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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & HISTORY SHEET

THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS OF THE SEVEN SEAS, INC.

I hereby apply and certify that below, by having been employed handling communications they can document "PG" traffic) Membership Co. acknowledge failure to do so will be sufficient grounds to drop my membership. (*Short title).

FOUNDER
SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS
MAY 4 1968

Signed [Signature] Date 5-4-68

SPARK GAP PIONEER (Service prior to 1915)
 PIONEER (Service 1915 to 1925)



VETERAN. (Service 1926 to 1935 incl.)
 PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE (Service after 1935)

HISTORY SHEET

(Please type or print)

BRENIMAN WILLIAM . WILLIAM . A . "BILL" . "CX" . RUTH
Family Name Given Name Initial Nickname Sine Wife
[Redacted] . Santa Rosa . Calif. . 95402 . [Redacted]
Street or Post Office Number City State Zip Tph (Area) No.

1917 Strickon - NPC Bremerton

WIRELESS OR RADIO: 1918 - USS WEST HOSOKIE Also USS Gwyn
1919 - SS GEORGE W. ELDER (PAC. MAIL) WRT
Date first license Date assigned 1st ship Name ship/stn Call
as above.

Navy or military assignment where "PG" traffic handled (attach documentation)

SHIP OR SHORE STATION/S WHERE YOU HAVE SERVED:

FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/ShORE STN.	FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/ShORE STN.
		<u>USS Gwyn NAGX WFEI</u>	<u>7/19</u>	<u>8/19</u>	<u>J.B. STETSON WVUE</u>
<u>8/18</u>	<u>WFEI</u>	<u>USS WEST HOSOKIE (USN)</u>	<u>9/19</u>	<u>10/19</u>	<u>WNU (N.O.) TRTCo</u>
<u>11/18</u>	<u>?N</u>	<u>USS ASHTON</u>	<u>11/19</u>	<u>1/20</u>	<u>CELILO WMF</u>
<u>3-19</u>	<u>NAT</u>	<u>NAT ALGIERS (NEW ORLEANS)</u>	<u>1/20</u>		<u>BARGE # 91 STD OIL CO</u>
<u>1919</u>	<u>WRT</u>	<u>GEO. W. ELDER (HALCON)</u>			<u>(Additional - use reverse side.)</u>

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES

Latin "W6BE" to about 1932

FIRST CALL 6-BE DATE 1923 or 24 PRESENT CALL nil WORK FREQUENCIES
RADIO ORGANIZATION YOU BELONG TO: X-VVOA (?) OOTC (Associate) SOAP

MEMBER "CQD"ers CLUB AB (Those who have sent CQD or SOS and/or abandoned ship)
NAME SHIP [Redacted] DATE SOS many (Circumstances on reverse side)

WILL YOU SERVE AS OFFICER OR DIRECTOR ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS IF NOMINATED? YES
(Please use reverse side or additional 8 1/2 x 11" sheet/s for additional biographical data. We may use in future issues of "PORT O' CALL" et cetera).

BRENIMAN

Single trip/s not listed except in few cases.

S.S. MISKIANZA OIL TANKER CAPT. A.J. McALMAN Jan. 20/ Sept.

S.S. MATSONIA PGR. RJ.

S.S. SANTA CRUZ PGR H. WALLIS Nov. 1 to Feb. 22 1921

S.S. ROTARIAN FTR Oct. 17 1921 to March 1922

Relief S.S. GOVERNOR 1 trip

Relief S.S. SPOKANE 3 trips

S.S. ENTERPRISE 2 trips

S.S. WEST HENSHAW 4 trips

S.S. CITY OF LOS ANGELES July 8 1928 - July 9 1929

C.A.A. STATIONS ...

KCV, KDN, KCU, KCT, KDAP, KLK, KEBF,
ETC.

1929 to 1938 Inclusive.

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Maintenance Inspector - Region V, K.C. Mo.

Deputy Chief Communications, Region V (Kansas City) 8 years.

Chief Communications Division/Branch Region III, Chicago Ill, 4 years.

Deputy Chief C.A.A. Communication Division, Washington D. C. 2 years.

Chief ICAO COMMUNICATIONS Section, Washington 6 months.

Chief, OPERATIONS BRANCH, REGION VII - Seattle Washington 2 years.

CHIEF, PLANNING & TECHNICAL SECTION, REGION (new) IV, Los Angeles to retirement
1957.

Counting WW-1 Time + Civil Service Time = 36.8 years.

Appointed Manager SHIP OWNERS RADIO SERVICE, Inc. (SORSINC) Los Angeles
March 6 1923.

PUBLISHED: "THE COMMUNICATION JOURNAL" 1929 - Fresno, Calif.

TRANS-PACIFIC RADIO OPERATOR'S LOG" S.F. Nov. 1920 5M Copies.

FLIGHT-LOG, CHICAGO, ILL. 1947-1950.

CA-NEWS (FOR CAA & CAB MEMBERS) 1950-51

OWNED & OPERATED:

LOS ANGELES RADIO INSTITUTE, 625 So. Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif.
1923. (Sold to George Knudson, one of my instructors).

Department of State Technical Representative U.S. Delegation, Chief of
Communications Group - ICAO - Yildiz Sarayi Istanbul, Turkey 1950

Pacific Radio School Diploma (ARC) Nov. 9 1921 s/Addison McKenzie

Certificate of Training - Air Traffic Control, CAA Aeronautical Center, Oklahoma
City, Okla. No. AC-380-1486 Oct. 21 1955.

Member, CIC (Cooperative Interference Committee) for Southern Calif. Jan. 1957
Joe McKinney, Supvr Marine Enforcement FAA, Bernard Linden, EIC 11th
& Ray Meyers, Acting Chairman from 1954.

THE SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS, INC.
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19 March 1999

The American Cancer Society, Inc.,
1599 Clifton Road NE
Atlanta GA 30329

Dear Sirs or Ms:

Please find enclosed Check #436 of 26 March 1999 for \$100.00.

We contribute this sum in memory of Ruth Marie Breniman, 91, beloved wife of 67 years of William A. Breniman, Fremont, California.

Mr. Breniman founded this society in 1968, and in subsequent years until his retirement from his position as Past President and Editor Emeritus in 1992 Ruth carried the burden of handling the finances, preparing the editorial material for print, and overseeing the mailing and correspondence of upwards of 5,000 members; all this in addition to her housekeeping duties.

Ruth Breniman entered into rest on Thursday, March 16, 1999. A memorial service was held on March 25th at 12:00 noon, at Santa Rosa Memorial Park in Santa Rosa California, attended by her two children, family members, and members of The Society of Wireless Pioneers.

William (Bill) Breniman, 98, may be contacted through the undersigned at the above addresses.

73,
The Society of Wireless Pioneers, Inc.

Waldo T. Boyd K6DZY
Exec. Secty.

MEMO FROM

WILLIAM A BRENNIMAN



Fremont, CA 94538-2275

~~MEMO~~. Dear Waldo

I received a letter from you and you do not know how much I enjoyed it! It seems I never see anyone I used to know and my life is very lonely. Thanks for the typewriter at least I can find keys altho it

is very difficult. When you see Lorin give him my best of wishes. He is one of the best friends I ever had. I presume you have heard my wife Ruth died on the

18t of March. I can hardly stand her absece. I almost hope I will also be with her

I will sign off and Waldo you have me best of wishes. your friend'

Bill Brennan

Santa Rosa, California, Wednesday, March 24, 1999

THE PRESS DEMOCRAT, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1999

BRENIMAN, Ruth Marie — Of Fremont entered into rest Thursday, March 18, 1999. Beloved wife for 67 years of William A. Breniman of Newark. Beloved mother of Warren Breniman of Elkhart, Indiana and Mary Jane John of Newark. Mother-in-law of Bonnie Breniman of Elkhart, Indiana and Richard John of Newark. Devoted grandmother of Jill John, Glen John, Elaine Petersen, Shannon Walsh, Ward Breniman and Laurel Blewett. Dear sister of James Johnston of Reton, WA. Also survived by 3 nieces and 1 nephew. Born Oct. 19, 1907 in Oroville, WA. Age 91 years. A homemaker and member of the Santa Barbara Womens Club. Mrs. Breniman loved doing crossword puzzles and was an avid bridge player. A resident of Santa Rosa from 1964 to 1995.

Chapel service will be held Thursday, March 25, 1999, 12:00 Noon, Santa Rosa Memorial Park, Franklin Avenue at Poppy Drive, Santa Rosa. Donations may be made to the Salvation Army, 36700 Newark Blvd., Newark, CA 94560.

FREMONT CHAPEL OF THE ROSES
510-797-1900

BRENIMAN, William A. — Passed away in Fremont on Tuesday, October 16, 2001 at age 100. He was born February 6, 1901 in Fort Collins, CO. He lived in Santa Rosa for 30 years. The sinking of the Titanic when he was eleven and the lure of the seven seas inspired him to become a "Marconi Man" and save lives. This dream was realized as Bill saw service as a signalman and wireless operator in the USN during World War I. This was followed by assignments on nearly forty commercial ships. During shore-side interludes he owned wholesale and retail radio supply stores and established the Los Angeles Radio Institute to train radio operators. From 1929-1958 Mr. Breniman worked in the communications service of the government airways for the (now) FAA. Upon retirement he owned Key Travel in Santa Barbara and was vice-president of the Freighter Travel Club of America. During his lifetime Mr. Breniman belonged to many organizations. Two, he founded. Through the Society of Airway Pioneers and the Society of Wireless Pioneers and as Publisher-Editor of Sparks Journal, Bill preserved the history of early marine and airway radio communications. Mr. Breniman was predeceased by his first wife, Edna Alice Breniman, mother of Warren E. Breniman of Elkhart, IN and Ruth Marie Breniman, mother of Mary Jane Breniman John of Newark. Loving grandfather of Ward Breniman of Tokyo, Japan; Laurel Blewett of Naperville, IL; Jill John of Manteca; Glen John of Lakemoor, IL; Elaine Petersen of Fremont and Shannon Walsh of Rocklin. Great grandfather of Jessica Pinto, Cassi John, Dylan John, Chiaki Breniman, Tasha Fournier, Sarah John, Zachary Petersen, Kevin Petersen and Melanie Walsh.

Donations in Bill's memory may be made to a charity of choice. A chapel service will be held Saturday, November 17, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at Santa Rosa Memorial Park, Franklin Ave. at Poppy Dr., Santa Rosa. CHAPEL OF THE ROSES 510-797-1900.

IO, Agatha Leona — Passed aw