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THE NOMINATION PERIOD FOR ODD DISTRICT DIRECTORS 1, 3, 5, 7 AND 9
TO SERVE 2007 & 2008 CLOSSES ON SEPTEMBER 30.

SO FAR, NO NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED.
IF NO NOMINATIONS ARE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 30,
THE PRESENT DIRECTORS LISTED WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE 2007 & 2008.

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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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OOTC 4" Round Iron-on Jacket patch - \$5.00
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80 yr free by W1GAY

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

OOTC has been receiving suggestions from members concerning possible activities since the last issue of the Spark Gap Times. Mark Titterington, W1EOF, has been appointed Chairman of Activities Committee. The announcement of the OOTC 60th Anniversary QSO Party is on Page 13.

Now is an excellent time to send us your ideas! There must be more events or functions that would be beneficial to the membership. 2007 will be the 60th anniversary of OOTC.

Speaking of members, sometimes it is necessary to remind ourselves that membership in OOTC is not lost by failure to pay the dues. What can be lost is the receipt of the Spark Gap Times. The dues we all pay help support the printing and distribution of the Spark-Gap Times. Dues, initial membership fees, and other income sources help to defray incidental office costs. We are fortunate that no salaries are paid. The only payment being made to anyone is a reimbursement fee to the executive secretary to help offset the cost of maintaining the headquarters office and the associated cost of the OOTC supplies required to keep the organization functioning.

One function that OOTC takes pride in is the Scholarship Fund. Our thanks to the following members who have made contributions March, April, May, June and July.

Leslie S. Radney, W1PL #1011
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73 Troy W6HV

**BERT WELLS W5JNK #2951
GREENLAND**

After Pearl Harbor, airlines provided cockpit crews to ferry supplies. I was one of the Braniff Airways radio operators enlisted as a CW op (Air Corps Enlisted Reserve).

The airlines turned aircraft over to the government. I flew east from Dallas TX in a Braniff Airways DC-2 which had been stripped of seats, and as I remember I grabbed anything I could to keep from sliding to the rear on takeoff. Eventually to Mitchell Field to Presque Isle Maine and Goose Bay Labrador. There I was introduced to a C-47 operator position.

I started out on the Goose Bay-Greenland leg. Many aircraft took off and by today's standard, we were crawling along. Two Braniff operator accounts follow.



GREENLAND 1942 FROM C-47 COCKPIT AT BW-1

Photo K2AW

FRANK MILLER W5PBN #3066

On the trip east from Dallas TX we had to overnight in Knoxville, TN as the navigation lights on the old DC-2 were out. I worked all night but never isolated the short that was blowing the fuse. I never had the same crew twice on the Greenland runs. On the ships that I flew we had about 4 to 6 inches of condensed food in the bottom of the cargo bin behind the co-pilot seat.

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These were so hard you had to bang on them with a hunting knife. On the run to Greenland we all got hungry and decided to try one of the bars. They should have been called bricks. I stood on the knife while another guy guided it to cut through the bar to make smaller pieces. All you could do was suck on it to soften it a little then rake your teeth over it to shave off some of the food. The label warned as to the speed you could consume the bar without getting indigestion due to the high food concentration.

We left Presque Isle with a load to Goose Bay. On arrival at Goose Bay the weather had closed in on Presque Isle and we waited to return. A short time later they decoded the weather as 9000 and 9 miles so we took off. Over the St. Lawrence River, after being challenged by Presque Isle they came on and said: "Here is the we---" and his signal went off. The captain said the range went off also. I think there were 4 planes in the flight, one plane sat down in a wheat field. I asked the CW op on the flight to report on the ground but the Capt. would not let him use the ship battery so we were not sure he got down. We finally got the Presque Isle tower but our codes had expired and couldn't get the weather in the clear. All he could say was to head inland to the west for better weather. The main power cable to the field had been cut. Someone drove a spike through the cable!

To make it more interesting, our range receiver and the direction finder was now out and our ship compass was off but we did not know how much or which way! I tuned the ranges we needed in on the communications receiver that fortunately had the range band. Later the Captain told the Canadian officials, "We had a radioman and not a knob twister on board" and gave me credit for navigating the ship to Montreal. That was perhaps the best compliment I have ever received.

Over the St. Lawrence River the captain asked the crew chief to dump one cabin tank into the mains but he misunderstood and dumped them both. Later when he asked for the other one to be dumped into the mains we discovered we were flying with no reserve cabin tank fuel. The captain ordered the chutes readied. I picked out four chutes with the latest packing date. I had never had a chute on let alone jump! The captain chose the lightest man to be the last one out, me. Back then I could turn sideways and not be seen, tipping the scales around 100 pounds, so I would be the last to leave.

We were about ready to jump when the copilot thought he saw some lights. It was Montreal, but where was the airport? We used the communications set on the tower frequency. (The tower asked us to reduce the transmit power!) The tower located us by our landing lights. Three of our 4 tanks were empty and we were rocking the ship to get that last drop of fuel. When they filled the tanks for our return to Presque Isle they put in 800 gallons. The fuel tanks (201,201,210,210) hold a total of 822. At 95 gallons per hour, it was close. -continued next page-

JOHN E. DALBY, W5COE(SK), #3222

I do well remember standing alongside the BW-1 up-grade landing strip listening to the voice communications with Hal's (BNF op Harold Vester) crew on their approach, hoping to high heaven that they would make it into the strip OK. I was surely glad when I saw them break out of the OVC and head for the runway.

Those were wild days for all of us. I spent my time with a crew of AAL pilots, then finally with some guys from Pennsylvania Central Airlines (which later became Capitol Airlines). Our crossing was pretty uneventful as I recall, except that the QRM on 8200 was horrible with all the brand-new military radio ops trying to work BW-1 at the same time. I spent most of my time copying the WX coded in SYKO. I turned down a trip from BW-1 to BW-8 with the AAL guys, as I was tired, dirty and hungry and just wanted to get back to civilization! I regret it, as would have liked to see the sun rise over the Greenland Ice Cap.

ERLAND BELRUP, SM7COS, #4346

After a winter of health problems and moves, I've finally settled, at age 70, in a community owned old folks' (55 or more) 6-story house. Perstorp has some 4,000 inhabitants. I don't like cities except small ones.

So my only current address is Bäckav, 21A 3 v, 284 32 Perstorp, Sweden. For HF antennas, I've to keep inside the (west oriented) balcony, so no such activities are planned. However, I monitor old friends on 2 m.

From my old (1949) brain tumor surgery, my balance problems are now a serious problem, trying to avoid toppling over even inside this 49 sq,m flat. Daily "meals on wheels" keep me a "big guy" at 95 kgs, 100 earlier this winter. I've inherited it from my mother's sisters, one aunt 115 kgs.

I wish you a happy (but not too hot, like here these weeks) summer season and look forward to more magazines. Best 73, Erland

DONALD F. "DON" SOULE, W7MAL, #4431

Born April 19, 1927, Phoenix, AZ. Spouse Donna, 2 boys. US Navy 1945 - 1947, 3rd class PTO. Other call KC7UD. w7mal@cox.net

RICHARD L. HACKNEY, N1ASA, #4432

Born June 17, 1944, Nashville, TN. Spouse Karen, 1 child.
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First licensed in high school in 1960 as K4WOE (Tech, 5WPM). I enjoyed a few years of building and using equipment at a time when home-brewing equipment was commonplace. Like many who grew up in the fifties, I trace my "roots" of interest beginning with things like crystal radio, short-wave listening, experiments, and building electronic projects out of parts from defunct radio and television sets. On 6 meters during the early 60's sunspot peak, using home-brew 50 watt AM rig and a 3-element Yagi I worked all over North America and Central America. Then college, graduate school, and a busy career as an astronomer and professor took my attention away from active radio work until 2002. I qualified for a general class license which opened up a world of possibilities and I "reincarnated" as N1ASA, a call that might relate to students and others in the NASA-related projects in which I'm involved. I especially enjoy doing it all with less, namely worldwide DX with 100 watts (or 5-watts QRP) and wire antennas or 100 watts mobile. I sat in a Goddard Space Flight Center control room for hours using a research satellite to collect ultraviolet photons from galaxies a billion light years distant. I was confined to bed with a serious illness (now over) throughout 2004 and in my final month of recovery, I passed the Extra Class exam.



I am holding inflatable aircraft wings recovered after deployed at 90,000 ft. Picture May 1 2005 Fort Collins, CO.

As of 2006 I am now in the beginning stages of development of a small student-built low-earth-orbit satellite, to be called "KySat" which is planned to include scientific experiments and educational involvement activities for schools, facilitated by on-board amateur radio equipment.

As part of my own motivation and encouragement of others into amateur radio and aerospace, I inform hams and others in my region when they will be able to view ISS or hear scheduled astronaut contacts with schools (up to 1000 miles away). I was fortunate in 2005 and 2006 to have made both VHF and UHF (hand-held) radio contacts with ISS Expedition 12 (NA1SS de N1ASA).

-Richard Hackney, N1ASA, Director NASA Kentucky Space Grant Consortium, Professor of Physics and Astronomy, Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green. n1asa@arrl.net

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Born July 31, 1935, Dover NH. KN1DWZ-1957.

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On Jul 11, 2006, Martti Laine, OH2BH, #4289 wrote:

**KARI LEINO, OH2BC JOINING THE OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB
ON HIS 60TH BIRTHDAY**

Following in his father's footsteps, Kari set out to make wireless his passion in 1961 at the tender age of 15. One of his frequent QSO partners was Kab, VU2BK high up on the 15 meter band. Kari also fired up on AM phone to reach out into faraway outposts in the Pacific to add many of those locations to his records. He was thrilled and quickly found a group of teenagers sharing his summer home to capture world records in several contest activities. Kari was imbued with a competitive spirit that was to mark his wireless pursuits for decades to come.

One of Kari's early super wireless feats was to log a world-renowned American doctor on Fiji for an 80 meter daylight QSO using Morse code. No one believed him but Kari did not challenge them, either. Working into the Far East and the Pacific in those days and hours was not yet fully understood. People were still in the Dark Ages when it came to low-band performance. But Kari kept tuning for more new discoveries.

With no big fanfare Kari pushed his competitive spirit to new heights and started to pound the brass via the surface of the moon and soon broke new ground even in many segments of 6 meters making the results that still remain unchallenged. Tuning quietly on an empty band and making science work suited Kari well and the reward was there just to be collected. The night is remembered when Tokyo, yet with no moon pounce permits, replied TAA TAA.

Kari's life has been on the fast lane; surely he has been around the competitive track a few times. No wonder he has come to be known as a successful, soft-spoken and likeable chap. Not saying too much but saying what is essential. Kari's wireless circuit is by no means closed: one may run into him signing Maritime mobile and looking for new horizons. The 60th mark is just another island on an endless ocean. Kari **used to be called** "Pessimist BC" - but during these turbulent

times that pessimism or maybe realism has served him well while we all look for a brighter new lease on life in our troubled world.

Today is the time to celebrate - quietly and elegantly - and cheer Kari for joining the Club that honors those who have taken a stride or two to discover wireless as their love and passion. Always!

We welcome Kari, OH2BC to the ranks of the Old Old Timers Club

PIER L. BARGELLINI, WA3KNN, #4435

Born February 7, 1914, Florence, Italy. Spouse Anna, 3 children. In my native country (Italy) amateur radio had been suspended in 1927 by the government. I went on the air illegally in 1934 with the call sign I1KS. After the end of WWII I was issued one of the first 50 Italian licenses. In 1948 I was elected President of the Italian Radio Amateur Society and continued to operate in Italy until September 1950 at which time I immigrated to the United States. In 1968 I obtained my U.S. Amateur Radio License with the call sign WA3KNN that I am still using. I am currently a volunteer guide for the French Cable Station Museum, Orleans, MA.



Transmission engineer, Italo Radio Co. Rome Italy 1937-1941. Head Special Test Lab Florence Italy 1944-45. Italian National Research Council Microwave Res. Ctr Florence Italy Researcher 1946-50. Faculty member Univ. of Pennsylvania Phila. PA 1950-68. Senior Scientist COM-SAT Labs Clarksburg MD 1968-84. Adj. Prof. of E.E. University of Pennsylvania Phila. PA 1987-90. Consultant 1952-88. I presented a paper on the Evolution of Electrical Communications. I am presently fully retired.

CHARLES E. DEAN, W4NHQ, #4436

Born December 4, 1943, Providence, RI. Spouse Barbara (KI4OEC), 1 child. KN1QQX-1961, K1QQX. USAF/USNR-RTD 1963-1996 02(LT/JG)

Tested 1960 by W1QLD (now W1MB #3115). Worked at ARRL 1967-1974 as graphic artist in Editorial Dept. Moved to Florida 1973, worked for Honeywell on ground test equipment design for space shuttle. Retired from Navy reserve 1996 satellite comm. Retired from Pinellas County schools 2002 as truant officer. Kidney transplant 3/05. Motorcycle enthusiast (Harley Davidson) 2 meter and 70 cm motorcycle mobile. w4nhq@arrl.net

LOUIS J DEVILLON, K4ZRP, #4437

Born February 20, 1946, New York City, NY. Spouse Joan 1 child. Retired engineer. Licensed as K4ZRP, 1960. Member ARRL, Life Member QCWA (18977), QRP ARCI (11051), FIST (3621). Amateur Radio Interests include: HF CW QRP, HF Digital (mostly RTTY, PSK31), CW & SSB.
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JÜRGEN PFEIFFER, DJ9AL, #4438

Born in Frankfurt/Main 1941, married to Gerda in 1966, had 2 children: Andreas born 1967, Michael 1976.

We moved from Frankfurt to the neighborhood of Nürnberg/Bavaria in 1968, built our house and changed address in 1974 - still living there. No plans to move again.



I got in contact with ham radio late 50's, when hearing CW Morse code on our family radio, not knowing what it meant, but the Morse signals fascinated me. At that time I did not know what Volt, Ampere, Ohm meant - but I bought a telecourse and learned - every evening, including CW. Finally in 1963 I got my license, DJ9AL.

My first equipment was a Geloso 222TR transmitter (AM = A-G2 modulation) and an all band receiver. My first QSO happened on July 23rd with DJ6OX in AM. In the mean time I made approx 24000 QSOs - I confirmed all with a QSL card.

Now - my rig consists of a Kenwood TS850S with an old old linear - a Heathkit SB200 = approx 500 W out. I joined the DIG long time ago, my member # is 0211.

Business: I am retired now and enjoy the time I can spend on the radio - besides gardening. I was the director of sales & marketing (Europe) for a US company, selling capacitors and EMI feed through filters, hence I had always to do with electro-magnetic interference - and solved them.

Hobbies besides ham radio: Traveling to the US on vacation (visited 36 states sofar); wining + dining (note: what comes first); computers (I got 3 PCs linked in a W-LAN); stamps (got all of (West) Germany - except 15, the expensive ones)

I am looking forward to many more years on the radio - and hopefully work all 336 countries. I have 283 confirmed. 73 from Rednitzhembach (where the creek "Hembach" meets the river "Rednitz" !!), 20km S of Nuremberg. Jürgen, DJ9AL

Old-Old-Timers-Club 2007 QSO PARTY

OBJECT: To have fun and promote good will by making contact with as many OOTC member stations as possible. Non-Member stations work OOTC members only. Member stations can work everyone.

CONTEST PERIOD: 4th full weekend of April. Start at 0000Z on 4/28, end on 23:59Z on 04/29.

CONTEST EXCHANGE: OOTC member stations send signal report and member number. Non-member stations send signal report and State.

SCORING: Count each non-duplicate QSO as 1 point, per band.

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES: CW - 3545 7045 14045 21045 28045, **Novice/Tech** - 3705 7130 21130 28130, **SSB** - 3875 7280 14280 21380 28380. No WARC bands, or VHF bands.

MISCELLANEOUS: Call signs and exchange information must be received by each station for a complete QSO. Stations may be worked once per mode, per band.

REPORTING: All contest claims done on the honor system. Report totals to contest manager within 30 days of the contest completion. You may report contest totals via:

EMAIL: W1EOF@HAMNUTZ.COM

MAIL: OOTC QSO PARTY
c/o Mark Titterington W1EOF
74 Hornet Rd
North Kingstown, RI 02852

AWARDS:

- One member and one non-member with top point total each get a special champion award.
- All participants will be eligible to download a certificate. If participant is unable to download the certificate they can receive one by sending a large SASE to the contest manager.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR QRQ Calling Frequency?

Many CW operators who like to work at speeds over 25 words per minute with bugs, side-swipers, or electronic devices should be able to get together somewhere on CW bands to find higher speed QSOs. This would allow operators who have not reached faster speeds yet to have the remainder of the CW bands to work on slower QSOs and upgrading their speed.

In general, most CW DXing is done at the low frequency end of our bands, either in the lowest 10 kHz of the CW bands, or in the Extra Class CW segment, or near these portions. So, for general QRQ type QSOs, moving about ± 17 kHz above either the top of the 10 kHz DX band limit or above the Extra Class band limit, would seem to be a good frequency choice. This would miss the multiple of 5 kHz, and the half-way-in-between frequencies that many groups tend to pick to set up a net or sked. If a "QRQ Calling Frequency," like the "AM Calling Frequency" on 80, 40 and 20 m is to be used, when a contact is first made, the two stations should select a nearby clear "working frequency" and both QSY to it. This allows others to now call "CQ QRQ" on the calling frequency. Such a system has worked well on the International 500 kHz calling frequency for ± 100 years. If two amateur stations forget to QSY, then 1 kHz on either side could be used as a temporary QRQ calling frequency. This keeps the QRQ QSOs close together and away from other parts of the CW bands. Suggested QRQ calling frequencies for all CW classes would be:

160 m 1817 kHz	80 m 3542 kHz	40 m 7042 kHz	30 m 10117 kHz
20 m 14042 kHz	17 m 18085 kHz	15 m 21042 kHz	12 m 24907 kHz
10 m 28017 kHz			

For Extra Class operators, a QRQ calling frequency 17 kHz above the Extra Class lower band limit on 80, 40, 20, and 15 m would interfere with many DX contacts so is not a good idea. There will always be QRM on any selected frequency, of course, but that's ham radio! At least a QRQ calling frequency would give faster operators a known band locale to check for higher speed QSOs. Lower speed operators would know where they might find some good listening practice by possibly better operators in QSOs and hopefully learn some better CW operating procedures.

Since 7040 kHz is a recommended frequency for QRP contacts, when using 7042 kHz as a QRQ calling frequency, working frequencies should probably always be selected above that calling frequency to minimize QRM to the QRP operators.

Of course all of the frequencies listed will fall on or near some net or sked frequencies. Better operators will normally stay at least 1 kHz away from any established and working net frequencies. But wouldn't it be smarter for any such nets to move their net frequency just a few kilohertz away from any established QRQ calling frequencies? How about this? Hey, QRQ ops, let's give this a try!

de Bob Shrader #3007, w6bnb@aol.com

LOAN PROGRAM FALLS ON HARD TIMES - AVERY FINN, KOHLA #3920

Picture: Avery with a keyer, one of the pieces of gear that members can get via the Equipment Loan Program for Handiham members.



Unlike a library where you can only keep something out a certain number of weeks and then either have to renew it or return it, with our Equipment Loan Program a Handiham member can keep the item out basically as long as they will use it. Most often a person will end up purchasing equipment while attending a hamfest and at that time will return the gear to us so someone else can then use it. Just a couple months ago, someone returned a Ten-Tec Century 21 that had been out since sometime in 1988! In order to become qualified for the loan of equipment, a person must be up-to-date in their dues, been a member for a year, have gotten their license or upgraded with us, or attended our Radio Camp. The Handiham Manager can make exceptions by special request; for example, if a deserving member has not been a member for a year, or is enrolled in a class with a local club or in a Handiham online course and shows exceptional promise. During the length of the loan, the borrower must keep up current membership in Handihams.

The equipment we have for loan depends upon what is donated to us. Right now the donations have been way down and we do not have much available. We have a waiting list on which we put your name, request, phone number, email address, and the date of the equipment request. When we get an equipment donation, we ask our shop volunteers to check the gear out to make sure it is working. Then we go down the waiting list in order and hopefully make a member's wish for a rig come true!

Now, here is our dilemma.

Right now we have quite a long list of people waiting, but not much in the way of "WORKING" rigs to loan out. We need more hams to step up to the plate and help us out with donations of ham gear - rigs that can put Handiham members on the air, getting them off the bench and making them participants in the greater ham radio community. Over the past five years, donations of used gear have fallen off considerably. I think we are competing with online auctions and other donation programs, but there are other factors as well. For one thing, newer gear lasts longer than ever, since the solid-state technology is very reliable. So perhaps people are not replacing their gear as often. Then there is the economy. On the TV, they say it is wonderful, but it does not seem so when people have to spend so much on energy. That means less discretionary income to spend on ham gear. You can only imagine how difficult it is for a Handiham member on a fixed income to scrape enough together for a ham radio station. That's why the Equipment Program is so important. It can get deserving hams on the air.

Won't you please help? Give that ham gear you are not using to the Handiham Equipment Loan Program, so it can make someone happy and keep our bands active! Remember, it is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Our members thank you for your help. **Just give me a call, toll-free, at 1-866-426-3442, or email me at avery.finn@courage.org** Visit www.courage.org click on handiham system. 73, Avery

BELOW IS A REPRODUCTION OF THE FIRST REPORT OF THE OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB AND WAS SUBMITTED BY W4TY ROBERT S. FENIMORE, ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS. THIS SPLENDID REPRODUCTION SHOULD BE OF TREMENDOUS INTEREST TO ALL MEMBERS AND PARTICULARLY THE CHARTERS.

RESUME OF THE OLD OLD TIMER'S CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR THEIR FIRST YEAR ON THE AIR 1948

The O.O.T.C. started with thirteen members.

First meeting, January 29, 1948, we had in that historic round table the following stations: W3NUN, W1ZE, W1LBI, W4VA, W2UH, W2APN, W1ANA, W3FJU, W2TF and W1NQ, the Club's Secretary.

A letter of congratulations on the formation of the Old Old Timer's Club from Bill Parker G6BY was read at the second meeting on February 5th.

At the sixth weekly meeting on February 26th, two DX reports were read to all members, one from Herford in the British occupation zone in Germany, stating that the entire round table was being heard regularly in Germany, also one from Recife, Brazil, stating the same.

At the eighth meeting a note of thanks by all members present was recorded and sent to Helen Kasier of New Bedford, Massachusetts, for her donation of a large 400-page cloth bound record book for the Club minutes, together with a large loose leaf leather bound book for the filing of all original letters from the Club members, together with photographs, clippings, etc.

At the ninth meeting March 25th, Skipper Greene W1CPI was appointed the Official Club Custodian of all old time ham gear to be placed in his museum in Wakefield, Rhode Island.

At the eleventh regular meeting April 8th a very clear broadcast was made by Bill Parker G6BY from Weston Super-Mare, England, through the station of Skipper Greene W1CPI of Wakefield, Rhode Island. Bill extended greetings Trans-Oceanic to all the Club members and also felicitations to W1NQ on his 53th birthday.

The last regular get-together of the season was held on April 29th before the Summer shut down.

Our first casualty occurred with the death of W2GOX at 4:30 on the morning of July 17th, 1948. John Preston of Northport, Long Island. Pres became the first silent key of the 40-year Old Old Timer's Club at the age of 58 years.

This is the 27th round table of the O.O.T.C. and the last for the year 1948. Our Roster now stands at 41 members and has become a National Organization. These members will go down in Ham Radio History as the forerunners and pioneers in Amateur Radio.

No doubt the coming New Year, 1949, will witness the addition of several new members and each succeeding year an ever increasing number of members.

Let the entire membership of 41 active members prize their present position in Ham Radio very highly and dedicate their remaining years towards the advancement of the Art and the Comradship of their Fellow Man as signified by their Sheepskins laing on the Shack Wall.



PRESENT
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W 4TY ex W 2TF

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Respectfully submitted,
and Fraternally yours,
BERT INGALLS, W1NQ,
Secretary of the O.O.T.C.

1948

A 2007 anniversary QS0 party and fun oriented contest is appropriate. 73, Bert, W5JNK E. Secretary.

THE HONORABLE OOTC PRESIDENTS 1947-2006

President number	NAME	CALL	MEMBER #	SERVED
1 SK	IRVING VERMILYA	W1ZE	0002	1947 - 1949.
2 SK	GEORGE STERLING	W1AE	0051	1950 - 1951.
3 SK	IRVING VERMILYA	W1ZE	0002	1952 - 1953.
4 SK	FRED MULLER	W4ZL	0119	1954 - SK FEB1956.
5 SK	OLIVER GREENE	W1CPI	0029	1956 - 1858.
6 SK	EARL CLINE SR	W4PPZ	0061	1959 - 1963.
7 SK	BERT OSBORNE	W4MF	0169	1964 - 1967.
8 SK	RAYMOND GUY	W4AZ	0320	1968 - 1969.
9 SK	ANDY SHAFER	W8TE	0179	1970 - 1976.
10 SK	FRED ELSER	KH6CZ	0194	1977 - 1978.
11 SK	RAY MEYERS	W6MLZ	0188	1979 - 1984.
12 SK	LOUIS SIECK	K4NE	1268	JAN1985-JUN1985.
13 SK	HOBART JOHNSON	W3AC	1724	JUL1985-DEC1985.
14 SK	L. F. HEITHECKER	W5EJ	1263	1986 - 1989.
15 SK	RAY MEYERS	W6MLZ	0188	1990.
16	DUNCAN KREAMER	W1GAY	1782	1991 - 1992.
17	HARRY GARTSMAN	W6ATC	1559	1993.
18 SK	LELAND SMITH	W5KL	1214	1994 - SK FEB2004.
19	DUNCAN KREAMER	W1GAY	1782	2004 - 2005.
20	TROY WIDEMAN	W6HV	2852	2006 -

OOTC was incorporated in Rhode Island on June 30th, 1966. At that time OOTC had 5 directors elected by the membership. This was later changed to 10 directors, one from each US call district.

The 3rd article of association: Said corporation is constituted for the purpose of - To form a more perfect and articulate union of the pioneers of commercial and amateur wireless and radio; to preserve, enrich and pass on the high ethics and traditions of our Wireless and Radio Fraternity; to facilitate friendly, cordial and frequent conversations among the members; to promote excellence and achievement in preserving the history of and in experimentation of our art and science; to assure effective friendly and material assistance to our afflicted and handicapped associates; to be of real material help to those in the fields afar where established communications are inadequate for their personal contacts with the loved ones at home.

To gather, foster, preserve, exhibit the relics and the valuable lore of the beginnings, development and progress of Commercial and Amateur Wireless and radio by means of Archives, Museums, Exhibitions and the like.

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OOTC's 60th anniversary is next year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE MEMBERS WITH LIFE DUES PAID OR DUES PAID
TO 1/1/2006 OR LATER. This list may have silent key members unknown to us.

USE WITH CAUTION. (To have your birthday removed, advise editor, OOTC HQ)

NOVEMBER								
W1TP	PERERA	20	W4NHQ	DEAN	4	W5LRU	WHITE	19
WL7EM	MACKEY	20	W6SBB	JOHNSON	4	K6VV	COLLINS	19
K3OTY	PARSONS	20	W8NSH	PARKER	5	K6WNR	RICHARDS	20
W8BOD	RICKERD	21	KOSUM	THOMPSON	5	W0KA	WAGGONER	20
VK4SS	SHAWSMITH	22	W7QWD	NENDICK	5	WB5STU	CLANCY	20
W8YA	DEILY SR	22	W5DPJ	HOOPER	6	K1JIY	TENENBAUM	20
WB6CFT	NOLAN	22	W1MGP	BEVERAGE	6	K8VV	DIRKER	20
W8BMJ	CURTIS	23	DL7DH	DREWS	6	W1GS	GOOD	21
W8DFV	TAYLOR JR	23	DJ2XB	PESCH	6	W5END	SHAHAN	22
KH6HME	LIEB	23	W5XW	WHEATON	6	W6GP	BEMAN	22
K6HLX	LARSON	23	KODEQ	MORGAN	6	NT1Q	COMBS	22
N6HE	DAY	23	N18Z	DEWEY	7	W1LMS	SHEEHAN	23
W8BMJ	CURTIS	23	W6BJO	BELL	8	W0IJA	GREENWOOD	23
W2CVF	HASSLINGER	24	W3OKN	GLUNT	8	W4OA	MITCHELL JR	23
W9NQC	SMITH	24	KOGY	YANTIS	8	W1OU	DONOHUE	24
KA5TUF	SCHUMANN	25	W6QMU	MC ENTIRE	8	W0VZK	BUCKNER	25
DJ5DC	PRASSE	25	W6QBY	CHURCHILL	9	K4CLA	WELLBORN	25
W0ZZS	PFANNENSCHMID	25	W5FNO	JOY	9	W3HMK	ARCURE JR	25
W0US	QUINN	26	W2MHF	SEALE	9	K6DXC	HUNTER	26
AB5WG	EISENBREY	26	N1CC	LA PORTA	9	W6KXB	PEEK	27
W9BCK	YOKES	26	W7TG	BOTTOMLEY	10	K3GGN	JEUTTER	27
W9BKJ	FLICKINGER	27	AF2S	LIPSKY	10	W1GJV	STAPLETON	28
W1GEE	WHITEHOUSE	27	K5KJV	NADASKAY	10	W4GXZ	RANDLES	28
W4NR	KRAMER	28	W5VIV	KOCUREK	11	K7FP	PISKUR	28
W6FU	JOHNSON	28	KE4BIN	MC CULLEY	11	W5HFP	MARTIN SR	29
W1HT	GREEN	28	W6NKR	HENSON	12	W0LDF	SMITH	30
W6FA	BRIDGES	29	W5PBN	MILLER	13	W3DD	BENHAM	30
W3AZD	SEARCH	29	KD5LV	SCHULTZ	13	W7LBW	RATHER IV	31
W2JJM	MONTRESS	29	W5WM	KEYS SR	14	W5LQ	CARLSON	31
KC5RZ	SOUTHWORTH	30	W0TKW	JOHNSTON	14			
K6WX	MC NALLY	30	KL7FU	SOMMER	14			
K2VCO	ROSENTHAL	30	W9ZFU	RUFF SR	15			
KC1ZI	WORRELL	30	DJ5GG	PILIPP	15			
			K4FUM	SANDIDGE	15			
			K4YA	CHERRY	16			
			K3AM	KERLIN	16			
			N7DUC	HARDIMAN	17			
			W6JNU	TOLL	17			
			W1EYH	DEPETRILLO	17			
			W4BKZ	EDWARDS	19			
DECEMBER								
W0DUN	SMITH	1						
W6AS	YOCHELSON	1						
K4IJK	LENTZ	2						
W6MJ	LUCKEY	3						
KP4PQ	MADERA	4						

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OL' SPARKY SEZ

Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.

ROBERT L. SCHREIBER #4162 has changed call from N6JZJ to K9ZZS
HOWELL HUNTER #4361 has changed call from K6DXC to K6RF
JOHN M. RITTER, JR. #3722 has changed call from W4MQB to KR4R

CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

Your OOTC Chapter newsletter can be published in the Spark-Gap Times.
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NOTE THIS FROM MORT BARDFIELD DIRECTOR OOTC DIST. 1

Any OOTC members taking Princess Cruise line Ham group to Carib. on Dec 6. 2006 stop-over in St. Maarten can be my guest. Also club stations avail, etc.
Contact W1UQ/PJ7UQ mbardfield@boatphone.com

PRESIDENT TROY WIDEMAN, W6HV, REPORTS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Diane D. Zimmerman, AA3OF, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, The Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., has notified OOTC that the FAR scholarship committee has awarded the OOTC scholarship. There were a total of fifty four awards ranging from \$500 to \$2500 for this year with eight applicants competing for the \$600 OOTC scholarship.

The winner was Karen McDonald-Long, KC9BMH, an adult student who is a senior studying finance at the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh. She holds a technician class license. She had been laid off from her job so decided to prepare herself for a career as a certified financial planner. She is the treasurer of the Fox Cities Amateur Radio Club and is active in support of community service events.

OOTC Chapter 2 29 May 2006 News Letter #1

Time is flying since our Spring Festival meeting on April 30 2006; it was a grand occasion. We had 30 members and guests in attendance enjoying the perfect weather and view from the second story overlooking the marina at the Long Beach Yacht Club. Our new President Paul Schinnerer (AB6TB) officiated at this meeting of the Chapter 2 OOTC. Members and guests attending included our National OOTC President Troy Wideman (W6HV) and wife Louava, the Barretts Vi (W6CBA) & Don (KA6DJK), Glen Skagerberg (N6AVC), Joe Saugier (K6CD) and guest Fritz Woeller (AD6IS), Larry D'Angelo (AB6E), Lyman Beman (W6GP) and wife Marilyn, Harvey Pearson (W6JGL) with daughter Deborah and friend John Brennan, Don Osti (K6KJK) with wife Reba, Archie Willis (W6LPJ) with Vangi Hurst, Al Windelbo (KK6O), Paul Schinnerer (AB6TB) and wife Mary, Howard Shepherd (W6US), Bill Snow (W6UUC) with wife Audrey, the McNairs Bob (W6XS) and wife Maryrose (WD6AXA) and friends Patsy Hunter and Ed Lukas, and finally the person responsible for providing the Yacht Club premises for our meetings, Helen Windham (N6ZLL).

The meeting was called to order about 1130 and Paul introduced a new member Howard Shepherd (W6US) to the group. The meeting was then recessed for all present to avail themselves to the wonderful brunch buffet. A recall to order was made around 1230 after all had completed their brunch. The president requested a moment of silence be held in respect for those members who had become SK and those experiencing health problems. The president then turned the meeting over to Lyman Beman (W6GP) Secretary/Treasurer to give a report on finances and comments regarding upgrading the roster including the addition of newest members Howard Shepherd (W6US) and James Hurzeler (N6TKL). I

All members were then asked to take turns standing, introduce themselves and their guests, and speak a bit about how they originally got involved with ham radio. That made for a fun and very interesting meeting. The meeting was adjourned around 1330.

Here is bibliography information provided by new member Howard Shepherd (W6US).

"Licensed 1938 (after some bootleg op on 5 meters) as W6QJW (Quart Jug Wireless), active with old AARS as DNC2, Senior Commissioned Instructor of Air Force Communication Officer Schools at Yale University, Chanute field and Scott field, Staff Communication Officer 11th AAF, Deputy Chief LA County Disaster Authority, Chairman LA council of Radio Clubs, State Radio Officer region 1 of CA, Vice Director and Director of SW Division ARRL, Honorary Member So. Cal. DX Club, Chairman 50 Club and San Diego DX Club, Top of DX Honor Roll (352 confirmed), 1st place CQ World Wide DX Contests on 6 bands (10 through 160), USA high on 10m, Associate Legal Counsel ARRL, Alternate NCS and Official Relay CA Office of Emergency Services and Southern Region Liaison Officer, Published in QST, CQ, 73, and Antenna Compendium. Present Call W6US (Extra Class), ex K6UF. OOTC #4334."

Please address comments and suggestions for future issues of this News Letter to
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THESE OOTC MEMBERS ARE "SILENT KEY". CALLS MAY HAVE BEEN REISSUED.

NAME	LAST CALL	SK: DATE	SPARK?
BIRTHDATE	1ST-2-WAY		REPORT BY
ERNST LINZINGER B:July/13/1917	DL6DV #2637 MILITARY-1938 DL6GX-1950	MAY/10/2006	Heinrich Mueller DL3QY #2598 & Guenter Pesch DJ2XB #3384
EMERIC WEISZ B:SEPTEMBER/9/1909	F6FJM #2792 HA7E-1930	JUNE/22/2005	Heinrich Mueller DL3QY #2598
SIGURD SCHOW B:JULY/27/1920	OZ2X #2265 OZ2X-1935	APRIL/1/2006	Heinrich Mueller DL3QY #2598
HERBERT ASMUSSEN B:MAY/28/1930	OZ7SM #3369 OZ7SM-1947	OCTOBER/27/2005	Jens Olaf Pedersen (jopp@spacecenter.dk)
EARL D. FOX B:DECEMBER/1/1924	N4DWR #4035 W0YGH-1946	(MISSING)	QST JULY 2006 P.86
RICHARD A. BURRO B:JULY/23/1927	W7OOA #3466 MILITARY-1943 KC6OOA-1990	JUNE/13/2003	Family advised date of death
FORREST A. BARTLETT B:MARCH/25/1914	W6OWP #3281 W9FVK-1930	JULY/3/2006	ARRL LETTER VOL 25, No 28
DANIEL A. MAC DONALD B:JULY/16/1918	W1PEX #2610 W6UIT-1936	(MISSING)	QST AUGUST 2006 P.85
BRUCE H. ROBIDEAU B:APRIL/25/1935	K2OY #3367 KN6GAU-1953	(MISSING)	QST AUGUST 2006 P.85
MERLE F. SNYDER B:JULY/24/1919	N6ATY #2389 W6PIP-1937	(MISSING)	QST AUGUST 2006 P.85
JACOB W. OUSLEY B:MARCH/25/1920	W9BZP #4135 W9BZP-1947	(MISSING)	QST AUGUST 2006 P.85
ARMIN H. MEYER B:JANUARY/19/1914	W3ACE #1857 W9ACE-1930	AUGUST/13/2006	ARRL LETTER VOL 25, No 36
WARDEN E. DROS B:APRIL/5/1905	W4SJE #1126 MILITARY-1921 W2PVR-1946	MAY/?/1978	Bob Ballentine W8SU
A L "LEE" EASTMAN B:FEBRUARY/9/1912	W6AWI #3282 Ford Spark Coil-1922 W6AWI-1947	JULY/6/2006	Family returned dues notice

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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Have had two-way wireless communication 40 years (or more) previous to filing an OOTC membership application. OOTC recognizes your first two-way communication whether through amateur, commercial or military operation. Where possible please provide proof of such operation. Regular membership in OOTC requires that you have a valid amateur station or operator license at the time of application, or you can join as an Associate Member if you are qualified but have no license now or had no license in the past.

OOTC wishes to have extended information about each member, his/her activities and background. Such 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 is permission to publish your membership in Spark Gap Times.

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