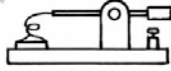


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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

There was a great deal of interest in the Foundation for Amateur Radio scholarship program this year. In past years we usually assisted only a few in finding OOTC members to provide recommendations. There are three stipulations for the OOTC scholarship:

- a. There are no restrictions as to residence, license class, or course of study.
- b. The applicant must intend to seek at least an Associate Degree and
- c. Be recommended by an OOTC member.

The awards for scholarships closed last May. The winner of the OOTC scholarship (\$1000) was Mr. Tim Goodrich, KI6VBY. Tim is 28 and in the Master's program at the University of Southern California studying business administration. He holds a General Class license and is active in satellite and HF operations. He is also active in community events and is a Disaster Services Volunteer with the Torrance Amateur Radio Association. He was recommended by Douglas Dowds, W6HB, OOTC #4106.

The OOTC had the opportunity to wish The Radio Club of America, Inc., congratulations on the achievement of their 100th anniversary. The club's "Centennial Gala" is planned for Nov. 21, 2009 at the Georgetown University Conference Center. The club's impressive list of members has included such famous names as: Major Edwin H. Armstrong, inventor of FM radio, David Sarnoff, pioneer of the first monochrome TV and then color TV and was founder of the National Broadcasting Company (NBC). Information about the Radio Club of America can be found at the RCA website: www.radioclubofamerica.org.

I have been following the almost non-existent rise of the new sunspot cycle as I expect many of you have. Not really sure if I can recall a more disappointing beginning. As a friend commented, this reminds you of the Maunder Minimum! (See: <http://solarscience.msfc.nasa.gov/SunspotCycle.shtml>). Of course we hope that not to be the case, but old Sol is sure taking it's time. I hope for conditions to improve rapidly.

73,
Troy, W6HV

NEW MEMBER WILLIAM A. DENNIS W1WA #4531

Born 10/5/1927 Peabody MA. Spouse Katherine, 5 children. 1st wireless Military-1945 US Treasury and US Navy 1945-1951, W1THV-1947. Retired Chief of Police, Marblehead, MA.

Presently IPARC Editor (International Police Association Radio Club, North American Chapter.

NEW MEMBER ALEXANDER E. VILKS, UQ2KAA-1959 #4532

Born 9/30/1943 Riga Ostland GroseDeuches Rieh. Spouse Olga, since 1975 (SWL) UQ2-037-2, now YL-RS-02, tourist guide (English language), 1 son Andrew, now 29 years old, PC System Administrator. Calls: UQ2KAA, 4L3A, 4K2A, UQ2ACR/UA3. 1ST HAM 2-WAY 1959 UQ2KAA/UQ2ACR. Was UQ2-qsl manager 1962. 1st wireless commercial radio 1962 call YLA in Latvian Republic Radio Center as first class radio operator and engineer to 1992. Military in Sov. Army Dec.1963 – Dec 1966 as first class radio-operator, radio-technic, located 60 km from Baku, Azerbaijan.

I have sponsored many HAM and SWL in Latvia when I was President of LSWLS and LRSF Secretary. Others: April 27, 1959 I made 1st DX SWL CN2AY 14 Mc. AM and have QSL. I am now active SWL 14 Mc. PSK31 and 7 Mc. CW. Heard many W / K QRP on 7 Mc. CW. Other hobbies free diving, traveler, stamp and coin collector.

I'm happy to get the member award, it is historical date when Latvian amateur get OOTC now. In Russian periods is very difficult and problems from KGB. In my radio amateur life I had this problem in 1960 and 1981-1992 and /QRT/. Now our Republic financial collapse. Maybe you know from TV news. My pension pay is \$310. Middle pension here is about \$220. But all people are happy, but in September or October made revolution, It is reality. Look TV news, hi. But, I try get full info of the OOTC for Latvian Old timers and hope to all OK.

In Russia is the similar Radio club named – VETERAN - in limit 25 years, have 1000 members, 6 members is from USA, but think its Russians, hi. Founded 1.1.1998 and email address is ua3hr@yandex.ru. Members are ex USSR's and 4X4's, hi.

If I can help you any way from Russians, just let me know! I send to you my new Photo and QSL. Now I have Digifoto! All the best to you and yours.

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73, Alex E Vilks (Early pictures page 13 and current picture page 14)

FROM STANLEY F. BRIGHAM W3TFA #2492

My father William W. Brigham was W1TOL, member #0090. He kept schedules on 75 meters daily at noon and 6:00 PM with Bert Ingalls (Founder # 0001) and Roland Bourne, W1ANA # 0003. Both of them drove to Boston for Dad's funeral services in 1970.

I was W1MBS in 1939. Picked up W3TFA upon moving to MD in 1952. Spent 7 years as dive bomber and fighter pilot in U.S. Navy, 2 years of which were in South Pacific in WW2. Upon receiving shore duty spent 2 years as test pilot at Pax River MD. Graduated in 2nd class of T.P.T.S, in 1948.

My plane, the SBD-6, Douglas Dauntless, is in the Space Museum here in Washington. Flew 37 Mod. planes of U. S. Navy.

All my ham gear is home brew on VHF, UHF plus 30 meters and under 5 watts.
73, Stan.

*** FROM DAN GRABEL, N2FLR, #3070**

Submarine Cable Ops in WWII -- the most secure mode of communications.

When I was a private in the Army Signal Corps at Ft. Monmouth, NJ in 1943, studying radio operator procedures, 48 enlisted men and four officers were selected -- surely most random as I was no hotshot -- for intensive training as submarine cable operators. We were all radiomen or repair technicians. And none of this operation had anything to do with submarine "vessels."

As you might guess, the army had nothing to do with submarines, but the cable was the one inventor Cyrus Field laid on the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean in 1855 from North America, to, I think, Great Britain. From there it connected to mainland Europe. It was called a submarine cable.

In World War II, Trans-Atlantic military radio traffic was encoded, but even those messages sometimes were deciphered by the enemy. The only way the axis (Germany and Italy) could intercept cable messages would be to tap the undersea cable and that was impossible since it rested on the ocean floor. A similar communications system operated across the Pacific, starting in San Francisco, and going west to Honolulu, Midway Island, Guam, south to the Philippines and north to Tokyo.

We trained at Western Union headquarters on Broadway in downtown Manhattan -- some as operators, some as maintenance techs. We were quartered in an army hotel with other GIs and marched down Broadway each morning to our training classes. The hotel was run by the Manishevitz Company, the same people who made matzos for the Jewish holidays. No KP, but it was still the army so we did close order drill five mornings a week on Greene Street, which bordered the hotel. You can be sure passing civilians thought it odd to see GIs hut-hutting it in the middle of New York City.

Since this cable stuff was secret, we had no homework. We were off nights and weekends and got to Times Square and the theater district USO for a ten-cent subway ride. Not hardship duty. The cable signal was written on a moving tape about 3/4 of an inch wide -- similar to stock market ticker tape -- with an electric pen writing continuously, sometimes going above an imaginary line for a dot and below for a dash. If the cable was transmitting the letter "a" -- a dot and a dash, the pen wrote the dot and the dash as one element, a snakelike "chicken scratch" above the line, then below. The letter "i" dot-dot in Morse, would be a blip twice as wide and also above the imaginary middle line. The letter "b" (dash-dot, dot, dot) would come out as a u-shaped signal below the line followed immediately by a u-shaped signal above the line that was three times as wide. It was learnable! And we transposed the signal to plain text or 5 letter groups on a "Mill" -- the all capitals typewriter. Eventually we were all copying at 25 words a minute, or better.

After 3 or 4 months we were shipped off, half to Europe, half to the Pacific. I got the Pacific call and we made our way west from New York to Seattle and Ft. Lewis via a troop car attached to a regular passenger train. Trans-continental flights didn't exist. For me the 1944 ship voyage to Honolulu was a bit of a co-incidence.

The small troop transport, the S.S. Evangeline, was the same ship that had taken my parents on a honeymoon trip from New York to Bermuda in 1917!

We worked in the nationalized office of the Commercial Pacific Cable Company on Bishop Street in downtown Honolulu, not far from Waikiki Beach and our Post was a small billet adjacent to Ft. Shafter on a place called Mokomoa Island. Three months later we were on our way to Guam, via Eniwetok atoll, cozily going in after the island had been secured. We set up a message center in tents a few yards from the beach. The morning shower was a dip in the Pacific using salt-water soap! Beer, Guam's only treat, was rationed to a few cans a week and the island's beer supply secured by an armed guard. The evening beer distribution was the highlight of the day. A few months later, after nearby Saipan -- on the way to Tokyo -- was secured, we advanced there. Sometime in 1945 someone discovered you could put a radio-teletype signal on the cable line and the chicken-scratch signal was replaced by automation.

The Bonin Islands, which includes Iwo Jima, would be our next step toward Tokyo. In August 1945 the atom bomb, dropped from the Enola Gay bomber that had taken off from the adjacent island of Tinian -- like Guam, part of the Mariana Islands -- ended our island hopping to Japan. I ended up a T-3, staff sergeant, and fortunately came home without a scratch. Some 30 years later I got my first ham license after instruction by Sandy Fried (N2SF, now a SK) of the Westchester (NY) Amateur Radio Club. In its time, the club, which no longer exists, was the oldest ham organization in Westchester and one of the oldest clubs in the USA.

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* Dan Grabel, N2FLR, is a retired NBC-TV newsman who worked at Rockefeller Center studios for 32 years. He was a longtime president of the Westchester (NY) Amateur Radio Club, which is no longer in existence, and a member of the Westchester Emergency Communications Assoc. (WECA).

FROM MERRILL W. "BUCK" LOWRY, KJ6YK, #4329. See picture Pg. 14

I began thinking about various means of determining a list of useful gear that might be used to set up a modest electronics "lab" that would be useful for most of our amateur radio applications for both trouble shooting and construction applications. I was drawn back to my early days as a circuit designer (radar receivers) in the aerospace industry and tried to think of the gear that we had on our lab benches. Surprise.... we didn't require much. But in the early 60s there

was not much available except the very basics. Scopes, signal generators power supplies, and multi-meters.

For us hobbyists the requirements are much the same today. The requirements of the electronic industry, however, have given birth over the years to instruments with much more capability, accuracy, stability, breadth of application and automation features. In the main the solid state and digital ages along with clever designers have driven these developments. And, oh yes, large increases in cost.

With the assumption that most of us are financially challenged, we can therefore pursue the basics and develop the capabilities of test and measurement that would satisfy most of our desires. With perseverance and patience a lot of used test equipment can be found for sale at swap meets and various places on the web, many at very reasonable prices. Additionally our hobby furnishes us with many home brew test equipment projects and kits that are fun (and instructive) to build.

GENERATORS—DC POWER SUPPLIES, AUDIO AND RF SIGNAL SOURCES

A lab type power supply, meaning multiple, continuously variable output voltages with metering is probably the most used instrument on the bench. Years ago I built a Heath model 2718 bench supply (+ 5v, and 2 variable 0-20V outputs). There are many of these instruments on the used equipment market plus several kits including instructions for modifying a computer supply for bench use. It's the best bang for the buck that I have in my shop.

Low frequency signal and function generators are fortunately not very expensive and provide a widely used signal source. I built a function generator from a QST project and to this date have never thought it inadequate for any of my applications. It provides square, sine and triangle outputs and has digital frequency readout. I also built an audio sine wave generator to go along with this equipment from the Radio Amateurs Handbook. These two instruments have served my low frequency generator needs for the last 15 years. Again there are a lot of these available on the used market, some with very impressive specs. There are also many home brew projects available for this category of instrumentation.

An RF signal generator is almost a must for ham radio. It can also have the highest cost/utilization figure in the shop. Modern RF generators are synthesized, very accurately calibrated both in frequency and output level, offer at least AM and

FM capability and have very "clean" outputs low in phase noise. Consequently they tend to be expensive, the cost often being prohibitive for us ham experimenters. They can be found on the used equipment market occasionally. The most popular seems to be the HP 8614 series for which I've seen prices between \$400.00 and \$ 800.00. All may not be lost, however. If we can do without some of the qualitative features (i.e. frequency accuracy, drift, output level calibration and signal purity) a simple analog RF generator will be very useful, particularly if we have an accurate frequency counter and an oscilloscope. In many cases a ham transceiver can do the trick provided its output level could be lowered to the milliwatt level with attenuators. There are a number of simple generators on the market from companies like Leader Instruments. Also, there have been a number of VFO projects in the ham radio literature over the years of which a number of them could be used for low-level signal generator applications.

MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT

Once we have the capability to generate DC voltage and AC signals from the audio range to RF frequencies we need to have the capability of their basic parameters. This leads us to counters, oscilloscopes and multi-meters.

A good frequency counter goes far to eliminate the calibration uncertainty in our collection of ac generator equipment. In addition to frequency some are capable of measuring time delay and intervals. There are many choices with the cost being proportional to frequency range, accuracy, auxiliary functions (i.e. interval measurement) and programmability. I currently have a Fluke model 1912A that has been perking away in my shop for over 12 years.

An oscilloscope is so useful in our hobby that care should be taken in selecting one that has (1) high enough bandwidth, (2) dual trace capability, (3) low enough sensitivity and (4) accurate calibration. Analog (or real time) scopes are quite acceptable and in some cases are actually desirable for general applications. The more modern sampling scopes can perform equally well in these applications and offer many more functions. They are however quite expensive by comparison. One of the most popular analog units of the 70's through the 80's was the Tektronics 465 and 475 series. So many of these were built that one can still find them on the used market for very reasonable prices. (\$200.00 - \$400.00). The downside is that they are difficult to repair and parts are becoming difficult to find. Their high bandwidth capability owes a lot to the cathode ray tubes used in these

units. The replacement cost of the cathode ray tube in a model 475 was about \$500.00 the last time I checked (if the part can be found). I bought my 475 about 15 years ago and it has performed well since. If this one ever fails I will have to look for something of newer manufacture such as Leader Instruments, Philips, Hewlett Packard or a newer Tektronics instrument. It is amazing that the common handheld multi-meter in its present form can provide the accuracy, functions and ease of use that would require a bench full of equipment not too many years ago. Well worth the investment for measurement of AC and DC volts, Ohms frequency, capacitance, Amps and in some models temperature. Check out the Fluke model 180 series, the older 70 series or competitive products from Beckman, Extech, Sanwa, Tecpel, or B&K Precision (plus many others).

Again, there are many of these to be found in the used test equipment market and you will be able to find some bargains. You may never need a bench multi-meter; I have a 4 ½ digit bench unit that I seldom use. Bench multi-meters are also quite available on the used market however at reasonable and sometimes attractive prices. Oh yes, I can't forget my trusty Simpson model 266 (circa 1965) that somehow never runs out of utility. The analog movement I find very useful in many applications.

With the basic capabilities in hand one can perform most of the electrical/electronic work required in our hobby with increased enjoyment and accomplishment. There will always be a capabilities wish list that would require additional gear. For instance, if you work with antennas an antenna analyzer is extremely helpful. RF Watt Meters, SWR meters and field strength meters can be easily built from project articles in the ham literature.

I have managed very well with the equipment mentioned above for many years and have plowed through many projects from regulated power supplies, test equipment, battery chargers and digital circuitry to antenna matching units and RF circuitry. No real complaints. 73. Buck Lowry, KJ6YK kj6yk@aol.com

SILENT KEY SPARK OPERATOR ROY L. ALCIATORE 5RH/W5RU, #0280.

12/19/1902 – 9/-?-/1992

Roy joined OOTC September 18, 1961 as W5RU. From the OOTC Bluebook: "First 2-way wireless contact 1918. Occupation owner-operator, World Famous Restaurant 'Antoinet'.

Started with oatmeal box tuner, crystal detector and Ford coil, then Thordarson transformer and Zenith rotary, which had beautiful tone. 1922 he had 250Watt transmitter and Grebe receiver. Got QSL cards from Australia, France, England, Etc. Obtained First Class Commercial License, 1925, never did go to sea. Interest turned to girls and sports cars. Back on air again 1960 and had DXCC, WAC, etc. having a ball."



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Delta DX Association.

Roy was a descendent of Antoine Alciatore, who came to New Orleans from Marseilles, France and first opened a pension (boarding house) in the French Quarter in 1840. This became known as Antoine's Restaurant, moving in 1882 to its present French Quarter location. Roy took over as the owner/operator of Antoine's in 1930, and proudly led it to worldwide fame until his death in 1972. During this time, he continued to pursue his hobby of ham radio DX, joining the Delta DX Association on 6-July-1971, a month after its founding. After Roy became a Silent Key, the DDXA adopted his call sign in his honor.

Shortly after hurricane Katrina devastated the greater New Orleans area, Mike, W5UM, removed his shingle and erected a large sign with his call sign in front of his law office. Mike's son had moved into the office with his family because their house had been flooded and was uninhabitable. A lady who saw the ham call on the sign stopped and told Mike's son that she was trying to find someone who would like to have her late father's ham radio memorabilia. She explained that his home had been flooded and was to be demolished. She wanted to donate the ham memorabilia to someone who would have reason to preserve it, as ham radio had been one of her father's life passions. Mike and his son agreed to go to the house, salvaging many QSL cards, old QST magazines, and an envelope that contained photographic negatives of an old spark station. Within a month the house and all of its contents were gone. —continued on page 16—

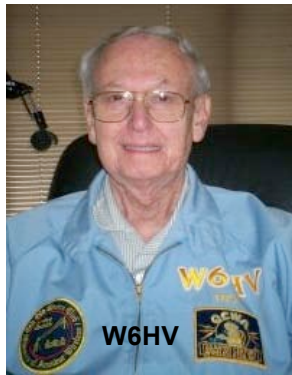
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MAY 1968. Rcvr - VOLNA-K1, RTTY-RTA-51. See member 4532 Page 5



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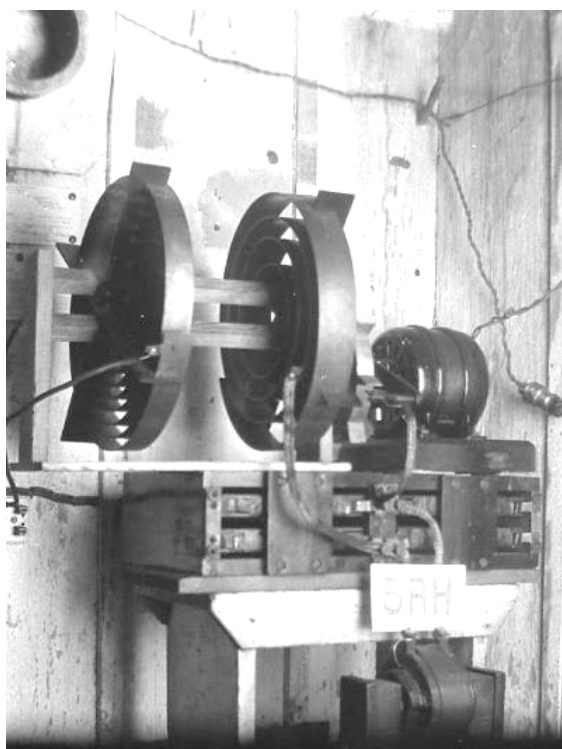
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Mike was familiar with the location of the house because of the large antennas that he had first seen there in the early 1960s, but did not

know the ham that lived there. After sorting through the QSL cards and doing some research, Mike realized the importance of what had been salvaged. This was the station of Roy Alciatore, one of the foremost ham radio operators in the New Orleans area. Roy's call sign, W5RU, had been adopted by the Delta DX Association in his honor after he became a Silent Key. Mike told two of his friends (Frank, W5UP and Ray, KB5GA) who are members of the Delta DX Association about what he had found. They suggested that he speak to Don (W5FKX), a former president of the association. Upon relating the story to Don, W5FKX on the club's 2-meter repeater, arrangements were made for Don to copy the negatives and cards in order to include them in the history of the DDXA. Thanks to Mike and his son, these items are now available for preservation.

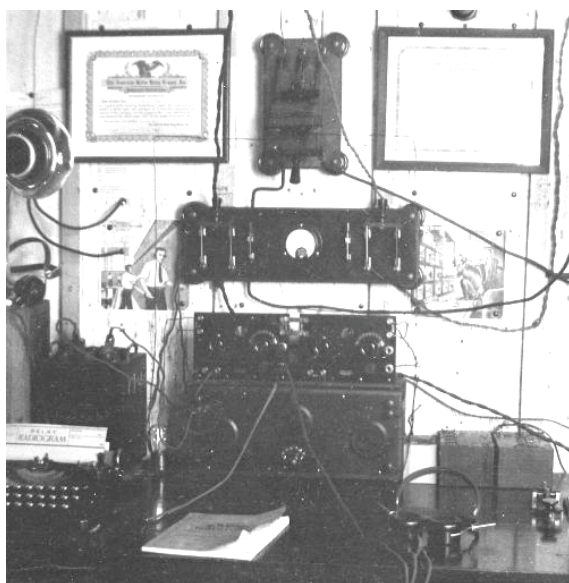
Roy L. Alciatore (1902-1972) was first licensed as 5RH in the early 1920s. In sorting through approximately 250 of his old QSL cards that he received during the 1920s, it is evident that he was very active with an exceptionally fine spark-gap station (pictures next page). SWL & QSL cards show that his signal was heard in England, Australia, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, and the Panama Canal Zone, as well as all over the states. According to his W5RU QSL card, he was licensed as 5RH in 1921. Of the available QSL cards, the earliest included was for a contact with 5LA on 4-May-1922. According to the card, 5LA was B.T. Manard, Jr on 1324 Lowerline St, New Orleans. Page 15 shows some recovered QSLs from his early collection. It is unknown as to whether the two photos are contemporary station components, or depict changes in some equipment over time. If anyone can provide more information about any of these photos, please contact W5FKX (OOTC #3321 w5fkx@cox.net).





5RH early spark transmitter. A transformer (bottom) is seen connected across a large home-brew capacitor (middle) that is connected to a helically-wound primary coil (center). Leads from the secondary coil (left) and the capacitor appear to exit to the antenna. On the far-right is what seems to be a motor, presumably for the spark generator(?).

According to the description on the 5RH QSL card, the station transmitter in the early 1920s consisted of "two fifty watt babies' in a 1 DH circuit" and "the plates (are kept) from freezing with an Esco 250w 1500 v generator providing an output current of 5 amps". The receiver was a Grebe CR-8 with a Rork "2-step" (a receiver audio amplifier made by Grebe). However, the receiver on the desk above does not appear to be a CR-8, and the two units sitting atop appear to be ganged audio amplifiers (headphones are plugged into one on left), but do not look like Rork units seen on various websites.



The antenna was described as a 6-wire inverted-L cage, 60 ft high and 65 ft long with a tuned counterpoise.



Antione's Restaurant was famous as THE place to dine. Among past notable guests were General Patton, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, and Pope John Paul II. In the picture above, Roy/W5RU (bow-tie) is seen in one of the dining rooms, just behind President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Honorable Sir:-
 3/4/22
 I herewith acknowledge in kind of the
 3rd inst. I certainly appreciate in report. This
 is a new DX record and one any station should
 be proud of in regards the oscillating crystal.
 I say to say that it is out of date as I now use
 very sensitive Manning Vacuo-Telefunken-Salena
 - tube. This consists of a sealed glass tube in which
 is a minute particle of Salena oil and a few molecules
 of Neon gas. When signals are impressed on these molecules
 they are agitated and cause the oil to be a conductor, a
 local battery operates the fons. This arrangement
 oscillates nicely and worms have been heard spitting
 on the floors of their homes. Kindly show this document
 to Engineer (Trick) Stevens. Again thanking you, I am,
 Sincerely yours - S. H. Manard Jr.

QSL's SILENT KEY SPARK OPERATOR ROY L. ALCIATORE 5RH/W5RU, #0280.

THE LAND OF SUNSHINE AND THE HOME OF THE KANGAROO.

5RH

RADIO **5RH** 55 SOMERSET AV.
Ur Sigs Wkrd Nr CUMBERLAND,
RECEIVER South Australia.
3 Coil Det. as 1 Step at D. M. Adel. T.

AUST 5LO 9/5/76

Ant. 89'
QSP 120 watts, 100 watts
QNN 5 watts, U X 210
QNN 50 watts, 100 watts
Q15 15 Watts
Ant. Current 4

DX WRKED: Aust. N.Z. Can. U.S.A. Stations, Japan, India, China, French
Indo China, France, Belgium, Philippine Isl, Honolulu, Porto Rico, South Africa,
Mexico, Italy, etc.

Remarks: *Presd to Q-50 Presd to 1000*

WOULD LIKE TO EXCHANGE PHOTOS AND HOPE FOR QSL BY TIS W. H. SHARPER

"SUNNY AUSTRALIA"

L. Jackson, "Unley", 18 Braemar St., Essendon, Victoria.

To Radio *NVSRH U.S.A.*

I recd ur *cat* sigs hr at *2223* V.M.T. calling *4044* on *20/2/77*
working

U were R *5-6* hr wi *DC* QSB on abt *4-1* meters
WX hr is *cool* Q.R.N. *bad* Q.R.M. *rel* QSS *rel*

Receiver
Reinartz wi
1 step audio

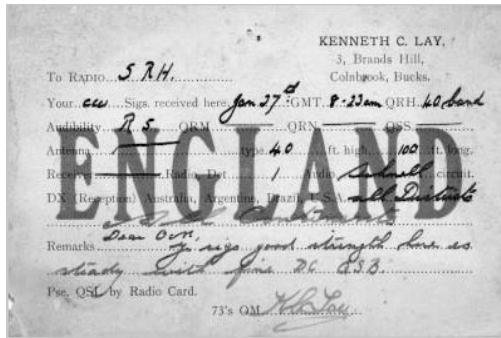
LCJ

Aerial
8" copper tube
10ft long, 30ft high
wi 20ft lead in.

DX received hr *36* countries. *es KDKA hi! hi!*

Remarks *My sigs are coming in hr pretty well om so so*
in a FB DC note by clear es smooth

Sa om pse Q.S.L. if correct. *Best DX* Best 73's *L. Jackson*



Roy Alciatore 5RH,W5RU Picture taken early 1920's see Pages 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

No.3 The Rules Say...

John B. Johnston, W3BE, #3946

Q. Here's a question that stirred up a controversy on our net: Is a ham operating while jogging or backpacking considered operating "portable?" Everyone on the Net answered "True." But according to the qrz.com Ham Trivia questions, it is False. They explain that, "According to the "FCC Rule Book," such an operator would be considered operating "mobile." I looked in Part 97 and couldn't find anything about this. HW?

A. The reason you couldn't find it in Part 97 is because it isn't in there.

W3BE-O-GRAM: Not being a FCC rule issue, the answer to your question is: "It depends upon who is doing such pointless considering!"

Our station identification requirements are codified in Section 97.119, devoid of any such designations. See BE Informed 14 ABOUT THAT STATION IDENTIFICATION. The "FCC Rule Book," incidentally, is not an FCC government publication.

Q. Whether you are portable or mobile is now trivia, not a rule issue. A commercial manual I had in the late 60's said the test was whether you could get underway without ceasing operation. Remember that in the old days when we operated mobile we had to file with the local FCC engineer in charge that we were operating mobile and also had to ID with our location?

W3BE-O-GRAM: Yep. We also had to send the EICs our trip itinerary with dates, to which I always made it a point to strictly adhere, forgoing attractive alternatives that popped up along the way. Years later, I asked several of them what they did with those notices. "Threw them in a drawer," was the reply.

Q. There are several publications and websites claiming to provide the FCC rules or interpretations of the FCC rules, yet I have noted discrepancies amongst them. Who are we to believe?

A. Rely exclusively on the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations shown at www.gpoaccess.gov/ecfr/. Click on [Title 47], then on [Part 97]. You can also reach it through a link from my webpage.

Q. A couple of local amateurs want to set up their dual band VHF/UHF radios for cross-band operation and want to make sure they are doing it legally. The last I've heard is that the dual band radio has to have an ID unit in it so when they are operating cross-band the dual band radio gives the proper ID every 10 minutes just like repeaters do. Please let me know the correct answer.

A. No amateur station transmitter has to have an "ID unit" built in. The FCC rules, gratefully, do not generally specify such nonflexible how-to-ism. Section 97.119(a) says, in pertinent part, that each amateur station, except a space station or telecommand station, must transmit its assigned call sign on its transmitting channel at the end of each communication, and at least every 10 minutes during a communication, for the purpose of clearly making the source of the transmissions from the station known to those receiving the transmissions.

W3BE-O-GRAM: It's up to the station licensee to determine how the station ID is to be implemented. If he or she doesn't want to rely upon the control operator to do the job correctly, the station can use an automatic IDer device.

Read *The Rules Say...* WorldRadio Online column on-line at <http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/>.

BE Informed! Have a question about the amateur service rules? Visit <http://www.w3BEInformed.org>; and e-mail john@johnston.net.

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

NAME DOB	# 1ST WIRELESS	LAST CALL	SILENT KEY REPORT FROM
Clyde C. Rothstein B: 2/15/1919	2812 W8QHM-1936	W8QHM	SK date missing QCWA Journal Summer 2009 P.55
Robert F. Bowker B: 2/29/1916	2862 W8FUE-1931	K6QT	SK 3/22/2008 Daughter Rickie Miller
Merle L. Rigby B: 8/2/1928	4357 KN2AOV-1957	K2AOV	SK date missing QST JULY 2009 P.101
Joel D. Goings B: 4/24/1920	3930 Military-1942 WN4BQQ-1975	AA4P	SK date missing QST JULY 2009 P.101
Donald W. Jones B: 10/22/1937	3560 WN4DMS-1954	N4TN	SK date missing QST JULY 2009 P.101
Everett A. Peavey B: 7/9/1909	3121 9FDC-1928	W5UZW	SK date missing QST JULY 2009 P.101
Douglas L. Eckhardt B: 2/25/1919	3368 W8NFS-1934	W0OZ	SK 5/8/2009 Son, Dave Eckhardt
Lynn A. Schriener B: 3/21/1939	4249 WN5EQT-1954	W5FO	SK date missing QST AUGUST 2009 P.102
Clifford A. Bruce B: 8/9/1916	2886 W6GOI-1932	W7ER	SK 8/13/2009 Wendell Benson WW2G VWOA Membership
William H. Massey III B: 9/1/1917	3237 W5CMS-1932	W5CMS	SK 05/14/2009 Mrs. Bill Massey
Pieter G. Pretorius B: 11/27/1910	1774 F0ASG-1925	ZS2AG	SK 10/16/1981 Grandson, Allon Pretorius

WELCOME THESE NEW MEMBERS OF OOTC. SEE PAGES 5-6

NAME	CALL	#	REFERRAL, SPONSOR, ELMER.
William A. Dennis	W1WA	4531	Mort Bardfield W1UQ
Alexander E. Vilks	UQ2KAA	4532	Secretary

Notice: There may be unreported SKs

Oct-01 WIEDERHOLD WA1HGE	Oct-14 STINGEL K1DBN	Oct-30 SHAUB W3AXC	Nov-13 WONDERGEM K5KR
Oct-02 WELSH W6JEP	Oct-15 ALLEN JR W6MFC	Oct-30 PIOVESON W9FX	Nov-13 LACABANNE W6BPA
Oct-02 MC FADDEN SR K4FF	Oct-15 WISE W5OVH	Oct-30 SIMPSON W8EK	Nov-13 WICAL KH6BZF
Oct-03 CHRISTENSEN W8WOJ	Oct-16 MC DONOUGH K8AN	Oct-30 MURRAY W3LF	Nov-14 ALBERS W4ER
Oct-03 LANGEVIN W6MFP	Oct-17 MILBURY W6YN	Oct-31 GRAMS DL6GX	Nov-14 ELWOOD WW7P
Oct-03 HERRO W8CW	Oct-17 KELLOW W5LT	Oct-31 SMITH K8WXJ	Nov-14 WATKINS W4OKL
Oct-03 WILLIAMS JR W9GXR	Oct-18 KUTZNER DL9IE	Oct-31 GIBSON W5RG	Nov-14 MCGRATH W5IOK
Oct-04 WESTBROOK JR W4AO	Oct-18 KING AA7ZI	Oct-31 ENAULT WA6OCP	Nov-14 WARINSKY K9NJ
Oct-04 SCHWEIN KE8Z	Oct-18 FRANKLIN K6DF	Nov-01 TURNBULL W3ABC	Nov-15 DAILEY W6EGR
Oct-05 BURNS JR K1GUP	Oct-19 CASSEN W6RI	Nov-01 MOZLEY W2BCH	Nov-15 O'BRIEN K2CPF
Oct-05 DAVIS K0GND	Oct-19 GIBSON W5PD	Nov-01 VERDICK KA4WFS	Nov-15 LITTELL W8HQI
Oct-05 DENNIS W1WA	Oct-19 GENTILIN AB6MR	Nov-01 LINDSEY K0EVZ	Nov-15 PETERSON W4ATP
Oct-06 CHARLTON W5MD	Oct-20 SHRADER W6BNB	Nov-02 LOPEZ W6WWP	Nov-15 MARMON KA1HR
Oct-06 PULITZER W5JYK	Oct-20 MARICH K4SGR	Nov-02 NATHANSON W8RC	Nov-15 DONOGHUE N1ACZ
Oct-06 WIESNER DJ5QK	Oct-20 DALLMANN DK6HD	Nov-02 HODAPP K8OPV	Nov-15 NISWANDER K8HSF
Oct-06 WEINHARDT W9PPG	Oct-21 VANDERSTREET N1WNT	Nov-02 REGO W1GCA	Nov-15 BINGHAM K6CBN
Oct-06 McCLELLAND W3OOJ	Oct-21 WOOD KS5R	Nov-03 OSBORN JR WU4W	Nov-16 SHAMBLIN KM4JL
Oct-06 BALLENTINE JR K4AZU	Oct-21 BURKE W1LDG	Nov-03 WINTERS K4PVA	Nov-16 BYRGE W4HPG
Oct-07 ZELICH AA4MI	Oct-21 BATES W2HLI	Nov-04 LEMMA WU2G	Nov-16 CRUMP VE3OU
Oct-07 RECORD W1VQ	Oct-22 JENSEN W6RHM	Nov-04 MELCHER W6ARM	Nov-16 RISSANEN HP1WW
Oct-08 WARNER JR K3EGR	Oct-22 McELHINNEY KC5ITR	Nov-04 WALLACE K5APB	Nov-17 COLBERT W5XE
Oct-08 MC GINN K8CFY	Oct-22 SINGER K6KSG	Nov-04 DOLAK K3AHG	Nov-17 ROSIE W7GSV
Oct-08 YINGST W4CKI	Oct-23 MENERICK W8MEJ	Nov-05 MC COBB JR W1LLU	Nov-17 KAFKA KB2BAA
Oct-08 KEMPA W9RSV	Oct-23 REVIS KF5BL	Nov-05 DEAL K5FSS	Nov-18 RAFFERTY WA7ZOO
Oct-08 NICHOLAS JR K5HLZ	Oct-24 CALDWELL JR K8GWU	Nov-05 LEHRKE DK4HP	Nov-18 HARMON N8MOK
Oct-09 O'CONNELL	Oct-24 REAVIS K9PVS	Nov-06 PRATSCH DL9PR	Nov-18 PARDUE W5OS
Oct-09 MOLLENHAUER N2FZ	Oct-25 SALEWSKI DJ1PV	Nov-06 SHAPPEE W5HQJ	Nov-18 LASH W8POS
Oct-09 KING N6YE	Oct-25 YORK KG5CD	Nov-07 BOYD KD4VBR	Nov-18 SMITH KK3P
Oct-10 GRAHAM W6HG	Oct-25 GREENBERG W6AEK	Nov-07 ENNIS W8WN	Nov-18 COLBERT K3HX
Oct-10 KENNEDY K2TTI	Oct-26 SALCEDO KG6NH	Nov-07 LAMBERT N4ZX	Nov-19 HELLER W3CGZ
Oct-11 GRIFFEE N4FG	Oct-26 ROSKE N0UF	Nov-07 JONES W5TUU	Nov-19 MAYER K2BHV
Oct-11 MARSHALL W1CCE	Oct-27 CAGNEY SR KH6GJC	Nov-07 JONES KC4UXO	Nov-19 STODDARD W8KLN
Oct-11 HOPPER K5VV	Oct-27 ALDREDGE	Nov-09 GOODWIN K06D	Nov-19 ANDERSSON K8SL
Oct-11 SAUNDERS W2IKN	Oct-27 SWANSON KB6O	Nov-09 ENGLISH W7LHI	Nov-19 LAINE OH2BH
Oct-12 BUETTNER DJ3OP	Oct-27 BORENSTEIN W9FO	Nov-10 BALDWIN W1RU	Nov-20 MILLER K6IR
Oct-12 ANDERSON 1935-UNKN	Oct-28 ROBERTS W8BFQ	Nov-10 TROSTER W6ISQ	Nov-20 ROSS 5B4OG
Oct-13 PHILLIPS W6IZJ	Oct-29 MOULTON W2NLJ	Nov-10 PLADSEN AE0Q	Nov-20 PERERA W1TP
Oct-13 YODER JR K4MSN	Oct-29 LYRA PY5BLG	Nov-11 SEXTON W1EEE	Nov-20 MACKEY WL7EM
Oct-13 THOMAS III W3FAF	Oct-29 CALLENDER W4LB	Nov-11 STRICKLAND AC4DD	Nov-20 TILLSON JR W1HWO
Oct-13 BARDEN MD0CCE	Oct-29 EDWARDS K5VUU	Nov-11 CASHON K0PTK	Nov-20 PARSONS K3OTY
Oct-14 DEVENDORF W8EGI	Oct-30 HARDT W0JS	Nov-11 BEALS WA4AW	Nov-21 MARSH W4WLH
Oct-14 JAKSA W0VX	Oct-30 LAGODA W3CL	Nov-12 DOERR DL1EC	Nov-21 RICKERD W8BQD

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Nov-21 CASE W5LC
Nov-22 SHAWSMITH VK4SS
Nov-22 DEILY SR W8YA
Nov-23 CURTIS W8BMJ
Nov-23 LIEB KH6HME
Nov-23 DAVIDSON W2GOB
Nov-23 WELLS W4BOT
Nov-23 DAY N6HE
Nov-24 WILLIAMS AA4WX
Nov-24 BOHAN GM0FIQ
Nov-24 SMITH W9NQC
Nov-24 MORGAN N4LM
Nov-25 MC MAHON N6VY
Nov-25 SCHUMANN KA5TUF
Nov-25 PRASSE DJ5DC
Nov-25 PFANNENSCHMID W0ZZS
Nov-26 KILSHEIMER KB2DIS
Nov-26 QUINN W0US
Nov-26 WILSON W5FLO
Nov-26 COLLINS K1BTD
Nov-26 EISENBREY AB5WG
Nov-26 YOKES W9BCK
Nov-27 LOCKWOOD W1DGN
Nov-27 FLICKINGER AE4WF
Nov-27 WHITEHOUSE W1GEE
Nov-28 JOHNSON W6FU
Nov-28 KABALA KB3BFK
Nov-28 GREEN W1HT
Nov-29 BRIDGES W6FA
Nov-29 SEARCH W3AZD
Nov-29 MONTRESS W2JJM
Nov-30 ROSENTHAL K2VCO
Nov-30 WORRELL KC1ZI

Dec-01 YOCHELSON W6AS
Dec-02 LENTZ K4JK
Dec-03 MICHAUD N4CW
Dec-03 SERRA JR N6NC
Dec-03 BRADLEY JR N7JB
Dec-04 HALL W5ETK
Dec-04 MC QUAID SR KA5VRG
Dec-04 KITTELL W4LIF
Dec-04 JENKINS W5EU
Dec-04 HALE W4TVQ
Dec-04 GEIS W5IBZ
Dec-04 NICHOLS W7EML
Dec-04 MADERA KP4PQ
Dec-04 TRAUGHBER W0ZX
Dec-04 DEAN W4NHQ
Dec-04 JOHNSON WA6SBB
Dec-05 STODOLKA W0TIV
Dec-05 PARKER W8NSH
Dec-05 THOMPSON K0SUM
Dec-05 NENDICK W7QWD
Dec-06 BEVERAGE W1MGP
Dec-06 DREWS DL7DH
Dec-06 PESCH DJ2XB
Dec-06 WHEATON W5XW
Dec-06 MORGAN K0DEQ
Dec-06 RITTER ND4MR
Dec-07 DEWEY NI8Z
Dec-08 DUNN W1DIT
Dec-08 YANTIS K0GY
Dec-08 MC ENTIRE W6QMU
Dec-09 JOY W5FNO
Dec-09 GASCON W7SJS
Dec-09 LOVE K5EE
Dec-09 PARKER K2MEN

Dec-10 LIPSKY AF2S
Dec-10 NADASKAY K5KJV
Dec-11 TIPPETT II W4ZV
Dec-11 MC CULLEY KE4BIN
Dec-12 HENSON W6NKR
Dec-13 WELSH W6DDB
Dec-13 MILLER W5PBN
Dec-13 SCHEMPP K4ONY
Dec-13 SCHULTZ KD5LV
Dec-14 MURDOCK W5IN
Dec-14 JOHNSTON W0TKW
Dec-14 SOMMER KL7FU
Dec-15 BIRD W4WUL
Dec-15 ADAMS N6MJW
Dec-15 SANDIDGE K4FUM
Dec-15 SASEK W7KQ
Dec-16 RAFFERTY AB6US
Dec-16 CHERRY K4YA
Dec-16 KERLIN K3AM
Dec-17 DAVIS W5WRG
Dec-17 HARDIMAN N7DUC
Dec-17 TOLL W6JNU
Dec-17 DE PETRILLO W1EYH
Dec-17 WILLIAMS KI7DG
Dec-18 HOWARD W2ATO
Dec-18 CHRISTOPHERSON SR
K9JIG
Dec-19 LODATO W5IIA
Dec-19 TIBBLES N5QZH
Dec-19 GORMAN W6SQZ
Dec-19 WHITE W5LRU
Dec-19 COLLINS K6VV
Dec-20 RICHARDS K6WNR
Dec-20 WAGGONER W0KA

Dec-20 CLANCY WB5STU
Dec-20 TENENBAUM K1JIY
Dec-20 DIRKER K8VV
Dec-20 SWEENEY K4LSB
Dec-21 NOBLE N6WR
Dec-21 GOOD W1GS
Dec-21 JENKINS KG8P
Dec-22 SHAHAN W5END
Dec-22 BEMAN W6GP
Dec-22 COMBS NT1Q
Dec-23 JACKSON W6HDP
Dec-23 SMITH W6LIC
Dec-23 MITCHELL JR W4OA
Dec-24 EHRlich K0KGY
Dec-24 DONOHUE W1QU
Dec-25 BUCKNER W0VZK
Dec-25 WELLBORN K4CLA
Dec-25 ARCURE JR W3HNK
Dec-26 HUNTER K6RF
Dec-27 PEEK W6KXB
Dec-27 JEUTTER K3GNN
Dec-28 NICHOLSON K6TLN
Dec-28 RANGLES W4GXZ
Dec-28 PISKUR K7FP
Dec-30 SMITH W0LDF
Dec-30 DIBLE W8CRH
Dec-30 SANDSTROM N5ATI
Dec-31 GRISHAM N5NYR
Dec-31 FIORE W2LTF
Dec-31 FITZSIMONS W3YRS

Re pictures page 15 WA4BUE/K4AMG. Robert G. Siff (Uncle Bob), K4AMG #2784 was born 12/20/1919, Joined OOTC 8/20/1988 and SK on 12/29/2006. Other calls were W8QDI, W1POA, KV4FO. Navy reservist served from 1941 to 1946 LT. USNR. His call K4AMG now serves as Memorial Amateur Radio Club call, Chesapeake, Virginia.

K4AMG's son, Richard L. Siff WA4BUE joined OOTC 6/24/2003 #4228 and provided the pictures. Richard.siff@verizon.net

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 ELSE 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 LELAND SMITH (SK-in-office) W5KL
 2005 DUNCAN KREAMER W1GAY
 2006-now 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 ELSE W6FB/KH6CZ
 1969 EDWARD RASER W2ZI
 Assistant BERT GAMBLE W5ZC
 1970-1971 WILLIAM GOULD III K2NP
 1972-1976 FRED ELSE 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-now JOE SCHROEDER W9JUV

TREASURER

1947-1952 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

This report compiled from the best records found.

TREASURER(continued)

1993-2008 LEE KNIRKO W9MOL
 2008-now JOSEPH WEHNER W8KNO

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1947-1953 HUBERT INGALLS(founder)W1NQ
 1954-1956 FRED MULLER (SK-in-office) 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 TED HEITHECKER (SK-in-office) W5EJ
 1994-2007 BERT WELLS W5JNK
 2008 BILL CARTER W6AJ
 2009-now BERT WELLS W5JNK

* **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.

If better info known advise editor ootc@att.net

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

(see sample on page 14)

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

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Dallas, TX 75220-1611

PUT MY MEMBER NUMBER UNDER THE CALL LETTERS YES _____ NO _____
(IF YOU DO NOT CHOOSE, THE MEMBER NUMBER WILL BE OMITTED)

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

WHITE WITH BLACK LETTERING _____

WHITE WITH RED LETTERING _____

BADGE WITH LOCKING SAFETY PIN BACK (\$8.50) _____

BADGE WITH PLASTIC POCKET CLIP (\$10.50) _____

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

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

CHOOSE TIE COLOR

BLACK _____ RED _____ BLUE _____ BROWN _____

(If you do not choose, black tie will be ordered)

PRINT YOUR CALL LETTERS

PRINT HOW YOU WANT YOUR NAME TO APPEAR

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

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP, MAIL TO OOTC INC.
3191 Darvany Dr., Dallas TX, 75220-1611

PH: 214-352-4743 E-mail: ootc@att.net Web site: www.ootc.us

(PLEASE PRINT ALL ITEMS CLEARLY)

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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New member enrollment \$22. \$10Initiation+\$12(a 1yr OOTC sustaining fee) Yearly fee \$12. All members of same family at same address for \$15/yr. Or elect **\$10** initiation plus lifetime sustaining fee for- Under age **75 \$175., 75 to 79 \$135., 80 to 84 \$110., 85 to 89 \$85., 90 to 94 \$50.** NOTE: If short of money, send 3 installments when you can. If you are **95** or over membership is free, no money. Funds must be acceptable at a U.S. Bank.

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The sustaining fee supports the operation of the club. When you join, you are a member for life. Without adequate support, mailing of Spark-Gap Times is not always possible to members not paying. However, delivery of Spark-Gap Times will continue via email PDF attachment. Members may request Spark-Gap Times by E-MAIL PDF attachment, and this will save OOTC printing and mailing costs. Receiving SGT by E-mail will help prevent fee increases. INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS NOTE: Please remit (1) American Express money order, or (2) Check drawn on a U.S. Bank, if a branch of a U. S. bank accessible, or (3) if foreign bank, You must add \$20 collection fee charged by our bank, or (4) U. S. Currency.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT. You are eligible If you had two-way wireless communication 40 (or more) years ago (eligible on January 1 of the 40th year). OOTC recognizes your first two-way communication whether through CB, amateur, commercial or military operation. Provide proof if possible. If never ham licensed but had eligible 2-way communication, you may join as an Associate Member. Get ham license later and the "A" (Associate) will be dropped from your member number.

OOTC wishes to have extended information about each member, activities and background. The information becomes a permanent and important part of your record as a member of OOTC, making it possible for us to write of your life work and experiences. We would appreciate a photograph, B&W or color. Send a biography and/or any story suitable for publication in Spark Gap Times on separate sheet(s) of paper. Unless you advise otherwise, filing this application gives us permission to publish your membership in Spark Gap Times.

First name of spouse_____CALL_____ # children____

Military Branch_____service from_____

to_____, Rank_____I heard about OOTC from_____

Your Signature_____

Last 4 digits your Social Security #_____(Helps for SK identification)