, a very remote outpost at the magnetic South Pole. In addition to his brother, Senator James Buckley, their old pal Barry Goldwater and his son Barry Jr. were also members of this expedition. Buckley described being in a crowded Soviet igloo, entertained with "trays of caviar and tumblers of vodka." After toasting his Russian host, he was suddenly taken aside by Barry Jr. "Dad wants to see you" he said, pointing to the door. Buckley was taken to another igloo, apparently the radio shack. "Thought you might like to talk to your wife," the senior Goldwater said.

Buckley describes the prideful look on Goldwater's face, having maneuvered the Soviet radio to contact his wife back home in Arizona! Although he was a man famous for his complete control of the English language, Bill Buckley said he was "speechless" as he heard the telephone ringing and his wife answering the telephone! He said, "It's me darling" and his wife responded, "It's three o'clock in the morning!" Buckley exclaimed, "I'm calling from the South Pole!"

This story reminded me of the many nights back in the late 1970s when I gladly helped with phone patches from the US Navy base at McMurdo, Antarctica. Just as Senator Goldwater did, I awakened many people in the wee hours of the morning with a phone call from their loved ones on the bottom of the world!

Bruce Jackson, KA5ELC, Cordova, Tennessee.

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

NAME & MEMBER # BIRTHDATE	LAST CALL 1ST-2-WAY	SK: DATE REPORT FROM
David J Bechtold #2767 B:April/9/1916	W3DB W8PUZ-1936	June/28/2007 VWOA Newsletter #32
William D. Snyder #3277 B:October/5/1916	W0LHS WE9LHS-1932	September/14/2007 QST March 2008 P.96 & K4CLA
James R. Frederick #2934 B:July/27/1926	K2GBR Military-1945 W9KEE-1950	July/31/2007 Mrs. James Frederick WW2A
Leopold Neugebauer #4008 B:May/3/1921	OK2MZ Military-1945 OK2MZ-1947	January/11/2008 Grandson, Vit Prochazka
Joseph D. Urban #4004 B:September/15/1924	WB1BUC Military-1948 WB1BUC-1978	December/18/2007 Ms. Ann Urban
Forrest B. Clark, Jr. #4373 B:March/26/1931	N8PWD N8PWD-1950	November/22/2006 Ms. Kay Clark & K4CLA
Russell W. Carpenter #4023 B:May/11/1925	KD6MF W6VYQ-1939	January/4/2008 ruscarp@sbcglobal.net
Frederick O. Bartholomew #3792 B:August/4/1936	K2EFA K2EFA-1936	January/9/2008 Daughter, Lucille Van Wickler
Orrin M. Corwin III #3849 B:February/2/1939	KB5PWT Military-1954 KD5PWJ-1955	September/4/2006 Family member note.
Harry I. Milligan #2763 B:August/20/1921	NT6O Military-1940 W6KDN-1950	November/3/2005 K6LX & SS death index
William R. Miller #2480 B:June/30/1921	K2GCE K2GCE-1942	February/12/2008 Family note after receiving April SGT
Charles A. Bailey #1276 B:June/1/1909	W7YU Spark-1923 W6BXL-1929	October/31/2007 Spark Op. QCWA Jrnl Spr. 2008 P.54
Walter L. Brink #2973 B:March/21/1921	W3WPY W7PLT-1951	December/9/2007 QCWA Jrnl Spr. 2008 P.54
William A. Kuning #1987 B:May/20/1920	W3BY W9ZBG-1937	November/17/2007 QCWA Jrnl Spr. 2008 P.54
E. Merle Glunt #3495 B:December/8/1917	W3OKN W8OEM-1935	March/16/2008 Wendell Benson WW2G VWOA

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NAME & MEMBER # BIRTHDATE	LAST CALL 1ST-2-WAY	SK: DATE REPORT FROM
Ralph Hasslinger #1552 B:November/24/1906	W2CVF Spark Opr. 2CVF-1922	SK date missing Melanie Vanni Granddaughter
John M. Fisher Jr. #2517 B:November/1/1920	K2JF W3IFT-1938	December/17/2007 QST April 2008 P.99 & Alan Gray W3BV #4002
John R. Whitaker Jr. #2138 B:June/20/1922	W5HEZ W5HEZ-1938	November/15/2007 QST April 2008 P.99
Richard G. Silverman #3695 B:March/29/1943	K8NKB KN8NKB-1958	SK date missing QST April 2008 P.99
Harvey A. Pearson #3404 B:April/10/1916	W6JGL Military-1934 KN2QFB-1956	April/11/2008 Troy Wideman W6HV #2852
Peyton L. Ohlson #3228 B:October/1/1921	W5LVM W5LVM-1946	April/12/2008 Obit Dallas Morning Newspaper
Edward S. Eby #3796 B:October/3/1934	KF1B K1MSZ-1959	SK date missing QST May 2008 P.99
Richard N. Pann #3221 B:September/8/1930	W1SUJ W1SUJ-1950	SK date missing QST May 2008 P.99
Horatio W. Dickerson #4044 B:October/15/1915	W2HGH W2HGH-1915	SK date missing QST May 2008 P.99
Charles L. Lowe #2785 B:April/13/1924	K4SSW Military-1945 KN4SSW-1957	SK date missing QST May 2008 P.99
James P. West #2132 B:May/25/1919	W6QLO W6QLO-1938	July/4/2007 QST May 2008 P.99
Abner M. Garblik #1406 B:???/??/1915	K6SH W2AQC-1931	SK date missing QST May 2008 P.99
Ronald A. Panton #2348 B:February/8/1915	W6VG W6CBE-1930	December/9/2007 QST May 2008 P.99
Charles A. Justinak #4422 B:September/17/1917	W7GBI W7GBI-1936	SK date missing QST May 2008 P.99
Daniel B Courtney #2831 B:April/24/1911	W0ABO 9ABO-1926	January/27/2008 QST May 2008 P.99

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Jul-01-WICKER-W4WD	Jul-12-WYSOCKI-SP2DX	Jul-22-JAWORSKI-WA1MJE	Aug-03-ALLEN-W3OR
Jul-01-WOOD-W0UHL	Jul-12-BACKYS-K9UQN	Jul-23-THOMPSON-K3MD	Aug-03-O'FARRELL-WB0IXV
Jul-01-HUNT-W5DKK	Jul-12-BLACKARD-KA5CVA	Jul-24-BRADLEY-K6USI	Aug-04-SMITH-W5USM
Jul-01-ZELENA-KA5AJX	Jul-12-COLLINSON-K2DC	Jul-25-FARMER-VE6PW	Aug-04-ABELL-KC5TK
Jul-01-THOMASON JR-W1FKD	Jul-13-VILA-KP4MO	Jul-25-SANSONE-W7KLH	Aug-04-HAINES-NX7G
Jul-01-PILOTTE-W7IG	Jul-13-FIELD-WA1FYF	Jul-25-RING JR-W3NU	Aug-04-ROTEN-KC8D
Jul-01-CAUGHIE SR-W7EST	Jul-13-JALLEN-W0BZJ	Jul-25-HOLDEN-AA6YT	Aug-04-HOFFMAN-K3FOB
Jul-02-ROSCOE-WA4QPX	Jul-13-WALBRIDGE-K11GD	Jul-26-SCHLENK-K0RIO	Aug-04-SHUMAN-K8SPE
Jul-02-WELLS-KA1GSX	Jul-13-HELMS JR-K5SAC	Jul-26-GREGORY-WA6FEJ	Aug-04-ENGS-W6TCY
Jul-03-DOWNING-W2BCS	Jul-13-SIMKUS-K9POV	Jul-26-STOLTZ-KJ6WM	Aug-05-ROLLINS-N9DAJ
Jul-03-HARRISON-KB5KST	Jul-13-KING-W0CKK	Jul-26-ELLIS-W5YCK	Aug-05-BROWN JR-W5WE
Jul-04-CARTLEDGE-N8PRB	Jul-14-FADNER-W3GN	Jul-26-BREWER SR-K5MET	Aug-05-MARKOWITZ-K2GG
Jul-04-POTEETE-W4SOE	Jul-14-LINTHECOME-K9EAT	Jul-26-DOWDS-W6HB	Aug-05-GRAY-W3BV
Jul-04-SYLVAN-W9CBT	Jul-14-KRAMER-W3ZIF	Jul-26-PERKINS-KC4D	Aug-06-HARTMANN-DJ3GK
Jul-04-HENNE-N2JNK	Jul-14-CHENETTE-N5YJ	Jul-27-WARD-W0RTV	Aug-06-WARD-K0LW
Jul-05-SICURO SR-W5UUP	Jul-15-POLITYKA-W8FLA	Jul-27-HARRISON-KB5WZI	Aug-07-GRAY-W6UZ
Jul-05-FISCUS JR-WA4JCS	Jul-15-PORTER-W4KGJ	Jul-27-CELENTANO-K6LLD	Aug-07-FRIEDMAN-W6ORD
Jul-05-WOODS-K1DX	Jul-15-BATTEY-W3FZV	Jul-27-TYSON-W0RQ	Aug-07-ROBBINS-W7AM
Jul-06-SWISHER-W0HPD	Jul-15-FERGUSON-W4FWG	Jul-27-SCRITCHFIELD-WD8ITD	Aug-07-POMERANZ-KB6FB
Jul-06-DO O-PR7CPK	Jul-16-CHASE-W7JGU	Jul-28-WENZEL-W2ABG	Aug-07-SYLFEST-W9EK
Jul-06-KINCAID-W7FKF	Jul-16-NOSEK-W2LBM	Jul-28-LEFCOURT-W6IRT	Aug-08-GONTARZ-W3QBZ
Jul-06-OSS-AAOPP	Jul-16-DYER-AE5B	Jul-28-BIGGERSTAFF-K5BDJ	Aug-08-PETH-AA8RU
Jul-07-LIPPOK-DK9LG	Jul-16-BAY-W4UQ	Jul-29-CRANFORD-K5ALU	Aug-08-WITTLA-W8KP
Jul-07-GERBRACHT-W3QPP	Jul-16-SCHLECHTE-KG9QC	Jul-29-LANGLEY-W4YDY	Aug-08-KNIEF-W4DK
Jul-07-LA PLACA-W2WW	Jul-16-BOELLHOFF-W3MGL	Jul-30-CHADWICK-W5UYA	Aug-08-LENNAN-W2PL
Jul-08-O'NEIL-N6NWR	Jul-16-PARKER-WA0LST	Jul-30-DAVY-G3XVF	Aug-08-OLDFIELD-W9KXI
Jul-08-BASILESCO-W1NXW	Jul-17-BURNHAM-W3GNG	Jul-31-WOOLSEY-W5LW	Aug-09-BRUCE-W7ER
Jul-09-LUSTER-W6QHD	Jul-18-HELLWIG-WA7PVC	Jul-31-SCHWARTZ-W3ENL	Aug-09-DESILLIER JR-K1IAG
Jul-09-PUSKA SR-KA2UJP	Jul-18-WHEELER-K0DEW	Jul-31-KING-K1DWZ	Aug-09-FISHER-K2ABX
Jul-09-KAFKA-W2YAV	Jul-18-KAEFF-W4EFB	Aug-01-LEWIS-W7CBA	Aug-10-HEVENER-W8KBF
Jul-09-ECKELS-W8ZNH	Jul-19-SCHERMERHORN-W1TTY	Aug-01-KERR-W6JOA	Aug-10-DEMING-K6GTY
Jul-10-MITCHELL-K6ZE	Jul-19-O'BRIEN-NJ2J	Aug-01-SEALOCK-K6CMS	Aug-10-BRODIE-K5ZYZ
Jul-10-PITMAN JR-K1FP	Jul-19-ENGEN-W4EBA	Aug-01-JOHNSON-N5VD	Aug-11-DENGLER-DL3WX
Jul-10-GREENFIELD-W9TNZ	Jul-19-HITTERDAL-W6ILL	Aug-02-SNOW-W6UUC	Aug-11-KRUGER-DL1CC
Jul-10-HAYNE III-W5AHS	Jul-19-SAWYER-K1CSW	Aug-02-COSTA-W2SIF	Aug-11-MANNA-WA1ENO
Jul-10-RIDEOUT-WA6IPD	Jul-20-ENGLEMAN-K5HGL	Aug-02-USTASZESKI-WA2DUV	Aug-12-CASE-K5KC
Jul-11-STOVER-W5AE	Jul-20-LETTEER JR-W4KE	Aug-02-RIGBY-K2AOV	Aug-12-BLOODWORTH-KO4TV
Jul-11-HYDER-W7IV	Jul-20-ROBISON-W6SVU	Aug-03-DUNLAP-W4OMH	Aug-12-ROBINSON-W2AZ
Jul-11-MOORE III-KK5NU	Jul-21-LEE-WB6BWZ	Aug-03-MEHNERT-N3NN	Aug-12-JOHNSTON-W3BE
Jul-11-WILSON-N4CC	Jul-21-BRILL-K2ATB	Aug-03-BLAIR-K5AY	Aug-13-WARREN-W0KWS
Jul-12-JOHNSON-W6AAQ	Jul-21-SCHLETTIG-DL3VZL	Aug-03-MAIER-W8AUV	Aug-13-NEILL-WA3KKO
Jul-12-CANARIS-WY6O	Jul-22-HESS-W6CK	Aug-03-ISAACS-WA1SMI	Aug-13-JOHNSON-K9GAW
Jul-12-COOPER-N6NP	Jul-22-TODD-K4DWW	Aug-03-KING-W3GH	Aug-13-HAYMAN-WN3R

Aug-14-WEBB-W9IPO	Aug-22-ALEXANDER II-W5OF	Sep-04-HACKER-W5RNF	Sep-16-OSTI-K6KJK
Aug-14-KNIRKO-W9MOL	Aug-22-JACKSON JR-N4JJ	Sep-05-BETHEL JR-K4OD	Sep-16-PETTIBONE-K5OI
Aug-14-LETCHER-N7ENS	Aug-23-JOHNSON JR-KA3LRE	Sep-06-MONKMAN-W8TCY	Sep-16-INTO JR-K8NI
Aug-14-DUKE-N5DRV	Aug-23-RUSSELL-K6SSD	Sep-06-MC DOW-W4KOG	Sep-16-VALASEK-K3MRT
Aug-14-TABOR-N6UA	Aug-23-ROSSANO-N4JR	Sep-06-SHELL-W4AXH	Sep-16-HUDSON-W4YIJ
Aug-15-DIRLING-K5JMN	Aug-23-NIELSEN-K5SRN	Sep-06-ZHU-BA1RA	Sep-16-WOODARD-WD8DCA
Aug-15-RAY JR-W5ZMI	Aug-24-HARRIS-W1WIP	Sep-07-MAYER-K4HEB	Sep-16-HARRISON-K0BC
Aug-15-BINTLIFF-W1RY	Aug-24-MULLOY-K7ABX	Sep-07-MOYER-K6MV	Sep-17-SEYMOUR-WOLK
Aug-15-BENSON-W9CZA	Aug-25-MATTHEWS-W4OWJ	Sep-07-DEUTSCHER-KQ4UW	Sep-17-HOYER-DJ1GE
Aug-16-KILLION-W6PG	Aug-25-POPKIN-W2CC	Sep-07-SANDEN-K4EH	Sep-17-BUTTOLPH III-N1JB
Aug-16-OLIVIER-W5NJJ	Aug-26-BARRETT-W6CBA	Sep-07-CONNOLLY-AG4HC	Sep-17-HARRISON-KC9E
Aug-16-PRICE-W4RA	Aug-26-RZODKIEWICZ-W3RMB	Sep-08-MARCH-W4LLM	Sep-18-SAVAGE-W5JNS
Aug-16-HARRINGTON-K2DYB	Aug-26-CRELEY-KJ7UK	Sep-08-TROTMAN-W3BRX	Sep-18-DIVEN-W7IR
Aug-16-RIBEIRO-K7AMR	Aug-26-KASS-WA2LKJ	Sep-08-MOFFATT-W5CJZ	Sep-18-CROSSMAN-WE0D
Aug-16-BURDEN-W9GRX	Aug-27-STEEL-WB4ZGR	Sep-08-SMITH-W5TZD	Sep-19-PULLY-W5JIZ
Aug-16-GEISSLER-DL1UF	Aug-27-DANE-W6WOW	Sep-08-GREGG-W9POC	Sep-19-SEHULSTER-W4LSC
Aug-17-DUCKWITZ-W8IPT	Aug-27-ROSSON-W5TEH	Sep-08-RAUCHUT-N3CRP	Sep-20-FLANAGAN-K7VC
Aug-17-MEDLEY-KI6QE	Aug-27-THOMPSON-WONYG	Sep-08-BABB-N4PF	Sep-21-LINDGREN-SM7AST
Aug-17-KANODE-N4MM	Aug-27-ROBERTS-K9VKY	Sep-08-TOEPHER-N6MFH	Sep-21-PIEPER-W9CSV
Aug-17-MAIDEN-KB4KGL	Aug-28-WESSEL JR-W0CM	Sep-09-SHULL-W7FIM	Sep-21-HOFFMANN-KJ7HI
Aug-17-HODGES-W6ZVD	Aug-28-MAIA-W5YI	Sep-09-HYNES-N4RRS	Sep-22-BEARDEN-N5RYZ
Aug-17-OUTLAND-KI4PUK	Aug-28-BROYLES-KB7NF	Sep-09-SHEPHERD-W5RYV	Sep-22-HOLZBERG-W2HH
Aug-17-WAYNE-WB8N	Aug-28-HODGES-W9IL	Sep-09-VEST-NW5E	Sep-23-ERICKSON-W5POG
Aug-17-ROHDE-K3XA	Aug-29-CHASE-W4TG	Sep-09-MILLER-W0KVM	Sep-23-SKOK-KB9NJU
Aug-18-MAKEEVER-W5HS	Aug-29-WARREN-W2ZXQ	Sep-10-WAGNER-AC4TR	Sep-23-SPOKAS-W4QDP
Aug-18-BRODY-W2ZBK	Aug-29-RUSSELL-W8GBH	Sep-10-SEYMOUR-W5OVM	Sep-23-FABERT-W9FHW
Aug-18-PHILLIPS-W0FP	Aug-30-TAKSONY-W8FJK	Sep-10-SINGH-AD6YU	Sep-24-DICKERSON-K6BPPB
Aug-18-DIETRICH-W1TNP	Aug-30-GAYNOR-W6IST	Sep-10-ELY-W0GN	Sep-24-SHIDELER-AL6R
Aug-18-SMITH-W5MO	Aug-30-SHERARD-WA5FLV	Sep-10-JONES-K6DJ	Sep-25-BAKALORZ-KE3EZ
Aug-19-SHERER-N0STR	Aug-30-TAUCHE-DL1AY	Sep-11-GREGORIO-K1RAW	Sep-25-ROACH-W3QT
Aug-19-SIMMONS-W4UKJ	Aug-31-CRUMRINE-W4KLY	Sep-11-REID-K5FX	Sep-25-WORLEY JR-W3HVV
Aug-19-HANSON-W1TRC	Aug-31-HORMANN-DL7IL	Sep-11-NEAL-W5NRI	Sep-25-CONKLIN-KH7JJ
Aug-19-STOCKWELL-W6KC	Aug-31-IRISH JR-K5ZOL	Sep-11-VRIONI-N3JV	Sep-26-BOGERT-AI2X
Aug-20-STEVENSON-WB9UAD	Aug-31-BRECKINRIDGE-WA9BXB	Sep-11-ALLARD-W1RAA	Sep-26-WELLS-W5JNK
Aug-20-WILLIAMS-K6PPJ	Aug-31-WAHLIN-W0RM	Sep-12-ZIMMERMANN-DL6HY	Sep-26-KELLEN-K6CJ
Aug-20-HUMMEL-W8QR	Sep-01-ENGLERT-DL1SX	Sep-12-BEAM-K4PPS	Sep-26-LENNY-W7IBC
Aug-20-BURGIN-W5APA	Sep-01-FLEMING-W3GQJ	Sep-12-HANNIGAN-WDOM	Sep-27-DORIAN-W3JPT
Aug-21-FRIEDMANN-W3QYL	Sep-01-SINGLETON-WB2JEY	Sep-12-KNOLL JR-WA0GOZ	Sep-28-RICHARDS-W7KFK
Aug-21-JANKAUSKAS-K3JA	Sep-01-BENNETT-N5CFN	Sep-14-WEATHERLY-WA4QJE	Sep-28-MAYER III-W5ZPA
Aug-21-CZYZEWSKI-WA2SEI	Sep-01-MARTIN-VE3SJE	Sep-14-ROTHEISER-K6AIZ	Sep-28-SMITH-N6HRT
Aug-22-VALLANDIGHAM-KA8TPP	Sep-02-RISACHER-W5BR	Sep-14-DUDLEY-K4ORD	Sep-28-WILSON-AL7KK
Aug-22-BEASLEY-W5PZA	Sep-02-HARRIS-W7UIZ	Sep-15-KÜHL-DL3QV	Sep-28-PETLOCK-K3AT
Aug-22-CHICK-W1TT	Sep-02-HANSCHMANN-DL8MTG	Sep-15-KORNACKI-W1YOC	Sep-29-BARDEN-KA2WQJ
Aug-22-LAUBHAN-K6EON	Sep-03-GREEN II-W2NSD	Sep-15-BEISSNER-DJ3JV	Sep-29-ROBERTS-WB8SNH
Aug-22-FLENNER-W3YCH	Sep-03-LAURI-W2IX	Sep-15-STETSON SR-K4DHO	Sep-29-ZONER-W1IBS
Aug-22-SCHMELZER-KF5ZE	Sep-03-BECK JR-K3ARR	Sep-16-VALERIOE-VE3DSC	Sep-30-ZUKERMAN-AC6H

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

PRESIDENT

1947-1949 IRVING VERMILYA *W1ZE
1950-1952 GEORGE STERLING **W1AE
1953-1955 IRVING VERMILYA W1ZE
1956-1958 WATSON GREENE W1CPI
1959-1963 EARL CLINE SR ***W4PPZ
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
1994-2004(SK-in-office) LELAND SMITH W5KL
2005 DUNCAN KREAMER W1GAY
2006-2008 TROY WIDEMAN W6HV

VICE PRESIDENT

1947-1952 ROLAND BOURNE ****W1ANA
1953-1958 CHARLES ELLSWORTH *****W1TU
1959-1961 LAWRENCE DUNN W2CLA/W2LP
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
1972-1976 FRED ELSER W6FB/KH6CZ
1977-1979 GEORGE ELDRED W9SG
1980-1984 LEWIS SIEK K4NE
1985-1986 HOBART JOHNSON W3AC
1987-1990 DUNCAN KREAMER W1GAY
1991-2005 HARRISON MOORE W2JQS
2006-2008 JOE SCHROEDER W9JUV

TREASURER

1947-1852 HUBERT INGALLS W1NQ
1953-1958 EARL CLINE SR ***W4PPZ
1959-1964 EARL WILLIAMS W2EG
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
1987-1991 BERT AYERS W6CL
1992-1993 WESLEY RANGLES W4COW

TREASURER

1993-2008 LEE KNIRKO W9MOL
2008- JOSEPH WEHNER W8KNO

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1947-1953 HUBERT INGALLS W1NQ
1954-1956(SK-in-office) FRED MULLER W4ZL
1956-1957 EARL CLINE SR ***W4PPZ
1958 RICHARD KLEINBERGER W2AEC
1959-1964 EARL WILLIAMS W2EG
1965-1967 EUNICE THOMPSON *****W1MPP
1968 T. FRANK SMITH W5VA
1969 BERT GAMBLE W5ZC
1970-1978 RAY MEYERS W6MLZ
1979-1986 A. J. GIRONDA W2JE
1987-1988 BERT AYERS W6CL
1989-1990 WESLEY RANGLES W4COW
1991-1993(SK-in-office) TED HEITHECKER W5EJ
1994-2008 MILBERT WELLS W5JNK
2008- WILLIAM CARTER W6AJ

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

** **W1AE** FCC Commissioner during his term as OOTC President.

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

**** **W1ANA** designed OOTC certificate still used today. He was top executive at Maxim Silencer Co. and 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 Newfoundland. Also received a Presidential commendation for the handling of radio traffic on the NC-4 transatlantic flight. He sponsored Marconi's daughter as the Old Old Timers Club first honorary member.

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

#0026 K2AE Henry Broughton made radio contact across the stage, assistant to Nikola Tesla, the Chicago Worlds Fair, 1893.

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