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OOTC ON THE AIR MEETINGS

EUROPEAN CHAPTER #5: CALL DL00TC

SSB 7:30 CE(S)T 3624 kHz, Tue, NCS DJ5ND, Willi Kreibohm
SSB 11:00 CE(S)T 7090 kHz, Tue, NCS DJ2XB, Guenter Pesch
CW 17:30 UTC 3576,5 kHz, Tue, NCS DL1MEB, Karl Maerz
CE(S)T = Central European (Summer) Time = UTC + 1(2)

U.S.A.

Chapter #2 (CA) Tuesday, 1600 local 3917kHz NCS W6HV, Troy Wideman
AZ CH: Tuesday, 1600 local 3913 kHz NCS W7LGB, Lyell Brown
N.East: Thursday, 1330 local 7230 kHz NCS K2VNM, Robert Kerns CH82 E. TN &
SW. VA: Sun, 9:00PM E. 145.110mHz down shift.

OOTC National Calling Frequency : Friday, 1700 UTC on 14050 kHz.
Meet other members here.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our OOTC is an organization that virtually spans the globe. Trying to keep in touch with fellow members can be difficult. In the previous section you can see various nets and chapters listed. There actually may be more unofficial groups that are regularly meeting that we are not aware of their activities. Please let Bert, W5JNK, Executive Secretary, know of these regular activities so that he can include them in the Spark Gap Times. If our net posting on page 4 of this SGT is incorrect let him know. That way others may be able to join in with you. Most of the net members that I hear from enjoy and look forward to these regularly scheduled nets.

Not long ago, I received a nice letter from Duncan, W1GAY, former president of OOTC. Some ideas he proposed have been on my mind and I wonder how interested you might be in developing these or other activities. He asked if any thought had been given to an on-the-air QSO party. I know that the QCWA QSO parties are a continuing event that I enjoy. I usually limit my involvement to the CW portion (more points!). He also wondered about having a WAS Members Award. These are interesting ideas. Would you like to see something along these lines? Other ideas? Let your District Director know, or let me know what you think so that I, in turn, can pass it on to the OOTC Directors for their thoughts.

OOTC had a CW net on Fridays, 1700 UTC, on 14050 KHz until recently. With limited activity and poor band conditions, the time and frequency are now utilized as a calling frequency for OOTC members. Similar arrangements might be of use within the districts using 40 or 80 meters. Certainly there are many approaches to providing meeting frequencies and times that could be of benefit. If you are involved in any scheduled calling frequency activities, let us know.

Finally, luncheon meetings are another enjoyable activity worth considering. Today's cost and difficulties in arranging transportation to and from such events will take a toll. Yet the eyeball QSO is priceless. When you are involved in such an OOTC event, again, let us know. What you do may provide an idea for others to develop programs and activities.



73, TROY, W6HV

BILL ENGS, W6TCY, #4410

Picture did not make it to the last issue.

See April 2006 issue for Bill's bio.



KEN SIMPSON, W8EK, #4413

Born October 30, 1946, Alliance, OH. Spouse Sue (N8AJU) 1 child. WN8ETX-1962, WA8ETX. w8ek@arrl.net

TIM BRATTON, K5RA, #4414

Born March 21, 1946, Oklahoma City, OK. U.S. Signal Corps June 1968 to November 1983, Major, retired.

I played with my parent's radios, usually rendering them inoperative, from an early age. I had a great Elmer in W5ICC, Charles Harp, an EE professor at the University of Oklahoma. I was first licensed in 1963 as WN5FTP and WA5FTP the same year. I was never very active back then. I got K5RA in 1974.

I borrowed my first rig from W5ICC. It was an RT-46/TRC-10 xmtr/rcvr running about 20 watts out from a 837 final, and a drifty old NC-101X ham bands only receiver. I had a 40m dipole at about 25 feet and it got out pretty well. First DX QSO was KL7AIZ, the USN CommSta on Adak. Shortly after I got my General ticket, I had advanced to an Eico 720 and a Drake 2-B. That was a great improvement!



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I earned BA, MS and Ph.D degrees in engineering at Rice University between 1964 and 1972. I've been employed in the defense electronics business since ending active duty with the U.S. Army Signal Corps. In Feb '03 I passed 30 years with Electrospace Systems, Inc., Chrysler Electrospace, Raytheon E-Systems, and Raytheon Co. It's pretty much all the same outfit, just new owners. They've been pretty good to me, and I have almost always had interesting work and good people to work with. I've worked on VLF transmitters for 25 kHz, microwave receivers up to 40 GHz, and many bands between.

I like CW, and belong to the FISTS club. I like contests, because you can work a lot of different stations in a short time. I enjoy building and repairing electronics and antennas. I like writing technical and general interest articles. QST and QCWA have printed a couple of things of mine, and I have done several programs for local ham clubs.

I love working on towers. My first tower job after coming to North Texas in 1973 was a 120 ft Rohn 25 tower with a 4L20M beam that I fixed about 11PM one night at a local contest station. The tallest tower I ever climbed was a 900 ft commercial tower in Frisco TX in late October 2005. I only went up 325 ft, but it was 55 degrees and the wind was gusting 40+. That made it interesting. My 95 ft home tower and two big Yagi's went up in just over two hours once the motor crane got set. See it happen at www.dxe.org/k5ra.html. I am a member of the ARRL, Richardson (TX) Wireless Klub, North Texas Contest Club, Lone Star DX Assn, FISTS, and QCWA. k5ra@pulse.net

KAZUO KOKAJI, JA3KWJ, #4415

Born June 25, 1948, Shiga, Japan. First Ham wireless contact as JA3KWJ Jan 25, 1966. Member ARRL, JARL, QCWA#24551. A1-OP, DIG#1723, YL1SSB#8858, DXCC. Other calls: S21JA VR1AK VR8D 5Z4QT JA3KWJ/A2C TU4AR C5ACB JA3KWJ/6W8 5T5JA XT2AW(2ND OP) 5L2FY(2ND OP) HS0AC(2ND OP) YJ8JA JY9JA T21AJA JA3SBV JK1RVF. ja3kwj@jqrl.com

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TROY HARRISON, KC9E, #4417

Born September 17, 1940 Fountain City, IN. Spouse Claudette - KA9IXZ, 2 Children. U. S. Army 1960 - 1963 E-4. First licensed July 1976, WN9VUX, I was inactive for several years due to career obligations, but after an early retirement I rejoined the active members. I am also active in the ARMY MARS Program as AAR5QE, and am now the Indiana state director. I enjoy building wire antennas, gardening and yard work. .73 kc9e@yahoo.com

LARS WAHLIN, WORM, #4418

Born August 31, 1929 Malmo, Sweden. Spouse Margaret, 3 children. Swedish Navy 1948-1951, rank Furiv. Got my Swedish ham license in 1949 (SM5BLQ) and commercial license in 1950 while in the Royal Swedish Navy. Did hear a SOS from the North Sea while on watch one winter night in 1950. Once I had to send the emergency signal XXX on 500kHz when I was radio operator on the Swedish Battleship "Queen Victoria". One sailor had a life threatening appendicitis. SOS could only be used if more than one person was in life danger and XXX if only one person's life was threatened.



Had my teeth cut at the Nobel Institute for Physics in Stockholm Sweden and worked 6 years in Pretoria South Africa before coming to University of Colorado at Boulder in 1961 to establish an isotope section. Started a research company in 1964 manufacturing particle accelerators and also doing research in thunderstorm and lightning physics etc. see <http://www.colutron.com/products/cosmos.html>.

I am now retired and live in the Rocky Mountains near Rollinsville CO at 9100 feet altitude. My wife Margaret is from Edinburgh Scotland and we met in Vienna Austria 1977. larsw@colutron.com

A different discussion on wireless communication.

From Lars, WORM

After Lemonnier and Beccaria in 1775 discovered that there is a Fairweather electric field in the atmosphere even in the absence of clouds by probing the air above ground with poles and stretched wires, the first considerable advance was made by de Saussure in 1779 who introduced several new methods of measurements. De Saussure constructed an electrometer consisting of two elder pith balls suspended from silver wires inside a glass jar with metallic shielding. When the balls were charged to the same polarity they repelled one another and the amount of deflection was a measure of the electric intensity from a source brought in contact with the silver wires. By raising and lowering an antenna which was connected to the electrometer, de Saussure could show that the electric potential in the atmosphere increased with altitude. Another clever experiment by de Saussure was to throw a lead ball, which was connected to the electrometer by a thin wire, straight up in the air breaking the wire and electric connection. The ball, after

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reaching a certain potential, would take its charge with it and leave an opposite charge behind on the electrometer. De Saussure realized that the electrostatic charge induced on his antennas was caused by a positive static charge in the atmosphere above. He is also believed to have been the first to discover the systematic annual change in the fair weather field.

One interesting experiment involving the use of kites was performed by Mahlon Loomis, a Washington D.C. dentist, during the period 1862 - 1873. Loomis used two kites at the end of stranded bronze wires about 600 feet in length. The wires were both grounded through sensitive galvanometers but the ground connections could be broken by means of telegraph keys. Loomis was able to transmit Morse code messages from one antenna to the other over a distance of up to 16 miles without the use of any external electric source. In the early 1870's Loomis was supposed to have achieved voice communication using a Berliner's microphone. He applied for government funds for a classified military project, but since the Civil War was over, Congress would not appropriate the money.

What is important is that Loomis must have been first to achieve wireless communication but obviously not by radio but by disturbing the electric fairweather field. A member of the family, Thomas Appleby, has published a book on Loomis' experiments and copies of patents issued (Appleby 1967 Mahlon *Loomis Inventor of Radio*, Loomis Publications Washington, D.C.).

If you want to know more about Atmospheric Electricity please check out <http://www.colutron.com/products/cosmos.html>

CHARLES BENNETT, N5CFN, #4419

Born September 1, 1938, Marion City, MS. ARMY 1956-1998 SFC. I first got my intro to 2x Radio Commo. (Military terms) in 1956. I was a student in high school and got a summer job with the local radio/TV shop. The owner had a radio base to mobile setup on the old class A CB(460-470mHz) We could get two miles base to mobile. This was ok for local house calls but not good for all the country calls we had to make 10 to 15 miles away. I went for Army Basic Training in June 1956. I applied for a slot as a radio operator so they trained me as a supply sergeant (army reasoning). Had I had the misfortune of asking for Hawaii they would have sent me to Alaska. After a time at several U.S. Army bases and three years in Texas, I returned to my beloved Mississippi. This was early 1960. On my return I joined the local guard unit and found a slot as the company "CHOP", chief radio operator and technician.

I discovered the Army's correspondence program and used this to complete my high school and educate myself on everything electronics that I could think of all at no cost to me except a lot of spare time spent studying. -continued next page-

In late 1970 I applied for and got a job as a full time military electronics technician working at Camp Shelby, MS and had finally found my life calling. After 28 years on that job I retired in 1998.

I became N5CFN April 1980 and got WAS on 40 and 80 DXCC with 295 confirmed. WAC among other awards until Hurricane Katrina wiped out all my beautiful set of monoband beams. I have not yet recovered from that.

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VICTOR YINGST, KD5KI, #4420

Born October 8, 1942 Gilmore, IL. Spouse Debra N5CKF, 3 children. ARMY 1960-1966 SGT E5.

Formerly KN9GPN (novice, non-renewable), then WD5DDR, and finally now KD5KI. (3/11/06: just passed EXTRA, old brain cells still somewhat working! he he) Mostly 2m and 40m. Prefer rag chewing to most anything else on the bands. Like the RV service net and the Ambassadors for Christ nets. Originally from Fisher, IL, now retired in So. Cent. AL and love it.

Do some traveling in our motor home, but gasoline prices are cutting that short. I was a Computer and Scientific Research Instrument Field Engineer and then a Depot Repair Manager for mini and pc computers and equipment. Have lived in IL, OK, TX, GA, CA, MO, and some overseas. (Both as civilian and military.) Was in the Army Security Agency in 1960-1966 as a Crypto Repairman (Asmara, Devens, Korea, Meade, Japan, Helmano). If you hear me or the xyl (N5CKF) on the bands, holler!!

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CHANDLER "CHAN" CAUGHIE, SR., W7EST, #4421

Born July 1, 1915. Spouse Orpha. W6EST-1934. The S.S Surveyor, 1937 Pacific Area WWII, Radioman First Class, U.S. Coast Guard oil tankers, Caribbean 1977 to 1980. School University of Washington. QCWA #3334.

I was the flight radio officer flying the Pan American Airways

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Boeing-314 Clipper Atlantic route out of New York starting in 1945. The Clipper was the largest transport airplane of its time. The very first Martin "Flying Boat" flew in 1934 and was named The China Clipper. 10 years later, Pan Am bought the Boeing Clippers to fly the first scheduled routes across the Atlantic and the Pacific.

The Boeing carried 74 passengers, with staterooms, lounge and a dining salon. Most seats converted into bunks. The Boeing Clipper became the very first presidential airplane when Franklin Roosevelt flew to the Casablanca Conference in 1943.



CHARLES A "CHARLIE" JUSTINAK, W7GBI, #4422

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Born July 11, 1948, Illinois. Spouse Linda. KN3LUA-1960, W9FRS, K4FJC.

I started at age 11 with a Heathkit DX-40 transmitter, an ARC-3 receiver and a Gotham V-80 Vertical (because it worked on 80-10 Mtrs and didn't need radials - whatever those were, I was glad It didn't need them). I've always been interested in DXing and enjoy it to this day.

OLLI M. RISSANEN, HP1WW, #4425

Born November 16, 1945, Helsinki, Finland. Spouse Hilikka, 3 children. OH2BBM-1961, others OH0XX, EA4BQ, OA4WW, ES0EA.



As OH2BMM at age 17, father found me cutting the tallest tree in front of the house, a family treasure, for it was standing in the way of my first 80 meter dipole.

My early military career was wireless based, serving with the Signal Corps of the Finnish Army, current rank Captain. After Merchant Ship Wireless Training I found myself sailing the seven seas, sending commercial messages and love letters from those away from their businesses and dear ones.

Later in 1968 I joined the computer world in state of the art cellular technology as Country Manager of Nokia in many developing areas of the world, including the Philippines, Venezuela, Argentina, Peru and others. I have been part of the modern Hi-tech industries from 1983 to the present day.

I take my Amateur Radio license with me and have sent old reliable Morse code to the world to match. I am currently based in Panama and can be reached at HP1WW on all bands. oh2bn@kolumbus.fi

JARMO J. JAAKOLA, OH2BN, #4426

Born February 9, 1942, St. Bertils / Pertteli (near Helsinki). Spouse Sinikka, one child. I served in Army/Mortar Company 1961. First call OH3PJ-1959.

I am a member of OTC and now OOTC! This year marks my 47th year of continuous amateur radio activity. I changed my call to OH2BN in 1969. Now age 64, I retired in 2005 from the British Embassy in Helsinki following four decades of her Majesty's service. More details of my ham career and related activities can be found on my personal website at <http://www.kolumbus.fi/oh2bn> (e-mail at oh2bn@kolumbus.fi)

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HARTWIN E A "HARTY" WEISS, NH7Y, #4428

Born March 28, 1940, Danzig. Spouse Carol, 1 child(N3GNG). Air Force 1960-1968 Captain. -continued next page-

Previous calls: W3OG, WA3KWD, AA3KWD, DJ4UG -- Member ARRL, QCWA, DIG, active ham for over 45 years. I operate CW only. I answer all QSL cards via mail (if SASE is supplied) or bureau. I will take an envelope with correct airmail postage from your country to USA (for my QSL use) or one new (1) IRC or US\$ for reply. Many bureau cards seem to get lost. Please consider that if you need a card but have not received one.



I am a retired environmental engineer with plenty time on my hands. Visitors to the island are welcome to call (we are in the book) and stop by. We will gladly show them around or answer any questions. If you brought your xcvr, I will be glad to loan you an Outbacker vertical with tripod and coax in your hotel or on the beach. nh7y@arrl.net

JOSEPH L. "JOE" ARCURE, JR., W3HNK, #4429

Born December 25, 1933, PA. Widower, 2 sons, one deceased. I was licensed W3HNK in 1956 and bitten by the DX bug in 1957 and was off in a world of CW/AM and eventually like everyone else to CW/SSB. Operated in 1970 with call sign PJ8AR from Sint Maartin, and shared call VP2VY from British Virgin Islands. In 1972 had call sign FG0AFC/FS7 and operated in October of '72 from French St. Martin, in 1973, 74 and 79 had call sign VP2EY from Anguilla.



In August 1963 I became the qsl mgr for ZE4JS in Southern Rhodesia (now called Zimbabwe) and kept adding call signs through the latter part of the 1960's all the 70's, 80's and 90's and have been qsl manager for over 400 call signs in these 45 years! In 1979, the CQ DX Awards Committee voted me in to the DX Hall of Fame. It was created as an honor for those few amateurs who have made exceptional contributions to the DXing hobby. I retired in 1998 after a long career with Sun Oil Co. (Sunoco) w3hnk@aol.com

HENRIQUE CELSO ACCIOLY TEIXEIRA "HENRI" PINTO, PY5IO, #4430

Born April 24, 1935, Curitiba, PR Brazil. Spouse Terezinha(PU5PAA), 2 children.



HENRI PY5IO

Amateur radio prefix PY5IO since 1955. Operating certificate of Radio Telegraphy from Ministry of Communications. Brazil Marine GMDSS Operator Certificate issued by Japan Radio Co. Ltd.

Associate partner Lenir Cattani A. Pinto as Ltda 1966 to 2004. Associate partner Henrinave Marine Electronic Service.

1st operator and technical DAEE 1952. Chief Department of Radio Broadcast DAEE 1953 to 1955. Affiliate, Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers USA from 1982/now. Marine friends Society, Brazil from 2003/now.

On November 6th 2004 received an honor (a medal) recognition as result of my services on Brazilian marine.

Radio Surveyor (marine) for Germanischer Lloyd, American Bureau of shipping, Nippon Kaiji Kyokai, Lloyd's Register, Det Norske Veritas and Bureau Veritas.

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GLEN R. SMITH, N6CX, #1230 SK

It is with much sadness that I inform you of the passing of father-in-law, Glen Smith N6CX #1230. His key went silent on 2-13-06 at the age of 96 where he passed peacefully at home being held by his family.

Peter Spencer petersonoma@comcast.net

WALT MORRIS, W4CRS, #2129 SK

Walter E. Morris, 90, became a Silent Key on December 11, 2005. Mr. Morris was a 5th generation Floridian. Born in Arcadia, FL, and grew up in Seminole County, FL. He was a graduate of Orlando High School, and an honors graduate of the University of Miami. He obtained his commercial ticket in 1937 by taking a correspondence course, while working as a caddy-master at the Orlando Country Club. He joined National Airlines in 1938, as a radio operator/station agent. The airline was quite small in those days, and he was employee #18. National didn't stay small long though, and grew into a major transcontinental and international carrier. Along the way, he served as a station manager at several locations, and Chief Operator/Flight Dispatcher, for six years, in Jacksonville, Florida. The airline moved to Miami, Florida in 1946, and brought him along as full time communications manager. He became Director of Communications in 1952, serving in that capacity until the airline was sold to Pan American Airways in 1980, when he retired.

Walt was first licensed as a ham in 1934 as W4CRS and became K4ELK in 1955. Major ham interests were: DX, County Hunting, and seeking awards. He was a long time active member of the Silver Springs Radio Club, in Ocala, Florida, after retirement. He belonged to the Macon Radio club, in Macon Georgia after moving to Macon in 2000. He was a member of IAAH, QCWA, OOTC, SOWP, MARAC, FCC and ARRL. Other organizations were: Phi Kappa Phi and Beta Gamma Sigma. In addition to his ham interests, he enjoyed reading, playing and recording stereo music. He held both phone and telegraph FCC commercial licenses, Extra class Ham, and FAA Flight Dispatcher tickets. He was a former member of the AMA, CA, ALCIC, and the Advising Committee on Land Mobile Service to the FCC. His wife Eleanor, KD4NFE, a son Glen Morris, Sister Grace Polhamus, and nephew , Bob Polhamus, N2BP, survive him.

EVERETT ANDERSON, K9KXP, #3700 SK

Gene Anderson, son of Everett says: I have been receiving copies of your publication for the last year addressed to my father. He passed away last year. Please remove his name from your mailing list. oldputz@charter.net.

If you don't want this to happen when you go to your reward, set up for your loved ones or someone to send us an "obit". Thanks, W5JNK, E. Sec'y OOTC.

EDWARD F PLEULER. W2EIQ. #2514 SK

I am saddened to report that one of your members W2EIQ, former Secretary of the VWOA became a silent key April 22, 2006.

Wendell R. Benson WW2G, Membership Secretary VWOA.

HANS KREUZER, DL1AN, #3042 SK

I was informed by his family that DL1AN died March 18, 2006.

Guenter Pesch, DJ2XB

Dr Rudolf W. Stuber, HB9T, #2102 SK

Rudolf W. Stuber, HB9T, died September 27, 2005

Guenter Pesch, DJ2XB

WANTED! SEND ME SOME "STUFF"

Member: Hey, Bert, that last issue was the best one yet!

Bert: How'z that?

Member: 'Cause my picture was in it.

Bert: Yeah, well, what's it going to take to get you to send me something?

Member: Ya got me!

Bert: Aw, why don'cha write something?

Member: Why don'cha write yourself?

Bert: OK.

Member: Put your picture in, too.

Bert: You sure?

Member: Sure.



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OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB
 Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
 Years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004 and Budgets for 2006 and 2005

	<u>2,005</u>	<u>2,004</u>	<u>2006</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2005</u> <u>Budget</u>
Receipts:				
Dues:				
One year	\$2,520	3,030	2,500	2,900
Two years	1,780	2,160	1,800	2000
Three years	960	930	900	900
Four years	200	-	100	0
Five years and over	500	350	400	300
Life memberships	3,480	2,775	3,000	2500
	<u>9,440</u>	<u>9,245</u>	<u>8,700</u>	<u>8,600</u>
New member fees	295	350	350	350
Gifts to SEAF	383	349	300	350
Stamps, patches, pins	415	290	300	230
CD Sales	140	66	100	100
Interest	120	-	-	-
	<u>10,793</u>	<u>10,300</u>	<u>9,750</u>	<u>9,630</u>
Disbursements:				
Management fee	4,050	4,650	3,900	4,050
Office supplies	744	571	650	600
Computer repairs and supplies	-	306	300	300
Stamps, patches, pins purchased	100	696	-	207
Spark Gap Times printing	2,065	1,684	1,800	1,700
Spark Gap Times postage	1,877	1,487	1,800	1,500
Telephone and E-mail	555	317	260	250
Office postage	724	520	750	550
Advertising	204	184	-	205
Bank charges-supplies	31	85	-	35
	<u>10,350</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>9,460</u>	<u>9,397</u>
Excess receipts (disbursements)	443	(200)	290	233
Cash balance beginning	11,051			
Transfer to student educa assist fund	-			
Cash balance end	<u>\$11,494</u>			
Student educational assistance fund:				
Contributions to 12/31/04	\$18,536			
Donations transferred in 2005	-			
Principal balance 12/31/05	<u>18,536</u>			
Donations to Foundation for Amateur Radio:				
1997-2001, 2003 6@S600	3,600			
Interest earned since 11/8/94	4,756			
	<u>1,156</u>			
Scudder Money Market balance 12/31/05	<u>\$19,692</u>			

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

NAME BIRTHDATE	LAST CALL 1ST-2-WAY	SK: DATE	SPARK? REPORT BY
JOHN USCINOWSKI B:JUNE/23/1915	KE2O W2JMR-1935	#4278 DATE ?	QST MARCH 2006 P.95
GEORGE I. CHATFIELD B:APRIL/1/1905	K1UIL 9BTL-1922	#2287 DATE ?	SPARK OPR. QST MARCH 2006 P.95
GLEN R. SMITH B:MAY/16/1909	N6CX MILITARY-1928	#1230 FEBRUARY/13/2006	SON-IN-LAW PETER SPENCER
DONALD E. WILLIAMSON B:OCTOBER/24/1913	K4HVI W8BXT-1930	#2895 DATE ?	QCWA JOURNAL SPRING 2006 P.54
WALTER E. MORRIS B:OCTOBER/24/1915	K4ELK W4CRS-1934	#2129 DECEMBER/11/2005	FAMILY RETURNED DUES NOTICE
EVERETT ANDERSON B:DECEMBER/20/1914	K9KXP KN9KXP-1958	#3700 ? / ? / 2005	SON, GENE ANDERSON
RAYMOND MITCHELL DREW B:APRIL/16/1941	W1LRZ KN1BGT-1957	#3616 DATE ?	QST APRIL 2006 P.98
JULES L. FREUNDLICH B:NOVEMBER/29/1917	W2JGR W2JGR-1936	#1898 DATE ?	QST APRIL 2006 P.98
ERNEST D. BROWN B:NOVEMBER/1/1918	W5FYZ W5FYZ-1936	#2548 DATE ?	QST APRIL 2006 P.98
EDWARD F. PLEULER JR B:AUGUST/30/1920	W2EIQ COMMERCIAL-1941	#2514 APRIL/22/2006	W1OEI-1945 WENDELL BENSON WW2G
LORING A. COOK B:AUGUST/8/1919	W1LTS W1LTS-1939	#2971 DATE ?	QST MAY 2006 P.93
JACK M. SHULMAN B:DECEMBER/27/1916	W6EBY W8EBY-1931	#3227 DATE ?	QST MAY 2006 P.93
BRUCE HENKE B:JULY/6/1914	K6OU W6JFJ-1933	#2044 DATE ?	QST MAY 2006 P.93
FLOYD C. EMANUEL B:FEBRUARY/9/1916	K7BN W5EMO-1934	#1780 DATE ?	QST MAY 2006 P.93
ALBIN H. FISCHER B:OCTOBER/20/1914	W7OA W5CGU-1929	#1666 DATE ?	QST MAY 2006 P.93
HANS KREUZER B:SEPTEMBER/24/1923	DL1AN DL1DE-1949	#3042 MARCH/18/2006	GUENTER PESCH DJ2XB
RUDOLF W. STUBER B:APRIL/17/1911	HB9T HB9T-1931	#2102 SEPTEMBER/27/2005	GUENTER PESCH DJ2XB
WILLIAM A. MELANSON B:FEBRUARY/27/1921	W1LID W1LID-1938	#2122 DATE ?	QST JUNE 2006 P.92

The Old Old Timers pause with regret and sorrow at the passing of these our friends and associates who have become silent keys. Our condolences to their families and personal friends.

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Name _____ Present call _____

Address _____
 Number & Street City State/Province Code Country(if not U.S.)

Year of 1st 2-way HAM wireless contact _____ Nickname/Handle _____ PHONE# _____

My first amateur call was _____ Other calls _____ E-Mail _____

My first 2-way wireless was by Commercial Radio() Military Radio() Year _____ Describe it _____

Date of Birth _____ Birthplace _____
 Month Day Year

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