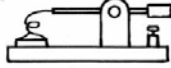


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SSB 11:00 CE(S)T 7090 kHz, Tue, NCS DJ2XB, Guenter Pesch.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

You may have already known that OOTC has two new directors; Gus Levy, W2LAP for Division 2, replacing Jerry Mulberg, W2MJP S/K, and Donald Trayes, WN3USA for Division 4, replacing David H. Knight, W4ZJY S/K.

First, I offer my condolences to the family and friends of Jerry and David. Their contributions to OOTC were many and they will be missed. Second, I wish to thank Gus and Donald for stepping forward to fill the vacancies-- especially on such short notice.

This year is getting off to a good start. Not only are the sunspots finally showing up, OOTC is exploring the means to get a QSO party going! I had fun in the last one and hope we can do a lot better this time with improved propagation.

There has also been a bit of talk about OOTC nets. Now is a good time to think about establishing a net if your chapter doesn't have one. One benefit that I see is we get to share with each other news about ourselves. When one of us has a problem—usually help is offered when possible. For example, an antenna comes down in a storm and the owner can't manage to get it up alone. Time for an old fashion "antenna party"! Finding the best time and frequency can be a real challenge. In fact, you may have to experiment and even change a few times. The favorite band seems to be 75 meters with 40 meters a close second.

While all members are members for life, it is necessary to receive annual dues (Sustaining Fee) in order for us to continue sending the Spark Gap Times (SGT) to as many members as possible. The OOTC Executive Secretary, Bert, W5JNK, indicates the renewal dates on printed copies of the SGT and periodically you may be notified either by District Directors or other means. Of course, these reminders don't always work so please check your membership card to see if you are current.

If you have lost your membership card, get a free replacement by sending e-mail to ootc@att.net or post card to OOTC 3191 Darvany Dr. Dallas TX 75220-1611.

73, Troy W6HV

A special "THANK YOU" to the OOTC Directors that have contacted old timers that have not been heard from in a long time. Their response has given us updated addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail contact. It has also helped the budget when they update their Sustaining Fee.

73, Bert W5JNK, Secretary.

NEW OOTC DIRECTOR FOR THE 4TH DISTRICT

My name is Donald Trayes and I was appointed the 4th Call area Director for the OOTC, in January 2010, by the Area Directors of the OOTC, not long after I joined the OOTC.

How did I become one of the 10 OOTC Directors you're asking? You're probably saying I've never heard that call before, I'm sure.

The year 2009 marked my 40th year in the hobby. I looked back to 1994 when I reached 25 years, and never did I think I would be eligible for QCWA, now with 40 years in Ham Radio, I went to the next step, become a member of the Old Old Timers Club. I became OOTC Member #4544 on December 17th, 2009. After being licensed 40 years ago, I'd been reading the latest Spark Gap Times Web Site www.ootc.us and read quite a few of the Bio's from long ago, and got to the page with the Director's input, and saw that the 4th Call Area, had no input. After I joined, I sent the 4th call area Director, David W4ZJY #3428, an email and it bounced back, nothing new about that happening. I checked www.qrz.com and looked at W4ZJY and It had "Silent Key". Checked the Social Security Death Index and most of the information matched, sent an email off to OOTC Headquarters about my findings. After it was looked into I was offered the position.

I extend my Condolences to the family of David Knight W4ZJY.

I started as a Novice in 1969 while I was in Charleston, SC with the US Navy. My call is WN3USA and I live in Frostproof, FL. My XYL is WN4USA. In 1968 after graduating from High School, actually I joined the USN before I graduated, 120 days later I was on a Passenger Train leaving Philadelphia, PA ending in Chicago, IL to begin what turned into a 26-year career in the United States Navy. All thanks to the TV show "Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea". Growing up that's all I wanted to do, be a part of the United States Navy!

I'd like to get a 4th Call Area net going on 40 meters. If anyone is interested in a Net, please contact me! I've received the 4th Call area roster, been looking at it, and will be contacting OOTC members in the next few months.

73 "Don" Donald Trayes wn3usa@yahoo.com
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**NEW MEMBER HARRY M. BURKHEAD, K4TC, #4540 (listed pg 20 this issue)
HIS BIO WAS IN THE JANUARY ISSUE ON PAGE 8-**

NEW MEMBER GARY E. COLBORNE, N1GC, #4541

Born 2/16/1944 New Haven, CT. Spouse Sue-N4SUE, 5 children. Very active since first licensed in CT, then FL, then TX, then NC since 1989. Gary has walls full of plaques and certificates on 2 meters, 70 CM, 220, 1296 and is very active contester and Dx'er on 160 to 6 meters.

Gary has been a very special ham friend of mine for 20 years. This is a Christmas gift membership from Noble "Nobby" Mills, W4UFO - nbmw4ufo@gmail.com

NEW MEMBER KENNETH W. BRATZ, WA5JUM, #4542

Born 2/15/1944 Palestine TX. Spouse Patsy. WN5JUM-1965, kbratz@lrandc.com

FROM CHUCK WILLIAMS, KI7DG, #4509

HOW NOT TO WIN THE ARRL 10M CONTEST – station picture page 12

Saturday Morning of the contest started off as just another normal contest day. Breakfast, check logging program, pencils, paper, CW key plugged in, coffee cup, headphones and now the wait begins. Wives, phone and dogs can be a terrible distraction and before you know it the contest is 3 hours old and you haven't sent out the first CQ test yet. Tuning the phone band I begin to work Californians and more Californians gees isn't any other states on? So I spin down to the CW work what else more Californians _spin_ the dial back up to 29.300 and start tuning up to 29.500 nothing band went dead while playing with the CW. So shut it down and take a nap (that is what old people do now) 1 hour later back at the rig nope band still dead well nothing to do but call it a day and hope tomorrow is better.

Sunday AM band is dead dead dead so off to Church maybe a prayer will help, back home, and yep phone band still dead nothing, drop down to 29.030 +/- CW portion nothing there either, so I take a nap and see what happens later. I never new just how strenuous turning a knob can be as I slept for 2 1/2 hours its now a little after 2200 UTC hours and as I sit looking at the dial it finally dawns on me DUH 29.300!!!!!!!!!!!! spin down to 28. and good grief the band wasn't dead after all there are all kinds of stations calling CQ Test and not from California! The band never died just my brain died so I scrambled and managed to hand out a few contacts and multipliers to stations on the East Coast. I'm lucky if I can make any kind of a showing this year, but then when I'm in a two-man race I always finish 2nd. How embarrassing for a humble contest station. So now I have to add one more thing to the check list "engage brain!"

Chuck KI7DG

**CORRECTION TO THE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF ROGER C. HOLLOWAY
W9VBJ, #2730 ON PAGE 5 AND 6 OF THE JANUARY 2010 SPARK-GAP TIMES**

Page 5 last paragraph: I enlisted in the Army in 1942. Serial number 15334114 87th
not 8th Infantry Division.

Page 6 second paragraph: After I was discharged I attended Valparaiso Technical Institute completing a course in Advanced, not Advance, Radio Technology

NEW MEMBER WILLIAM E. JONES, K9URA, #4543

Born 12/22/1919, Houston, TX. Widower, 6 Children. K9URA-1957. Army O-3 1940-1945.

NEW MEMBER DONALD S. TRAYES, WN3USA, #4544 *OOTC District 4 Director*

Born 10/23/1949, Pen Argyl, PA. Spouse Dorshaine-WN4USA. First wireless WN3NLP-1969, WN4CVH, WB4CVH. US Navy 1968-1973, 1981-1994 E-6.

It was in December 1964 when I first found out what Ham Radio was, I had listened to my Aunt's old Zenith floor radio when we visited weekly, mostly AM stations some times from 100's of miles away. On Christmas Day 1964 I received a Heath Kit Crystal Radio Kit from Santa. Put it together Christmas Day, listened to local AM radio stations, then one day someone started talking and he was very loud. He would talk for a minute then it would go back to the Broadcast station, and then start talking again. I asked my father who it was ... he listened a bit and said "I know the voice", he said he worked with him on the Lackawanna Railroad in Bangor, PA, a couple of days later he took me to his house, and I was a kid of 14 and I was well, like a kid in a candy store ... I can still see his radio's. A Hallicrafters receiver and 300-watt home brew transmitter, He was W3CBN J. Brymer Roberts and he was a Telegraph operator for the railroad. Didn't do much then about becoming a Ham. I did save my paper route money and bought a Hammarlund HQ- 145 receiver.

Jump forward to the year 1969; I was in the US Navy stationed in Charleston, SC. Some how I heard about the Armed Services YMCA down town, I stopped in and visited, and someone was operating a Ham Radio station. We got to talking, her name was Jeannie Hunting, I forget her call, and said I was interested in Ham Radio, she said go to Radio Laboratory over on East Bay Street a few blocks away and get a Novice Book. Picked it up studied it and after a few weeks someone gave me the test, and I became WN3NLP/WN4, making all of my contacts from the YMCA on Meeting Street, due to living in the Navy Barracks. And in Bangor PA while home on leave a number of times. Using the Hammarlund HQ-145 and a kit built T-50 Transmitter.

Made a career of the Navy, retiring in 1994. I've operated from Sicily WB4CVH/IT9, Germany and Saudi Arabia HZIAB, which was the high light of my Amateur Radio career, a few more countries along the way. If anyone made a contact with HZIAB in 1989 or 1990 it probably was me. I still get a QSL requesting a QSL every few years from Sicily. If not for Ham Radio I would not know my 4th cousin. Back in the late 80' s before the internet, I put an ad in CQ Magazine wanting to buy something, I didn't get any replies, but my 4th cousin up in Toronto, Ontario, Canada replied. His call is VE3FMT! He wondered if we were related. I didn't know, that was before I was into Genealogy. I literally had only my grandparents and great grand parents names. Now in my family I have some 400 Trayes' in the USA, Canada, England, New Zealand and Australia. I've met Jim VE3FMT, and cousins in England on one of my many trips to Europe.

I've gone thru all the license classes, starting with the Novice license, which a ham gave to me in Charleston, SC, the Technician license which I took in the FCC Office in Miami, the General License in Philadelphia in front of an FCC Official, the Advanced

license at the FCC Office in New York City, which was near Radio Row in New York City. The area called Radio Row was demolished to make way for the World Trade Center Towers ... Never Forget!. And took the Extra Class Exam at a Hamfest in Sellersville, PA, my first time in front of a VE Team. That's how I got the call WN3USA; I figured since I had the highest Ham License, I'd go back to a Novice Callsign!

NEW MEMBER NANCY M. FEENY, NJ8B, #4545

Born 11/9/1933, Detroit, MI. Six children, Spouse Thomas-W8KOX (OOTC #3029). KN8IAI-1957, K8IAI. nfeeny@comcast.net

NEW MEMBER JAMES R. JOHNS, KA0IQT, #4546

Born 12/25/1952, Oneonta, NY. Spouse Janet, 1 child. WN2FHS-1968, WB2FHS. While I was first licensed as a ham in 1968, my interest in radio started when I was in elementary school. I received a pair of Westinghouse 100mW CB handheld transceivers operating on Channel 11 for Christmas one year. While playing with the radios, I found myself communicating with a licensed CB operator. He drove by and spent some time explaining his radio and proper operating procedure. I found radio very interesting but couldn't seem to find anyone to help me obtain a ham radio license. Instead, I convinced my father to get a CB radio license (you had to be at least 18 to obtain a CB radio license at that time) that I could use. I joined a local CB radio club as the youngest member and helped with a number of public service activities including parade support communication. Eventually I joined the Civil Air Patrol and participated in communication drills with that organization.

When I was a sophomore in high school I saw a notice for a ham club meeting in town. I managed to convince my parents to drive me to the meeting and there I met several hams who went to the same high school. They were working to form a ham club at the high school and I definitely was interested. Several months later I sat for my Novice exam and made my first QSO in 1968 using the school's DX40 transmitter and HQ110 receiver. (My own ham shack at the time consisted of an Ameco AC1 transmitter, an ancient Crosley shortwave receiver and an Eico signal generator running at 455 KHz to provide a BFO for CW copy.) I managed to work 15 states on 80 Meters with my home shack before I upgraded to General (right before incentive licensing kicked in.) Many years, and miles. later I still enjoy chasing DX and rag chewing on CW, A life member of ARRL and QCWA. ka0iqt@arrl.com

NEW MEMBER DAVID W. REID, W6KL, #4547

Born 7/30/1942, Saskatoon, Canada. WN6WKL-1967, WB6WKL. w6kl@arrl.net

NEW MEMBER WILLIAM C. MORINE, N2COP, #4548

Born 12/21/1951, Winchester, MA. WN1NOP-1970, WD4NZF, WB2ZHS. Spouse Pam, 2 children.

I received the 2001 ARRL Philip J. McGan Award for outstanding public relations on behalf of amateur radio. First licensed in 1970 as WN1NOP after having taken a licensing course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.), thereby making me a M.I.T. "graduate". Novice ticket expired 1972. Idle 1972-1977. Jumped back in as a Technician in 1977 as WD4NZF. Moved to New Jersey in 1978, assigned WB2ZHS. Upgraded to General in 1981, changed call and was assigned N2COP, Luck of the draw - and I'm not even in law enforcement. Upgraded again in 1983 to Advanced and became an Extra in 2001. Currently ARRL North Carolina Public Information Coordinator (PIC) and Chairman of ARRL's National Public Relations Committee. Active in Boy Scouts and served on the staff of station K2BSA at the 2001 and 2005 National Jamborees.

My two sons are both Eagle Scouts and hams. Reid (age 21) W4RSM and Grant (age 20) W4GHM. Grant has done three science fair projects on antennas, and was the 2004 North Carolina State Science Fair winner with a ham radio antenna project. His Eagle Scout project was constructing thirty emergency 220 MHz J-Pole antennas for CARES, Carolinas Amateur Radio Emergency Services. This project led to Grant being named the 2007 Young Ham Of The Year (YHOTY).

Effective April 1, 2010, I will become ARRL North Carolina Section Manager, which I consider an honor in serving my fellow Tar Heel operators.

I enjoy all aspects of the hobby immensely.

73, Bill n2cop@arrl.net

NEW MEMBER THOMAS H. CAMPBELL, K4IJA, #4549

Born 3/4/1944, Givhans, SC. 1 Child. KN4IJA-1959, KG4VSU/K4IJA.
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NEW MEMBER CRAIG BLAINE, WB2FVE, #4550

Born 11/20/1946 Binghamton, NY. Spouse Carol, 2 children. WN2FVE-
1963 WB8QZK. craig.blaine@gmail.com

NEW MEMBER JERRY E. KEISLER, WA5KZA, #4551

Born April 1947 South Carolina. Currently Extra Class. WN5KZA-1965. I put my first radio receiver together in 1956 while in Maryland. This earned me an arrow point in the Cub Scouts. The instructions were to glue the paper layout on a wood plank, mount the parts in the locations shown on the paper. Run the wires from clip to clip and install components as shown. This resulted in a 2 tube AM receiver in the broadcast band. Earphones were required. The radio required several batteries. I believe they were a 137V, 67.5V, and a filament battery.

While in Wisconsin in 1958, I earned the Electricity merit badge and declared to my parents that I was going to become an Electrical Engineer. The fun part of the Electricity merit badge was making a motor out of nails, wire, friction tape, and wood that worked. I also learned the Morse code by sound and wigwag in the Boy Scouts (BSA).

While in Idaho in 1960 I built a short wave radio that required me to solder all the connections. The soldering learning curve caused lots of burnt fingers. When I first plugged it in the Selenium rectifier self-destructed. The local TV repair man gave me a solid state rectifier and explained the correct way to insert it in the circuit. This was a simple regenerative receiver that had different plug-in coils for different bands. I loved listening to ship to shore phone. Apparently, most of the people using ship to shore phone did not know the world could listen in. I believe this was an explorer radio kit. From the BSA I earned the Radio merit badge.

In 1961, I received a 12-in-1 Knight kit with one tube and lots of components on solder lugs. You could make 12 different circuits by soldering wires between the various lugs including: Transmitter, Receiver, Light detector, code oscillator, etc.

In 1962, while in Montana I fell in love with a floor cabinet short wave receiver that was in the house we were renting. I also earned my Eagle Scout rank in the BSA. I attended the 9th grade here.

In 1963, I became a Lone Star Scout, in a small northern town in North Dakota. No Boy Scout Troop, so I ordered the Knight VTVM kit. After assembling it, I ordered the Knight R-55 Receiver Kit. This later became my receiver when I got my Novice Radio License WN5KZA. It has a band spread on all the ham bands and a BFO. I was living in restricted trailer park housing so my antenna was one foot off the ground tied to the skirt around the bottom of the trailer. This was also one foot from the metal siding of the trailer. The temperature got down to minus 52 degrees F while in ND.

I moved to Oklahoma in late 1963, in time for school to start. Now in the 11th grade, I started building my electronics lab. Knight Kits were \$20 each so I would buy one and when finish building it, buy another. My lab included: Tube Tester, Frequency Generator mod: KG-650, Signal Tracer, mod: KG-690. R/C Tester, mod: KG-670 all products of Allied Radio. I was about to order the oscilloscope when I found out the new high school principal was a ham radio operator. I started studying for the 5 WPM code test. I found it was a lot harder converting the code to letters and putting them on paper than I thought it would be. I had learned in the BSA to write the dots and dashes down then convert them later. About the time school was starting in Sept of 1964 I got my novice license. I have since lost that document but I still have the Novice Roundup certificate for 1965. My transmitter was a Knight kit T-60. My high school principal also let me out of semester exams to take the General test in Tulsa, OK, which I passed. I had to make up the exams.

I have since gone thru the following equipment: Knight R-100A, Knight T-150, EICO tri-band SSB/AM/CW transceiver model 753, Galaxy V MK III, and currently a Yaesu FT-900 on HF, and several pieces of VHF/UHF gear.

After graduating Oklahoma State University with a BSEE, I settled down with the Texas Highway Department as a Traffic Engineer for 38+ years, which also included oversight of a radio shop with 400 mobiles and 10 base stations. I was lucky that the last dynamotor was changed out to a T power radio before overseeing the radio shop. I am also a 44 year member of MARS, founding member of the 36 year Red River Valley Amateur Radio Club, an American Radio Relay League member since before I got my radio license, and have just joined the QCWA and OOTC. jkeisler2@yahoo.com

NEW MEMBER JOHN. S. BRADKE, W2GB, #4552

Born June 1, 1952, Milwaukee, WI. 2 children. WN2GMC-1967, WA2GMC, 6Y0B.

LETTER FROM WILLIAM C. "WILLIE" USTASZESKI, WA2DUV, #4191

Hi, Old-Old-Timers. I was born and raised in Bronx, NYC. Renewing again this year, I said I might write about myself and radio, for Spark-Gap Times. I don't have a typewriter or PC/Printer, and I'm not an author. I am sending this note without any changes, as I write it down.

Let me begin at the beginning. I am 70 now, born on 2 Aug 39. I was allowed to play with the family AM radio at home, but also, at grandma's, played with their floor model AM-SW-78RPM record player setup. That's when I first heard from around the world (age then 4 or 5)! My dad came home one day with a Philco AM-portable (AC/BATT).

I was allowed to keep it in my room (age 10 or so). Secretly I stayed up late (this is in the Bronx, NYC on the 4th floor) and heard Canada, Buffalo, Del Rio TX, Washington DC – etc. I was impressed. When I graduated from 9th grade, because I had good marks my parents chose the High School.

They got me a new Hallicrafters AM-SW portable radio that was large, had a long whip and a hidden movable antenna with suction cups (plug-in). Just use your imagination as to how secretly I stayed up late, etc, and how much I heard (circa early 50's) around the world.

Suddenly – girls! – The portable radio helped by making music whenever I needed. In 1956, age 17, I joined the Army, with parental consent. Would have gone in on my birthday, but fingerprints were slow coming back from D.C. Went in on 6 August. I joined the paratroopers, and for my advanced training they sent me to Radio Op School! I learned my CW here, also got to operate a radio set up, that fit into the back of a jeep, with me squeezed in.

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Pg. 4 President Troy Wideman



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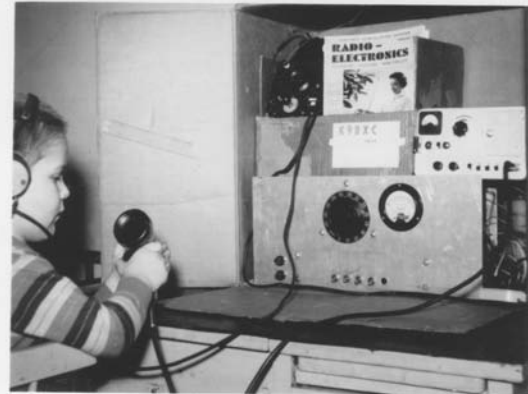
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Alexander Vilks #4532, Riga, Latvia.



The future N6UA(Doug #4449) 52 years ago at my dad's station, K9BXC, Morrison, IL.

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LETTER FROM WILLIAM C. "WILLIE" USTASZESKI, WA2DUV, #4191



Stan Levandoski WB2LQF #4558 see page 16.

I had some fun doing this, as our training included hiding and passing traffic. So we seldom saw anyone, and some of our trips were 5 – 8 weeks away from Fort Bragg, NC. After the Army, back at home with my SW RX, I really listened. All this time I did short wave listening of NYC stations and as far away as Texas. My friend downstairs on the 3rd floor was an SWL-er. He asked me about the dots and dashes. I copied a bit for him and he said, "that was a ham in Germany." I didn't know what a ham was but learned before sunset.

One of four grocery store owners was a ham and he told us a lot that night. The next day we were on the "L" train to Lafayette Radio uptown Bronx to buy the Ameco guide to become a ham, and in 4 weeks I was on my way on the subway, down to the federal building Manhattan. I passed my general first time, never had a novice ticket. This was early 1963. I was given WB2HLH, built an Eico 720 with VFO, bought a Drake 2-B and was off running. I immediately joined QRP ARCI #1183 and was low power from then on. QRP then was 100W and I said I could do better, so only loaded to 50W input, 35 out(?).

This QRP#1183 and OOTC#4191 are my most proud and valuable assets. I did traffic CW and Phone for 2 yrs. When I moved to NJ, joined 10M emergency net (ARCI I think) and twice assisted in finding lost kids in State Park nearby. Also by monitoring that 10M, helped a family driving to NYC on only road back then, with lunch and directions, including help finding destination in Bronx!. In my 47 years as a ham I have used CW 99.9% of the time. Used AM and SSB only for nets! I don't use fone anymore at all. By this time we had 5 daughters, none hams. When we decided to move to PA I had to change call and for a while was WA3VTT. We moved back to NJ and again my call changed, it became WA2DUV. I can't remember when this was but many years later I was re-reading the RTTY handbook by W2JTP (1962 Cowan Pub. Corp.). On page 2 I read, "To Lydia, WA2DUV, my understanding and helpful xyl." Wow, I almost had tears in my eyes. Later I think I saw his call in Silent Keys. WA2DUV was obviously a reissued call. With 47 years this March, or so, I can't brag. Here is a 1963 list. Built my first keyer and T/R switch from handbook, did traffic, worked WAS-DXCC with 50W in, also with 5 watts out. 2 watts and 1 watt out (WAS-WAC-DXCC). Had a quad 2 element at 53 feet for 3 months before ice took it down. All other antennas – wires. Built many heathkits including 3 TVs for family. Never took 1st in several NJ QSO parties, missing top as 12th, 6th, 4th, not quite enough.

My son-in-law. WK2G. the only ham of my large family of 5 kids, 13 grandkids and 4 great grandkids. Merrill and I did Field Day about 5 times for local clubs. Got to work all states 3 times but never a clean sweep. Once took 7th place in QRP contest. There is much more, but I think if you're still awake, this is enough for now.

NEW MEMBER WILLIAM R. CLABO, K9ASL, #4553

Born 2/29/1944 Chicago, IL. KN9ASL-1959, KL7ONE, HC1WH, 5R8CW, G5DDN. Spouse Bonnie-KE6AXD, 3 children. USCG 1861-67 and 1975-95 E9. bclabo@satx.rr.com

NEW MEMBER JOHN E. HAMLET, W4ZW, #4554

Born 1/7/1940 Memphis, TN. Spouse Ash, 4 children. U.S. Army 1963-1969 Cpt.

I've been real active all my 54 yrs as a ham (55 years this Dec.) CW, SSB, FM, Digital. Currently teach middle/high school students Technician and General class. Licensed 20 last year – goal is 100 this year. w4zw@comcast.net

NEW MEMBER LAWRENCE R. ANDERSON, W6LAR, #4555

Born 5/9/1944, Whittier, CA. Spouse Helen KF6CHG, 2 children. U.S. Air Force SSGT 1963-1972. 1957-58 Civil Air Patrol net operator. 1965-1977 off and on CB operations. 1970 passed FCC Radio Telephone License. Worked at GE in mobile radio shop. 1979 Novice License. 1981 Tech+. Upgraded 1996 to Advanced. Continued working with GE/Verizon maintaining microwave systems. Retired May 2009. radiotowers@verizon.net

NEW MEMBER RONALD J. TAYLOR, W3RJT, #4556

Born 10/9/1944, Atlantic, NJ. WN3GWE-1956, W3GWE, KB3SEZ. rjtaylor1@verizon.net

NEW MEMBER GERALD G. HEDLUND, WA6VCN, #4557

Born 9/23/1945, Minneapolis, MN. Spouse Wanda. WV6VCN-1961, KI6WWP. US Navy E4 1965-1969. viking.ggh@gmail.com

No.5 The Rules Say... STEALTH TRANSMISSIONS

John B. Johnston, W3BE, #3946

Q. During a foxhunt, doesn't our hidden transmitter have to have a photocopy of the station license and a label with the name, address, and telephone number of the station licensee and at least one designated station control operator attached?

A. There are no special FCC rules for "foxhunts." The only such posting requirement is in Section 97.213(d); it applies to telecommand when there is a radio or wire line control link between the control point and the station sufficient for the control operator to perform his/her duties.

Q. What is the rule that authorizes our hidden transmitters to operate unattended?

A. There is no such rule. Unattended transmitting stations are inappropriate for our amateur service. Section 97.7 says that when transmitting, each amateur station must have a control operator. The control operator must be a person for whom an amateur operator/primary station license grant appears on the ULS consolidated licensee database, or who is authorized for alien reciprocal operation.

Q. How do repeaters get away with transmitting without a control operator?

A. No repeater is exempt from Section 97.7. Every repeater must have a control operator. Our amateur service community, however, was successful in convincing the FCC that, in certain instances, a repeater could achieve compliance with the FCC rules without the control operator being at the control point through the use of devices and procedures. In Section 97.3(a)(6), this is defined as automatic control. In Section 97.205(d), repeaters are authorized for automatic control.

Q. Aren't our foxhunt hidden transmitters also authorized for automatic control?

A. No, they are not.

Q. How do we go about getting that?

A. The short answer is to file a petition for rulemaking with the FCC. The more comprehensive answer is to first convince our amateur service community that what you want to do will not cause interference to their activities or somehow disadvantage any radio service. The FCC will likely want to know about that and will eventually ask for their comments if they do decide your request is at least worth proposing for comment.

W3BE-O-GRAM: Justifying transmissions from stealth transmitters could be very difficult. Even if you could get over that hump, devising practical rules to guarantee that such transmissions would be limited to your foxhunts could be even more difficult. Please do not ask for "how to" rules.

Q. Beside repeaters, which other amateur stations are authorized for automatic control?

A. Auxiliary station (Section 97.201(d)), beacon station transmitting on certain band segments (Section 97.203(d)), a station transmitting a RTTY or data emission on certain band segments (Section 97.221(b)) or responding to interrogation by a station under local or remote control that does not occupy a bandwidth of more than 500 Hz (Section 97.221(c)).

Q. What are the requirements for automatic control?

A. Your devices and procedures must work such that when your station is transmitting, compliance with the FCC rules is achieved without the control operator being present at a control point. See Section 97.3(a)(6). It is up to the station licensee to assess any threats that it is likely to encounter, decide whether or not automatic control is appropriate and determine the artificial intelligence devices and procedures necessary.

Q. What if my devices and procedures don't work well enough all of the time?

A. Then your repeater is ineligible for automatic control. You can use only local or remote control. See Section 97.109.

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

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LETTER FROM RUSSELL C. COILE, K6FVH, #3376
"Certified Emergency Manager"

I progressed through stages of scientific geophysical research, interrupted by active duty in U.S. Signal Corps and Army Air Corps during world war two, consulting work in engineering designing radio broadcast stations, operations research for the US Navy and the US Marine Corp, working for Federal Emergency Management Agency on disaster management on natural disasters including earthquakes and floods in California, and working as a disaster consultant for the US State Department on Vice President Gore's Global Disaster Information network program in Mexico, Turkey, Iceland, and England. I have published a number of papers on disaster management, and was invited by the Chinese Academy of Science to come to Beijing to give a seminar on earthquake preparedness. <http://www.disasterman.com/> coile@redshift.com

NEW MEMBER STANLEY J. LEVANDOWSKI #4558, WB2LQF (PHOTO PG.13)

Born 2/19/1949, Middletown, NY. Spouse Susan, 2 children. WN2LQF-1960. U.S. Navy RM2C 1966-1972. Licensed continuously since 1960. US Navy radioman with amphibious squadron four aboard the USS Boxer. I have never owned a transmitter with over 100 watts DC input. Except for 2 meter FM local FM I operate exclusively In CW mode and split my operating time between QRP and boat-anchor operations. For my boat-anchor station I have a Heathkit DX-35, a Heathkit VF-1 VFO, and a Drake 2B receiver. For QRP operation I favor my Ten-Tech 1340. I enjoy tinkering with and building simpler gear, especially tube circuits. My other interests include astronomy, astrophotography, building my own fishing poles and then fishing with them, and building and then flying experimental aircraft. I am a member of ARRL, SKCC (#6488) and QCWA (#35038). I retired from a 30-year career in IBM where I managed the development and application software. I also taught organizational management at Nyack college for 17 years. I have an undergraduate business degree and a MBA from Long Island University. My wife, Susan, is a retired second grade teacher so she understands me quite well. We live in Fishkill, New York on the banks of the Hudson River about 70 miles north of New York City. We have two daughters and three grandchildren. We recently took up kayaking as something we could do together in our retirement, so look for me on 7040 kHz running 3 watts as "Kayak mobile" during the warmer months. Sj1219@optonline.net

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4/1 ISSLER DL3SA	4/14 BEACH W2LN	4/24 A T PINTO PY5IO
4/1 BONIFACE KT2O	4/14 GIESE DL2RVD	4/25 SMITH JR W4YE
4/1 ROBINSON KC4PZO	4/14 MENELEE AA7QJ	4/25 BUUS W2OD
4/1 HARLEM W1EBI	4/14 PETERS K6HDE	4/25 WAGGONER W0WLL
4/2 CHRISTMANN DF7IL	4/14 REMPE K9LJR	4/25 PETERSON N7BXX
4/2 BENTON W2WSE	4/14 GABRIELSON W7QEK	4/25 MANN W1KX
4/2 DOUGLAS K4YSF	4/15 BEASLEY W6CDO	4/26 SMITH W1BML
4/2 NEAL N5AF	4/15 WOMACK W6GG	4/26 VANDIVER N9CAR
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4/3 MC COY AA0SH	4/15 LILJEGREN W4GAL	4/27 TABOR KB7QG
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4/4 SIELKE W2AGN	4/15 ROSS KA3AVB	4/28 NICHOLAS W7RBF
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4/10 SIDES W4AUP (SK)	4/20 BRANDON K5JYD	5/1 DUNN N1BCL
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A policeman approached an elderly gentleman on a park bench, he was crying.
What's the matter old timer?
I'm a wealthy man, have a luxury apartment, my young wife can't keep her hands off me.
Why are you crying?
I can't remember where I live.

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MEMBERS REPORTED "SILENT KEY". CALLS MAY HAVE BEEN REISSUED.

NAME	MEMBER #	LAST CALL	SILENT KEY
DOB	1ST WIRELESS	REPORT FROM	DATE
WILLIAM E. BEASLEY B:8/22/1916	3067 W9PZA-1933	W5PZA Son, Robert A. Beasley robert.beasley@juno.com	11/24/2009
JOHN P. MC RAE B:6/29/1913	4365 W5EKD-1934	W5EKD Daughter, Anne McRae Crosby anne6389@att.net	10/30/2009
LAURENCE B. PEIRCE B:5/29/1911	4111 W8AKZ-1930	W4KIX Daughter, Mary Ellen Reedie reedies@knology.net	8/30/2009
JEROME MULBERG B:3/29/1921	2995 W2MJP-1939	W2MJP Gerson Levy, W2LAP, 2 nd Dist Dir. (not yet confirmed by SSDI)	9/22/2009
DAVID H. KNIGHT B:4/29/1938	3428 W4ZJY-1953	W4ZJY Donsld Traves WN3USA, 4 th Dist. Dir. (not confirmed by SSDI)	8/8/2009
DAVID L. WIESEN B:2/23/1932	2990 W2WHB-1947	K2VX QST FEB 2010 PG102 & CONFIRMED SSDI BY SECRETARY	11/15/2009
JAMES M. LOVE B:6/19/1916	3571 W8KUG-1933 Was member chapter 6 Lansing	W8KUG Spouse letter.	11/17/2009
ARTHUR E. MAYER B:11/19/1918	2991 MILITARY-1942 K2BHV-1950	K2BHV Ms. Leny Mayer via W2LAP 2 nd Dist. Dir. Confirmed SSDI by Secr.	11/5/2006
LAWRENCE T. FADNER B:7/14/1921	1896 W9WJV-1936	W3GN QST FEB 2010 PG102 & confirmed SSDI by Secr.	11/16/2009
MARIE B. WELSH B:10/2/1930	3666 WN1COL-1955	W6JEP QST FEB 2010 PG102 & confirmed SSDI by Secr.	11/30/2009
WARREN G. BARDEN B:9/29/1918	2627 Military-1943 KA2WQJ-1985	KA2WQJ Gerson Levy W2LAP 2 nd Dist. Dir. (not yet confirmed by SSDI)	10/2/2009
EARL E. BURDEN B:8/16/1923	4333 W9GRX-1937	W9GRX Ms. Esther Burden	9/3/2009
WILLIAM E. BAREFOOT B:6/28/1925	4310 W3UQJ-1953	W3UQJ SGT marked SK-1/8/2010 (not yet confirmed by SSDI)	1/8/2010
EDWARD D. HUNTLEY B:11/20/1916	2974 W8KED-1933	KA2KFC CONFIRMED SSDI BY SECRETARY	11/27/2009
WILLIAM PEYTON SIDES B:4/10/1908	1471 W4AUP-1922	W4AUP CONFIRMED SSDI BY SECRETARY	12/10/2009
ULO VILMS B:5/18/1922	2449 ES6E-1937 (ESTHONIA)	K4OV CONFIRMED SSDI BY SECRETARY	10/19/2009
JAMES B. OWENS B:7/23/1920	2470 W5FWB-1936	NM9E CONFIRMED SSDI BY SECRETARY	11/2/2009
MORRIS GOLDMAN B5/15/1920	2680 W2JNJ-1936	W6EHM CONFIRMED SSDI BY SECRETARY	2/12/2001

NEW MEMBERS OF OOTC.

NAME	CALL	#	REFERRAL - SPONSOR - ELMER
HARRY MICHAEL BURKHEAD	K4TC	4540	SECRETARY
GARY E. COLBORNE	N1GC	4541	Gift membership from W4UFO
KENNETH W. BRATZ	WA5JUM	4542	SECRETARY
WILLIAM E. JONES	K9URA	4543	Gift from Troy Harrison, KC9E, #4417
DONALD S. TRAYES	WN3USA	4544	SECRETARY
NANCY M. FEENY	NJ8B	4545	Thomas Feeny, W8KOX, #3029
JAMES R. JOHNS	KA0IQT	4546	SECRETARY
DAVID W. REID	W6KL	4547	SECRETARY
WILLIAM C. MORINE	N2COP	4548	SECRETARY
THOMAS H. CAMPBELL	K4IJA	4549	SECRETARY
CRAIG BLAINE	WB2FVE	4550	SECRETARY
JERRY E. KEISLER	WA5KZA	4551	SECRETARY
JOHN S. BRADKE	W2GB	4552	SECRETARY
WILLIAM R. CLABO	K9ASL	4553	SECRETARY
JOHN (JON) E. HAMLET, JR.	W4ZW	4554	SECRETARY
LAWRENCE R. ANDERSON	W6LAR	4555	TROY WIDEMAN, W6HV
RONALD J. TAYLOR	W3RJT	4556	SECRETARY
GERALD G. HEDLUND	WA6VCN	4557	SECRETARY
STANLEY J. LEVANDOWSKI, JR.	WB2LQF	4558	SECRETARY

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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 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 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-now 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(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.

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

3191 Darvany Dr.
Dallas, TX 75220-1611

PUT MY MEMBER 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 _____

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(The pin sent may be either safety pin back or clutch pin back)

BADGE WITH PLASTIC POCKET CLIP (\$10.50) _____

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(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

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

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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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New member enrollment **\$22. \$10Initiation+\$12** 1yr OOTC sustaining fee(dues) 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, pay in 3 installments. If you are **95** or over membership free, apply. Funds must be acceptable at a U.S. Bank.

Renewing? \$12 OOTC INC 3191 Darvany Dr. Dallas TX 75220-1611

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Military Branch _____ service from _____

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Your Signature _____

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