

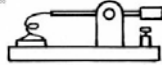
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FROM BERT'S SECRETARY, NADINE, #3210 nadw@me.com

Please give new Secretary Pip Sager the same great support you have given us for 19 years. As a reminder to all our radio brotherhood - share your stories in SGT – Here's ours.



Flight Radio Operator Air Transport Command.....

Born in the
1920's,
depression
kids in 1930's,
Bert licensed
W9YLB 1936
Commercial
Opr. 1937,
Independence
MO. then to
Kansas City



Midland radio school. Radiotelegraph operator
Braniff Airways Dallas, TX 1940, call W5JNK,
Flight Radio Opr Air Transport Command 1942.

Nadine graduated Independence H.S. 1945. 1st job Pratt and Whitney war plant, 1946 Midland Airline School in K. C. and a job at Braniff Airways, Dallas, TX. After Bert moved his ham radio out of the front seat of his Model A Ford, we were married in 1948. Nadine W5ZUT-1953. We had four children and camped all over the west in 1950 and 60's, always with a mobile rig. Bert was Secretary of the Dallas Caravan Club. 1970's and 80's busy getting kids through college. Nadine worked 10 years with Ted Heithecker, W5EJ, at QCWA HQ in Irving, TX. Bert was Secretary of the QCWA Dallas Chapter many years.

Bert retired from Braniff in 1988 after 48 years service. The first three of our 10 grand children were born in 1989. In 1993 Ted Heithecker asked Bert to be Secretary of OOTC and in 1994, he did it.



Will keep you posted on our whereabouts after we clear up 73 years of clutter here in Dallas. Picture shows Nadine, grandson Brady and Bert. Brady played Inspector Brannigan in "Guys & Dolls" at Friendswood High School. We'll move on, live with and visit our children in Colorado, Wyoming, California and Texas. Will have time to get on the air.

Keep OOTC going !

Happy to be Old, Old Old Timers, Nadine and Bert,

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This issue of the SGT is presenting several changes. The first is the necessary fee structure presented on page 6. Members who request printed copies of the SGT will be charged an additional fee to cover the cost of printing and mailing. These fees will be effective at the beginning of 2014. Additionally, OOTC will be returning to quarterly issues of the SGT. This year it was necessary to change to three issues to reduce costs. See 2012 & 2013 budget Pg.19.

There have been several donations to help balance this year's budget. These have been much appreciated. Please consider donating to help meet the budget and we hope to return to providing scholarships to deserving students.

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of Günter Pesch, DJ2XB, #3384, as the new European Director at Large. Günter has given of himself many years in helping European members. The Board of Directors approved the March 1 appointment.

Finally, our long time Executive Secretary, Bert Wells, W5JNK, has decided that it is time to step down. I've admired the high standards of professionalism displayed in the work done by Bert and I know he will be missed.

Replacing Bert will be Phillip (Pip) M. Sager, WB4FDT, #4497. Pip joined OOTC in September 2007. His spouse, Ruth, is KA1QWV. View Pip's biography and picture of him holding a 50-pound catfish on pages 7, 8 & 9. Secretary change is MAY 1, 2013.

I have enjoyed knowing Bert and his "secretary" Nadine for several years. They will surely be missed as the key forces behind OOTC. I wish them both the very best in their upcoming adventures.

73,Troy, W6HV



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OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Phillip M. Sager WB4FDT #4497

My nickname: "Pip". First licensed as General Class WB4FDT in Virginia in January, 1967. Extra class since 1970. Had N4VN as a secondary call but never used it. Prefer long call signs. You may have worked me as an operator in contests at K4CG (1969-1974), W1AW (1986-1989), or at W3PP (1998-2009).

Operated as WB4FDT/5 in Texas 1973-4, in Louisiana 1989-95, as WB4FDT/1 in Connecticut 1986-89, and as WB4FDT/3 in Maryland, 1995-date. I occasionally operate from Israel. Worked for the Amateur and Citizens Division of the FCC as a license examiner and law clerk from 1973-1977. Also worked at ARRL HQ from 1986-89 as manager of the Regulatory Information Branch writing several QST columns and interpreting many of the FCC rules I helped write 10 years earlier! Guess I'm the only person who has worked for both FCC and ARRL.

Mostly operate CW and 80 and 40. If your reading this while in QSO with me, please note that although my sending may be a bit slow, I can receive up to 45 wpm, so don't hesitate to blast away!! I enjoy contesting, member PVRC and FRC, and hold 5BDXCC. Active in the Maryland CW traffic net (MDD--3557 Khz at 2300Z and 0200Z) and have been Manager of the National Traffic System Third Region CW net ("Cycle 4") for the past 15 years. I am also a member of the National Traffic System (NTS) Transcontinental Corps. Served as Virginia Section Manager in 1982-1984 and as an Roanoke Division Assistant Director from 1975-1985.

If you have an interest in CW traffic handling, join us on MSN (MD Slow Net) at 7:30 pm EST/EDT on 3563 kHz and enroll in the training class. It is one-on-one instruction with the student setting the pace. The net manager, Bruce, W8CPG, will gladly add you to the roster and provide student guidance material for anyone inside or outside Maryland. I edited "The Virginia Ham" a publication for Virginia amateurs from 1969-1978. I have been gathering information about the history of ham radio in Virginia for over 20 years and hope

to begin writing about it shortly. Always looking for QSL cards, certificates and logs from pre-1960 hams in the VA-MD-DC area. Co-authored "The Overview of Amateur Radio Call signs" published in QST in May, 1994.

Unlike most hams, at age 15 I had no interest in radio, communications, electronics or talking to anyone, especially adults, over the radio. I got my ticket only because my best friend, now N4DR, got his ticket so I had to get one in order to understand what he was doing and talking to me about. Even after I passed my General exam I had no intention of getting on the air. Fortunately, I had a cousin, now 4X1LL, who lived nearby. When I returned home one day from school, I found he had put up several dipole antennas, a DX-40 with VFO, and a NC173 receiver w/TR switch, and I was on the air! I quickly found out that I enjoyed CW. There no one cared how old I was, all anyone cared about was the operator's good CW practices and skills. Sometime, during my first year of operating, I stumbled into the Virginia QSO Party, and then I was really hooked on contesting!

The nickname "Pip" was bestowed by members of the Virginia CW Net. After only a few days on the air, I checked into the net and was asked my name. By the time I replied with very slow speed CW: "P-H-I-L-L-I-P" it was almost time for the net to end! The net control said "just call yourself 'Pip' from now on" and the name stuck.

Currently manage a small retail store selling stamps and postal history to stamp collectors. I am a life member of ARRL since 1969, life member of QCWA (#24865), life member of AMSAT #55, FISTS #8148, GERITOL #1518, 00TC #4497, SKCC #2773, A-1 Op, CWops #916, and hold an MBA (College of William and Mary) and Doctorate (Louisiana Tech U) in Business Administration. My XYL of 35 years, Ruth, is KA1QWV (QCWA #34990), and a national leader in teaching life skills to blind seniors. We have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren. Our oldest son, Victor, is named after family friend Vic Clark, W4KFC (SK).

The photo shows a 50-pound catfish I caught in the Potomac River in June 2011, using 20-pound line and bloodworms.



73, "PIP"

AIRLINE RADIOMEN IN THE 1940's & BEYOND

SUBMITTED BY LES HORSTMANN, N0DMH, #4565

I was a Braniff Airways radiotelegraph operator and had other duties that were required at some of the stations on the airline routes. This is an account of my assignment at the Austin, TX airport. The first thing I was told was that if the transmitter blew a fuse it was probably the plate bypass condenser on the final amplifier. On the 3rd day after I arrived, it did. I changed the condenser as we had a spare. The next thing they gave me was a 100 key that unlocked the aircraft rear baggage compartment and the numbers to unlock the safe where we kept the pistol. We had to

pack a pistol while working the mail off or on the plane.

Seldom did we have a passenger, mostly mail. There was no control tower so after the flight checked in-range, I gave the altimeter and weather. I got the pistol and was ready for the flight. On landing I pushed up and connected the battery cart, put pins in the landing gear, put blocks in place, then pushed up the steps.

I got the mail clipboard from the hostess and recorded the mail removed on the 2702 form, and entered the mail on, on the 2715. The flight report from the previous station indicated where the mail was located. Ours mostly was in the rear compartment.

This particular evening I followed all procedures and after removing the steps, I gave the Captain the sign to start the engines. After engines were started, I pulled the blocks, pulled pins, put them in battery cart and gave the five-finger salute giving indication everything was clear to taxi. I then made a dash into the office to complete the forms.

Well, the plane did not leave the ramp and finally the Captain cut the engines. I ran out and he slid the window back and said, "You forgot to give me an official salute". Believe it, I remember that captain's name!

There's another story about leaving the gear pins in a plane, and the plane returned after takeoff. That was not good.

73, Les les.mabel@juno.com

SUBMITTED BY IRVING FRANK MILLER, W5PBN, #3066

SILENT KEY SEPTEMBER 14 2009

Airline radioman & computer programmer 1940 – 1980's

I was in Air Corps Enlisted Reserve as flight radio CW operator on C-47 aircraft between Presque Isle ME, Goose Bay, Labrador and BW1 Greenland. Here is my story.

We left Presque Isle with a load to Goose Bay Labrador. On arrival at Goose Bay the weather had closed in on Presque Isle and we had to wait 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 that flight to report on the ground but his 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 in the ranges we needed on the communications receiver. It fortunately had the range band.

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 had ordered breaking out parachutes when the copilot thought he saw some lights. It was Montreal, but where was the airport?

I set up the communications transmitter on the tower frequency. The tower located us by our landing lights. Three of our 4 tanks were empty. When they filled the tanks for our return to Presque Isle they put in 800 gallons. The fuel tanks hold 201, 201, 210, 210 a total of 822. At 95 gallons per hour, it was close.

R.I.P. Operator sign "MI"

**SUBMITTED BY KENNETH C. JACKSON, K7VCM, #4107
AIRLINE RADIOMAN IN THE 1940's**

After the war in January of '46 a group of us were sent from Heidelberg to set up emergency communications because of floods in Germany. The radio hut mounted on the back of a 2 1/2 ton truck had a BC610 transmitter, (I think the commercial name was Hallicrafters HT4), It had a crystal osc. and a vfo. One day or night can't remember which, I tuned down on a Braniff freq (can't

remember which one either) and heard operator "FN" (Dick Garrison) in JI (Brownsville, TX). So I just sent "FN", got a reply "Y" and then I sent "KJ". Dick sent the "dah dah di di dah dah" quickly followed by "didididahdidah".

Many years later when my wife and I got to visit him in Wichita KS we talked of the incident. He said shortly after that communication he got a visit from the FBI questioning him about it. I can't remember what he told them but I'm glad it worked 'cuz I never heard anything for which I am most happy. I could have become an instant Private plus many other not so good things.

73 "KJ"



KEN JACKSON "KJ" AACS KKA21, Brownsville, TX in the 1940's

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Born November 9, 1937, Chicago, IL. Spouse Jennifer 3 children. First license K6ICM. Other call K7OBH. Handle Dick "The Gasman" Dragonseyrie@gmail.com

NEW MEMBER RAYMOND D. LEWIS, AK4RL, #4621

Born September 7, 1942 Chatanooga, TN. Spouse Judy, 1 child. USMC Aviator A4E Sky Hawk Pilot 1965-1978, Capt. O-3. 1st licensed in 1978 WD4MOS, later that year became advanced class and became KB4EZ. In 2004 became extra class and got vanity call sign of AK4RL as an initial call.

I have been interested in amateur radio most of my life. I started at a young age building radios, from crystal sets up to the commercial kits available at the time and had a nice collection of SWL QSL cards from around the world by the time I was a teenager.

I was surprised the military gave me a top secret clearance with all my communist country QSL cards!! They did though and I flew A-4 Skyhawks with the Marine Corps for 6 years. Did my time in Viet Nam as a pilot for 8 months and a Forward Air Controller with 2/7 Marines for 4 months.

My interests include Marines, flying and target practice in addition to Amateur Radio and computers. I didn't get my ham license until 1977 when I was then an old man of 35. I obtained my advanced class license in 1978. I now have my Extra Class License.

When I moved in 1987, I sold my ham gear and didn't get back into the hobby again until about 12 years ago. I use an Icom 756 Pro III and a Kenwood TS-590S as my main rigs and love them.

I have an Icom 746Pro as a back up and an Icom 703 Plus for QRP work, an Icom V-8000 for 2 meters and a Yeasu FT-7800 2M/440 for my base. I use an Icom IC-2KL solid state amplifier, a LDG AT-1000PRO autotuner antenna tuner feeding a Carolina Windom 80 at about 35 to 40 feet.

I enjoy HF contests and enjoy the Geratol net on 3.768 where I worked 50 states. It is a great group of amateurs helping each other. I am now getting interested in working satellites. 73

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5/6 WHISNANT W5UGI	5/25 MERGEN K0LWV	6/16 BURNETTE W7UNE	7/13 VILA KP4MO
5/6 MARTIN JR W4FOA	5/25 BOYD K9MX	6/16 CHURCH W0KXP	7/13 FIELD WA1FYF
5/6 PRICE W4CZ	5/26 DÖRFLER DL7CY	6/16 PICHULO W1IRH	7/13 WALBRIDGE K1IGD
5/6 SCRIBNER KA1RFD	5/26 WHITE K2KAD	6/17 HURZELER N6TKL	7/13 HELMS JR K5SAC
5/6 BASINGER N5NE	5/26 RITTER JR KR4R	6/17 MAERZ DL1MEB	7/13 SIMKUS K9POV
5/6 WHICKER K4ITV	5/26 HORLICK KZ3F	6/17 KLAUITTER W9VZR	7/13 KING W0CKK
5/6 GOWDY W1RCC	5/27 SAUGIER K6CD	6/17 DINMAN K1BI	7/13 SMITH K4LZ
5/7 CROCKER W3IF	5/27 GLORIOSO JR W5KSI	6/17 SPRAGUE W1UVJ	7/14 KRAMER W3ZIF
5/8 RUBIN KT2L	5/27 HORSTMANN N0DMH	6/18 SIMMONS W6MI	7/14 CHENETTE N5YJ
5/8 YOUNGMAN NQ5T	5/27 COOK K7RA	6/18 BARRETT K3CKT	7/15 PORTER W4KGJ
5/9 SMITH W4AGI	5/28 PERSSON SM5TRT	6/18 GIBBEMEYER K1CW	7/15 BATTY W3FZV
5/9 JOHNSON K1HKG	5/28 NAKATSUI JA4ENN	6/18 BUCKLEY W1AKN	7/15 FERGUSON WA4FWG
5/9 SHANNON WA7BDK	5/28 GROVES K3GG	6/19 CHAET W1RGH	7/16 DYER AE5B
5/9 ANDERSON W6LAR	5/28 TENDER WD8E	6/19 MESTRE K4KB	7/16 SCHLECHTE KG9QC
5/10 BROWN W7LGB	5/28 ALTARAC WA2KXE	6/20 PANASUK WB2CEB	7/16 BOELLHOFF W3MGL
5/11 GREENE AA6LY	5/29 WIDEMAN W6HV	6/20 WAMBSGANS KB7VUH	7/16 PARKER WA0LST
5/11 HORN W7NSN	5/29 FRIEDMAN K2VE	6/20 WHITLOCK SR KA3QNO	7/18 WHEELER K0DEW
5/12 CALBICK W7GB	5/29 REMHOF W0CI	6/21 MOORE KD4EZF	7/18 KAEFF K4CNK
5/12 KIMBLE AE3Z	5/30 BAHR W0VT	6/21 BAUER K5RB	7/19 SCHERMERHORN W1TTY
5/12 WRIGHT W8CA	5/30 LUKAS JR W1DOH	6/22 GOGGIO W4OGG	7/19 O'BRIEN NJ2J
5/12 D'ANGELO AB6E	6/1 CUCHETTI K8JRE	6/22 LESLIE N7XFD	7/19 ENGEN W4EBA
5/12 NEEDLER W9HMR	6/1 MASON K2JQB	6/23 SCHULTZ JR W13U	7/19 HITTERDAL W6ILL
5/12 YANTIS W0TM	6/1 BIBEAU K1FPV	6/23 SEATON W1FSM	7/19 SAWYER K1CSW
5/12 BOSSMIN N5TI	6/1 STEELE N8HGL	6/23 VINOCUR W2HLD	7/20 ENGLEMAN K5HGL
5/13 RIIE K5AVT	6/1 BRADKE W2GB	6/23 GIESE W7UY	7/20 LETTEER JR W4KE
5/14 KEARMAN KR1S	6/2 BRIGHAM W3TFA	6/24 ZUROMSKI W1HI	7/20 ROBISON W6SVU
5/14 MOHR DC0UH	6/2 ISAACSON K0HQW	6/25 HOPPER JR AB6CF	7/21 LEE WB6BWZ
5/15 HILLE DL1VU	6/2 MANDRELL W9NX	6/26 GERBER W8CBH	7/21 BRILL K2ATB
5/15 LINDELL W5YCY	6/3 ESSEX W6TJO	6/26 WILLMOT K4TF	7/21 SCHLETTIG DL3VZL
5/15 GRIFFIN K6YR	6/3 LANTZ K6CJM	6/27 JANKOWSKI W5KTX	7/23 CHILD W3IUW
5/15 ZACHER N9JZ	6/4 DEFIGO K3AXB	6/28 WESTNEAT JR W1AM	7/23 THOMPSON K3MD
5/16 FEENY W8KX	6/4 PENHALLAGON W4STX	6/28 OWEN W4VS	7/23 CILIA W0EBC
5/16 TITTERINGTON W1EOF	6/4 RAND W3EH	6/28 RAUCH W4VZ	7/24 BRADLEY K6USI
5/16 SPEARS AF1E	6/4 AUG W3DEF	6/28 TURNER K6RHA	7/25 SANSONE W7KLH
5/17 WARNECKE DJ8OT	6/4 BOURNE W6HK	6/29 O'BRIEN K8LEN	7/25 RING JR W3NU
5/17 RICICKI W2VRK	6/4 FLANAGAN W3DF	6/30 SCHAEFFER W2LAE	7/25 HOLDEN AA6YT
5/17 TIMBLIN W7MET	6/5 MORIN W1ZPK	6/30 PAARMANN W0GNJ	7/26 SCHLENK K0RIO
5/18 KIDDER W8CK	6/5 FEHR K0WPK	6/30 TAYLOR K7NIB	7/26 GREGORY WA6FEJ
5/18 CARROLL NU5C	6/6 WILSON N1OI	7/1 WICKER W4WD	7/26 STOLTZ W6IP
5/18 LINDEN WJ2A	6/6 MC CARTHY K4OP	7/1 WOOD W0UHL	7/26 BREWER SR K5MET
5/18 RATAY K2DNF	6/7 FIELD N6FY	7/1 HUNT W5DKK	7/26 DOWDS W6HB
5/19 YOUNG KZ1H	6/8 KRESGE JR WA4NXE	7/1 ZELENKA W5AJX	7/26 PERKINS KC4D
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5/20 DAVIS N3HWA	6/8 MINCHEN AG5G	7/1 PILOTTE W7IG	7/27 WARD W0RTV
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5/20 PRENTICE WA2MZP	6/9 MEUTER DL6QZ	7/3 HARRISON KB5KST	7/27 CELENTANO K6LLD
5/20 LOWRY KJ6YK	6/9 YODER W3YMB	7/4 CARTLEDGE N8PRB	7/27 TYSON W0RQ
5/20 SCHATZ W1JGS	6/9 LEVY W2LAP	7/4 POTEETE W4SQE	7/27 SCRITCHFIELD WD8ITD
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5/20 HUCKABY WB4GKI	6/9 BILOUS K3DQB	7/4 HENNE N2JNK	7/28 BIGGERSTAFF K5BDJ
5/20 PENDERGRASS W6VI	6/10 YOUNG JR WA2VQV	7/5 SICURO SR W5UP	7/28 PONTEK SR K8JP
5/20 OWINGS K4LSX	6/10 HENDERSON K4GDC	7/5 WOODS K1DX	7/29 CRANFORD K5ALU
5/21 HELLMAN W2OEQ	6/10 SCHWERTER DJ4WS	7/6 DO O PR7CPK	7/29 LANGLEY W4YDY

PG.18 7/29 HOOD WA7QQI

7/30 CHADWICK W5UYA
7/30 DAVY G3XVF
7/30 REID W6KL
7/31 SCHWARTZ W3ENL
7/31 KING K1DWZ
8/1 KERR W6JOA
8/1 SEALOCK K6CMS
8/2 SNOW W6UUC
8/2 USTASZESKI WA2DUV
8/3 MEHNERT N3NN
8/3 BLAIR K5AY
8/3 KING W3GH
8/3 ALLEN W3OR
8/3 O'FARRELL WB0IXV
8/4 SMITH W5USM
8/4 ABELL KC5TK
8/4 HAINES NX7G
8/4 ROTEN KC8D
8/4 HOFFMAN K3FOB
8/4 SHUMAN K8SPE
8/4 ENGS W6TCY
8/5 BROWN JR W5WE
8/5 MARKOWITZ K2GG
8/5 GRAY W3BV
8/6 WARD K0LW
8/7 GRAY W6UZ
8/7 POMERANZ KB6FB

8/7 SYLFEST W9EK
8/8 GONTARZ W3QBZ
8/8 PETH AA8RU
8/8 WITTLA W8KP
8/8 KNIEF W4DK
8/8 LENNAN W2PL
8/8 OLDFIELD W9KXI
8/9 DESILLIER JR K1IAG
8/9 MAIER W8AUV
8/9 FISHER K2ABX
8/10 HEVENER W8KBF
8/10 DEMING K6GT
8/10 TOPLIFF W1LIM
8/11 KRUGER DL1CC
8/11 MANNA WA1ENO
8/11 JOHNSON KS6A
8/12 CASE K5KC
8/12 BLOODWORTH KO4TV
8/12 JOHNSTON W3BE
8/13 WARREN W0KWS
8/13 JOHNSON K9GAW
8/13 HAYMAN WN3R
8/14 LETCHER W7OTA
8/14 TABOR N6UA
8/15 BINTLIFF W1RY
8/15 BALL K9ADO
8/16 OLIVIER W5NJJ
8/16 PRICE W4RA

8/16 HARRINGTON K2DYB
8/16 RIBEIRO K7AMR
8/16 GEISSLER DL1UF
8/16 FOUNTAIN K1RST
8/17 KANODE N4MM
8/17 MAIDEN KB4KGL
8/17 OUTLAND K4PUK
8/17 WAYNE WB8N
8/17 ROHDE K3XA
8/18 MAKEEVER W5HS
8/18 BRODY W2ZBK
8/18 PHILLIPS W0FP
8/19 SIMMONS W4UKJ
8/19 STOCKWELL W6KC
8/20 WILLIAMS K6PPJ
8/21 FRIEDMANN W3QYL
8/21 JANKAUSKAS K3JA
8/21 CZYZEWSKI WA2SEI
8/22 WALTERS W8SEL
8/22 CHICK W1TT
8/22 LAUBHAN K6EON
8/22 FLENNER W3YCH
8/22 SCHMELZER KF5ZE
8/22 ALEXANDER II W5OF
8/22 JACKSON JR N4JJ
8/23 RUSSELL K6SSD
8/23 ROSSANO N4JR
8/23 NIELSEN K5RN

8/24 HARRIS W1WP
8/24 MULLOY K7ABX
8/25 POPKIN W2CC
8/26 BARRETT W6CBA
8/26 RZODKIEWICZ W3RMB
8/26 CRELEY KJ7UK
8/26 KASS WA2LKJ
8/27 DANE W6WOW
8/27 ROSSON W5TEH
8/27 THOMPSON W0NYG
8/27 ROBERTS K9VKY
8/28 WESSEL JR W0CM
8/28 HODGES W9IL
8/28 WILLIAMS N7CXJ
8/29 WARREN W2ZXQ
8/30 GAYNOR W6IST
8/30 SHERARD WA5FLV
8/30 TAUCHE DL1AY
8/30 LUNDY W0PAL
8/31 HORMANN DL7IL
8/31 IRISH JR K5ZOL
8/31 BRECKINRIDGE WA9BXB
8/31 WAHLIN W0RM
8/31 FANT W5SWL

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OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES 2012
ESTMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES 2013

	ACTUAL 2012	BUDGET 2013
>		
RECEIPTS		
INCOME		
INITIATION	170.00	\$170.00
DUES	4944.00	\$5,000.00
LIFE MEMBERSHIPS	550.00	\$500.00
ITEMS SOLD	9.00	\$80.00
INTEREST DWS		\$0.00
INTEREST CHASE		\$0.00
OPERATING DONATIONS	163.00	\$2,500.00
UNCATEGORIZED		\$0.00
TOTAL	5836.00	\$8,250.00
DISBURSEMENTS:		
MANAGEMENT FEE	3300.00	\$3,600.00
OFFICE SPPLIES	364.92	\$390.00
OFFICE POSTAGE	491.90	\$500.00
COMPUTER REPAIRS AND SUPPLIES	193.77	\$300.00
PATCHES, PINS	20.00	\$80.00
SPARK-GAP TIMES PRINTING	1694.55	\$1,700.00
SPARK-GAP TIMES POSTAGE	875.98	\$850.00
TELEPHONE. INTERNET, E-MAIL	920.02	\$810.00
SCHOLARSHIP GRANT	500.00	\$0.00
UNCATEGORIZED		\$0.00
YEARLY RENEWAL CORPORATE FEE	20.00	\$20.00
TOTAL	8381.14	\$8,250.00
EXCESS RECEIPTS	(2545.14)	\$0.00

NEW MEMBER CARL E. DURNAVICH, W9OO, #4622

Born / /1950, Blue Island, IL. 1st licensed WN9PQY-1965. Other calls WA9SXQ, KG4EQ, WA9PQY, KF9FU. USMC 1970-1972 CPL.
w9oo@ymail.com

NEW MEMBER THOMAS E. LEONARD, N1YR, #4623

Born 1953, Massachusetts. In 1968 I had a 3-channel Lafayette radio walkie-talkie and talked to a classmate who lived ¼ mile up the road.

I was a “dedicated mobile” (later a “Rover” after rules change) on microwave for the W2SZ/1 contest efforts, pioneering over-the-horizon portable operation. I have worked over 3 decades in land mobile for General Electric service shop and state government.

n1yr@arri.net

NEW MEMBER, JOLY HIDEO KAMBAYASHI, JH3XCU, #4624

Born March 29, 1956, Japan. JH3XCU-1972, other call JD1AHE. jh3xcu@arri.net

NEW MEMBER, JAMES E. PRICE, JR, N4ST, #4625

Born October 25, 1952, Dover, DE. 1968-WN3LFU Millington MD, 1969-WA3LFU Millington MD, 1978-AA30 Laurel MD, 1997-KU4F Jersey VA, 1997-N4ST, Jersey VA, FISTS #4285 - ARLHS #913 - QCWA #33110 - QRP ARCI #10153 - SKCC #4817 - EPC #10997 - FH #2961- 10-10 #75751 - PODXS 070 #1196 - CDG #411 - DMC #03776 - DMG #4855. Retired with +38 years in DOD. Spouse Kay – N4KUP. **hamshack@n4st.com**

NEW MEMBER #4626 SEE PAGE 4 SEPTEMBER 2012 ISSUE

NEW MEMBER, DAVID “Tess” TESSITORE, K1DT, #4627

“I know, it’s only radio, but I like it, like it, yes I do”

Go to QRZ.COM and check out K1DT pictures

Born May 5, 1957, Providence, RI. 2 children, 1st call WN1QOG-1972. **Operating**

99.997% CW. Spending most of my time on 40, 80 and 160 CW **working DX** between 7000-7015, 3500-3515 and 1820-1835KHz daily from 0000 to 0500Z, 1000-1200Z and on weekends working Long Path from 2100-2300Z. Also **chasing**

DX on all other bands. And some **occasional 160 & 75AM**. Everything you see in the photos on qrz.com is online and used daily. **I do not collect Boatanchors, I own and operate them!**

k1dt@arri.net



Fair Winds, Following Seas and See U on the RADIO!!!

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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 ELSE	W6FB/KH6CZ
1979-1984 RAY MEYERS	W6MLZ
1985-1986 LEWIS SIEK	K4NE
1987-1990 L. F. HEITHECKER	W5EJ
1991-1992 DUNCAN KREAMER(SK)	W1GAY
1993 HARRY GARTSMAN	W6ATC
1994-2004 LELAND SMITH (SK-in-office)	W5KL
2004-2005 DUNCAN KREAMER	W1GAY
2006- NOW TROY WIDEMAN	W6HV

VICE PRESIDENT

1947-1952 ROLAND BOURNE	****W1ANA
1953-1958 CHARLES ELLSWORTH	*****W1TU
1959-1961 LAWRENCE DUNN	W2CLA/W2LP
1962-1964 MERRILL BEAM	K2BX
1965-1967 PERLEY B DUNN	W6WPF
1968 FRED ELSE	W6FB/KH6CZ
1969 EDWARD RASER	W2ZI
Assistant BERT GAMBLE	W5ZC
1970-1971 WILLIAM GOULD III	K2NP
1972-1976 FRED ELSE	W6FB/KH6CZ
1977-1979 GEORGE ELDRED	W9SG
1980-1984 LEWIS SIEK	K4NE
1985-1986 HOBART JOHNSON	W3AC
1987-1990 DUNCAN KREAMER	W1GAY
1991-2005 HARRISON MOORE	W2JQS
2006- NOW JOSEPH SCHROEDER	W9JUV

TREASURER

1947-1952 HUBERT INGALLS	W1NQ
1953-1958 EARL CLINE SR	***W4PPZ
1959-1964 EARL WILLIAMS	W2EG
1965-1966 EUNICE THOMPSON	W1MPP
1967-1968 T. FRANK SMITH	W5VA
1969 BERT GAMBLE	W5ZC
1970-1976 RAY MEYERS	W6MLZ
Assistant LEE MANN	K6KP
1977-1978 RAY MEYERS	W6MLZ
1979-1986 A. J. GIRONDA	W2JE
1987-1991 BERT AYERS	W6CL
1992-1993 WESLEY RANGLES	W4COW

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 MILBERT WELLS	W5JNK
2008 WILLIAM CARTER	W6AJ
2009-May/2013 MILBERT WELLS	W5JNK
May/2013- PHILLIP SAGER	WB4FDT

***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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REPORT A OOTC MEMBER "SILENT KEY" TO OOTC INC 7634 Carla Rd., Baltimore, MD 21208-4409 or ootc@ootc.us
CALLS LISTED HERE MAY HAVE BEEN REISSUED.

NAME BIRTH	MBR# 1 ST WIRELESS	CALL SK FROM	SK DATE	NAME BIRTH	MBR# 1 ST WIRELESS	CALL SK FROM	SK DATE
ALBERT H. MILLER JANUARY 17, 1916	3890 VE5KC-1933	VE7KC	10/??/2012 K8LJG #3702	ADDIS LEE TIPPETT MAY 31, 1918	2288 W8RTN-1938	W8RTN	12/1/2012 K8LJG #3702
JOSEPH SANTANGELO JUNE 15, 1919	3766 W2MGG-1939	N1JS	DATE MISSING JAN QST 2013	ORRIN J WENZEL JULY 28, 1915	2556 W5IAV-1939	W2ABG bob.inglis@comcast.net	1/26/2012
LOUIS WIEDERHOLD October 1, 1923	4316 WN1EWS-1965	WA1HGE	9/15/2012 Daughter Nancy	RALOH W. HELD Feb. 9 1917	2101 W1KUH-1937	K6QS AGE 96 Hester, Sandra, John, Mark	1/11/2012
F.WENDELL BOYDEN JR. June 21, 1940	4327 KN1LWI-1959	K1LWI	DATE MISSING MAR QST 2013	THOMAS P JAWORSKI JULY 22 1942	3912 WV2NPU-1960	WA1MJE MAR QST 2013	DATE MISSING
GEORGE M ERICKSON September 23, 1921	1890 W9WGT-1936	W5POG	DATE MISSING MAR QST 2013	RICHARD H. ELLIS JULY 26, 1928	3826 MI-1947	W5YCK MAR QST 2013	DATE MISSING
LAVAL W. SPENCER APRIL 12, 1928	2802 MIL-1948	K7MD	FEB 14, 2013 N6UA 4449 DIR.0	ALFONS HEINRICH FEBRUARY 25 1926	2608 MIL-1943	DL1BT D4AYV-1945	DEC. 10 2012 DJ2XB
JOHN H SWAFFORD FEBRUARY 16 1922	3177 W9KRV-1940	W4HU	DATE MISSING APR QST 2013	HUBERT J. TOPLIFF AUGUST 10 1920	4619 W1LIM-1938	W1LIM SON, ROSS TOPLIFF	3/8/2013 petitfunrtalhome.myfuneralwebsite.com

+ 6 + NEW MEMBERS + 6 +

NEW MEMBER CALL # REFERRAL
RICHARD G. MUNSON W2GAS 4620 TROY, W6HV.
NOTE: W2GAS joined OOTC DEC. 3, 2012 too late to
be included in the Jan. 2013 issue
THOMAS E. LEONARD N1YR 4623 SECRETARY
JAMES E. PRICE, JR N4ST 4625 QST

NEW MEMBER CALL # REFERRAL
RAYMOND D. LEWIS AKR4L 4621 W0FP #4187
CARL E. DURNAVICH W9OO 4622 W0FP #4187
JOLY H. KAMBAYASHI JH3XCU 4624 SECRETARY

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

The January 1985 issue of Spark-Gap Times
announced appointment of three Directors at large
by the OOTC President as authorized in Bylaws
Article III, Section 4.

SILENT KEYS

EUROPE -----DL3ME GERHARD JACOBY
Silent Key April 8, 2002.
SOUTH AMERICA-----PY1AFA GILBERTO A. PENNA
Silent Key September 5, 1997
AUSTRALIA-----VK3YL AUSTINE HENRY
Silent Key September 9, 1994

NEW APPOINTMENT - EUROPE
MARCH 1, 2013

(copy of certificate on page 5)
DJ2XB GÜNTHER PESCH
APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT
TROY WIDEMAN W6HV

PIP SAGER
WB4FDT



(NEW) YE OLDE COPPYE BOYE

The Rules Say No.17

by John B. Johnston, W3BE #3946

What Was *Incentive Licensing*

Q. Just what was *incentive licensing*?

A. That term is so tarnished as to best not say it aloud in ham radio conversation. It can evoke painful memories and outrage. Its intent resides in Section 97.1 where it states that the rules in Part 97 <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=1fd042880fafafd63f70c7382a7efee2&rgn=div5&view=text&node=47:5.0.1.1.6&idno=47 - PartTop> are designed to provide an amateur radio service having a fundamental purpose as expressed in five principles, one of which is: (c) *Encouragement and improvement of the amateur service through rules which provide for advancing skills in both the communication and technical phases of the art.*

Q. What was the uproar all about?

A. It began innocently enough. Ground was broken in 1949 with a FCC Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Docket No. 9259. The subsequent 1951 Report and Order adopted rules replacing the former Class A, B, C operator arrangement with our current Novice to Amateur Extra Class structure. Initially, however, General, Conditional, Advanced and Amateur Extra Class operators all had full privileges.

It became of growing concern to our amateur service community, however, some dozen years later when petitions were filed calling for frequency privileges exclusively to the higher class operators. Their underlying premise was that there should be such rewards to

licensees in turn for advancing their communication and technical skills; from that, the term incentive licensing was coined.

The ensuing Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Docket No. 15928 cited statements from a retired Chief Signal Officer of the U.S. Army, a bar association librarian of a large city, the president of a leading electronics manufacturing company, a college engineering instructor, and a state civil defense communications director. They all deplored the low level of technical expertise within our amateur service.

Many in our amateur service community consider the 1967 follow-on Report and Order to be a most unfair and disruptive regulatory overkill. It withdrew sub-band segments from the privileges of General, Conditional, and Advanced Class operators, thereby disrupting long-established HF practices. Only Amateur Extra Class operators were spared spectrum access loss. Incentive licensing's infamous reputation resulted from that upsetting meat-cleaver transition. Some General, Conditional, and Advanced Class operators reacted to regain their lost privileges; they passed the written and high-speed telegraphy examinations. Others resigned themselves – often irately - to their diminished privilege status. Still others simply dropped out.

In the 1980s, those who had attained Amateur Extra Class were called upon to design and assemble our volunteer examiner system. Most amateur operators listed on the ULS today became first licensed as a result of their efforts.

Our amateur service community organizers during that tumultuous episode had no comprehension of repeaters, satellites, personal computers, internet, systems, and the other capabilities that we now utilize in our intercommunicating; their know-how was CW/AM station vacuum tube, piece part, analogue technology. Many innovating newcomers have since joined our amateur service community and helped to make it more functional. Although it has undergone

numerous - and usually contentious - rulemakings, that which began as a telegraphy-driven operator structure has had to reinvent itself - awkwardly - into our present no-code artifact.

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Q. Is Section 97.1 effective?

A. For over six decades, there have been no further outcries about our ineptness heard from those military, legal, manufacturer, academia, and civil defense critics. Either we are now meeting their expectations, or no longer matter to them.

Whether our continued existence is because of - or in spite of - Section 97.1 is debatable. The issue, obviously, is no longer one of whether or not critics consider our hobby as fulfilling our critics' needs. Increasing the ULS numerical listings, rather, is now our self-selected preoccupation.

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