NOTE: BY-LAWS REQUIRE PAYMENT NON-RECURRING INITIATION FEE $2.00 PLUS $5.00 ANNUAL DUES

Membership Application & History Sheet

Society of Wireless Pioneers

I hereby apply for "LIFE" membership in the Society of Wireless Pioneers and certify that I meet requirements for classification marked below, by having held a valid government radio-telegrapher's license unless employment authorized requirements. I certify that I have earned my life holder classification if they have served at installations handling "PG" traffic without license requirement if they can document. I agree to furnish records to substantiate if required by the Membership Committee. I agree to keep my address current on the Society records and acknowledge failure to do so as sufficient grounds to drop me from membership. Signed X

SPARK GAP PIONEER (Service prior 1915)

PIONEER (Svc. 1915 to 1925) (Inclusive)

History Sheet

Family Name: Oliver
Street or P.O. Number: 542 St. Mark's Ave

Date of First License: Navy 1936

Date Assigned First Ship: 220

Signed by: Oliver A. Blink

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

Amateur Activities

First Call: WYCKOFF

Radio Organization you belong to:

Will you serve as officer or director on board of directors if nominated? No

(Please use additional 8 1/2 x 11" sheet/s for additional biographical data or record of experience we might use in future "Ports O' Call" or the Wireless Pioneer.)
WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN ....

SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

1. You would like to connect with old friends and meet new ones? The Society of Wireless Pioneers has a roster of over 2,000 members worldwide.

2. You have been thinking of getting involved in the Society to work and network? For many years, the Society has been successfully working to preserve the history of wireless pioneers.

Dear Friend,

It is a distinct personal pleasure to welcome another of our prestigious "Spark Cap Pioneers".

In addition to the many benefits of joining the Society, you will find many others, including:

- Many of your old friends and shipmates listed in the current member roster/directory, which will be in mails within two weeks.
- Along with "Wireless Pioneer" News Letter, it has been heavy for the Dynamic Society's item.
- Bill Breiden has written a biography and heritage story of the man, including many other benefits in joining the Society. Since the organization is NON-PROFIT and NON-POLITICAL, with most work "donated" your investment is returned many times over in pure service and enjoyment. SO...JOIN TODAY!!!

Frank Geisel

6. CO:WAB

Bill: I haven't understood on A/H he also shows "SA-2 St. Marks Ave" as this is in another City-overpasted with the Bellmore NY sticker.

Also note his entry under "QfD" would assume not qualified since he REJECTED QfD not sent?

Frank Geisel
WYCOLOFT, OLIVER A. SR.  

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Born in a Shanty in Dakota Territory, moved to Asbury Park N.J. 7 years later. Joined USN attended Elec. School at Brooklyn Navy Yard where had opportunity of studying wireless telegraphy in Dec. 1906 incl. Marconi, DeForest, Fesenden Slaby Arco, Stone and others. Selected as Wireless Operator on the Secretary's Yacht USS DOLPHIN stationed at Washington D. C. July 7 1907 received first CQD Accident on Georgia - send doctors at once. Capt. George Washington on bridge immedately notified and went to assistance. Upon returning NY in fall 1907 fortunate to be in the wireless shack when a voice came over the De Forest type electrolytic reciever using a platinum point in sulphuric acid filled cup. The voice was that of Madam Eugenia Farrar coming from De. DeForest's Laboratory, in the first broadcast ever on the air, signing, "I love you truly".

Next tfrd to Adm. Wainwright's flagship in Atlantic White Fleet, circled the world, crossed the equator six times between Dec. 1907 and Feb. 1909 visiting ports on all continents during which time we were experimenting with Wireless Telephone.

Appeared on Ralph Edwar's program 1957 "This is your life" w/ Madam Farrar, ELMO PICKERILL to honor Mr. Lee De Forest.

Retired from civilian employee in Navy 1957 after a period of almost 25 years installing radio and radar on every ship type in the Navy including PT boats, carriers, hospital ships and war ships.

Signs "FG"

NOW SECRETARY AND TREASURER DEFOREST PIONEERS.
July 27, 1969

Society of Wireless Pioneers
P. O. Box 530
Santa Rosa, California 95402

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a membership application
and history sheet.

As the Secretary of DeForest Pioneers,
I forwarded to you a check which was converted to a
membership in my name due to the fact that your organization
does not admit organizations but only personal memberships.

I am enclosing an information to you
regarding my past, and am sending some information that
was written a long time ago which has items in reference
to me and my early days. You will find many interesting
contains an interesting story which you will take as
official. After you have read these, if there are any
pictures that you might like, I would be glad to forward
them to you.

Please return these papers, or Xerox copies
of them, to me.

I have long procrastinated writing of this
letter and will send this in registration in your
listing as per information that you will find in here.

Very truly yours,

O. A. Wyckoff, Sr.