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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & HISTORY SHEET

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

P. O. Box 530 Santa Rosa, Cal. 95402 USA

I hereby apply for "LIFE" membership in the Society of "WIRELESS PIONEERS" (*) and certify that I meet membership requirements for classification marked below, by having held a commercial U.S. Gov't. operator's license and having been employed as a wireless(radio) telegrapher at a ship or shore station, handling commercial traffic by C.W. code. (Military operators are eligible if they can document service at stations which have handled a sizable volume of "PG" traffic). I agree to furnish records or documents if requested by the Membership Committee. I agree to keep my address current at all times and acknowledge failure to do so will be sufficient grounds to drop my membership. (*Short title).

Signed Henry Dickow Date May 2, 1968

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)

Dickow Henry W. Dick DO Betty
Family Name Apt. 603 Given Name Initial Nickname Sine Wife
San Francisco Cal. 94132
Street or P.O. Number City State Zip (Area) No.

WIRELESS OR RADIO:

Date first license June, 1913. Date assigned 1st ship S.S. Fifield. Name ship/stn WRF Call
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.
1913	1913	S.S. FIFIELD	1915	1915	S.S. SAN JUAN
1913	1913	S.S. GRACE DOLLAR	1916	1916	S.S. HENRY T. SCOTT
1913	1913	S.S. ADELINE SMITH	1916	1916	S.S. CONGRESS
1914	1914	S.S. PECTAN	1916	1916	Marconi Shop. S.F.
1915	1915	S.S. NEWPORT	(Additional - use reverse side.)		

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES

FIRST CALL DO DATE 1907 PRESENT CALL None WORK FREQUENCIES None
RADIO ORGANIZATION YOU BELONG TO: None

MEMBER "CQD"ers CLUB ? (Those who have sent CQD or SOS and/or abandoned ship)

NAME SHIP S.S. PECTAN DATE SOS Aug. 1914 (circumstances on reverse side)

WILL YOU SERVE AS OFFICER OR DIRECTOR ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS IF NOMINATED ?
(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).

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Society of Wireless Pioneers - California Historical Radio Society

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Sent SOS August, 1914 (exact date forgotten) when SS PECTAN, Union Oil tanker, struck reef in Santa Barbara Channel and then ran ashore on San Miguel Island. Ship was in danger of capsizing when first hit reef, but at high tide was lifted from her perilous position and carried to the adjoining beach. SOS call brought great many responses, first from the YALE, a few miles distant. Being a passenger ship, we told her to continue on her voyage. Next ship to answer was the Union Oil Tanker Lansing, close by. She was unable to find us until the following morning when the fog lifted. Four other ships came to our help. The U.S. Revenue Cutter McCulloch, in harbor at San Diego, answered the distress call and steamed to our aid. Tugs and wrecking ships from the Union Iron Works in San Francisco arrived on the second day, but failed to pull the PECTAN into deep water. Hemp hawsers snapped as tho made of twine. Finally the McCulloch put a heavy steel two-line aboard the PECTAN, and after a struggle continuing through two weeks, the ship was floated. Temporary repairs were made to the damaged hull and the PECTAN was towed into San Francisco by the McCulloch. She was taken to the Union Iron Works where she remained for 6 weeks while 42 new steel plates were fitted to her damaged hull. Wireless Operator H.W. Dickow was rewarded with a paid vacation and returned to the ship when she resumed her duties as an oil carrier between Coast ports and Antofagasta and Taltal, Chile.

H. W. ("Dick") Dickow.

Dickow helped contaminate the ether as long ago as 1907, with the self-assigned call-letters ~~of~~ DO. In 1913, Lawrence Malarin assigned him to the steam-schooner Fifield, and other ships in the following order: Grace Dollar, Adeline Smith, Pectan, Henry T. Scott, Newport, San Juan, and Congress. In 1916 he was transferred to the Marconi Construction Department, and in December of that year he founded Pacific Radio News, together with Paul R. Fenner, Lee Fassett, Ed Radford, and D.B. McGown. In World War One he served in the Navy at KIE (Kahuku) and was later placed in charge of KHK. Returning from the war, he served as Radio Inspector for the U.S. Shipping Board under Benjamin Wolfe. He resumed publication of the magazine in 1919, changing its name to RADIO. His ~~four~~ former partners went elsewhere.

Bill: Please dig up something extra special for this book. You must have a ton of ideas.

Million tks.

Dick

H. W. DICKOW

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CQ to all The Wireless Pioneers!

Before our keys become silent, and we journey into the Stratosphere, or wherever a wireless man eventually goes, we are banding together in an effort to memorialize the achievements of the Knights of the Wireless Key. We are compiling a book — a big book — perhaps a thousand pages — containing the stories of all the wireless pioneers. This is a monumental task. It calls for the assistance of every one of the still-living old-time wireless men who made history, and whose achievements will be chronicled in the pages of the forthcoming book.

Its title will be: "TALES OF THE WIRELESS PIONEERS."

It will tell the strangest stories you have ever heard. It will be complete from A to Z — from Armstrong to Zworykin. (A to Z). We want *YOUR* story in this book. And we need it right away. Surely, something strange, something unusual, something humorous, something tragic, has transpired in the course of your long and colorful wireless career. Did you invent something, patent something, contribute something unusual to wireless? What were your successes and failures? What fortunes or misfortunes came to you? And what was the biggest thing that ever happened in the course of your wireless career? We want human interest stories — stories that all people will enjoy — not just members of the wireless fraternity.

You don't have to be a writer. A batch of notes will suffice. Pictures are wanted, sketches, illustrations, clippings, etc. All will be returned. This mammoth endeavor is being handled by H. W. Dickow, pioneer publisher of "PACIFIC RADIO NEWS" in 1917, and "RADIO" Magazine from 1921 - 1937, and finally the "RADIO HANDBOOK."

"TALES OF THE WIRELESS PIONEERS" is by no means a money-making venture. It may not even pay its way. But provision has been made to get it to the press, regardless. *YOUR NAME* — your story — is to become part of it. And all the stories are first-hand, first-person documentations. It will be a lasting memento for your loved ones, your friends, and acquaintances. It must be written now — and quickly, too. For time is running out on all of us. The oldest wireless pioneer who has contributed to this book is now aged 88 — while many others are in their late 70's. This will be "The Custer's Last Stand of the Wireless Men."

Rally to the cause — and send along your tales. Pages have been reserved for your story. Please help us fill them.

73, O. T.

H. W. DICKOW