



SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

95402

Don Wallace

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF APPLICATION FORM. ~~YAB~~ YAB REV.11/69

OC 6LN, 1916 9BU, 1919 9DR 9DX, 1921 9X1 9ZT 9XA X 9TY, 9266, 9266M, 9266M



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ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO ? (PLEASE CHECK)

☒ ARRL. ☐ OOTC. ☒ QCWA. ☒ IEEE. ☐ AFCEA. ☐ ERC. ☐ VWOA.
☐ AWA. ☐ DeF.P. ☐ X-URTA. ☐ MTC. ☐ ROU. ☐ ARA. ☐ ACA.
☐ MARS. ☐ WCARS. ☐ SARO. ☐ X-IRE ☐ OTC. ☐ OTHER (List below)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DX CLUB

HOBBIES OR AVOCATIONS

(Please list your major "interests" members would like to know about your hobbies, avocations, sports, etc.)

GOLF GIN RUMMY

PARTICIPATION

Would you like to hold a National or Chapter Office in our organization if nominated ? *No*. If "YES" what type of activity would you enjoy most ?

☐ Organizing. ☐ Records. ☐ Secretary. ☐ Treasurer. ☐ Correspondent
☐ Editing Society Publications. ☐ WP CW Net C/O etc. ☐ Awards Committee
☐ Historian. ☐ Book Reviews. ☐ Promotion & Public Relations. ☐ Membership
☐ Travel Program. ☐ Entertainment. Other: _____

RECORDS & HISTORICAL DATA

Do you have pictures of early wireless installations, stations, ships, etc., that you would either loan or donate to the Society for our library and use in PORTS O' CALL ? If so, would you please catalogue (if not too much work) the subjects and as much detail about each as possible. We would like to work up a large collection of ships and wireless stations (pictures) for use in coming publications as well as members and others who have contributed to the great age of The Wireless (Please list on separate letter size sheet and attach). We would also like old newspaper articles about early day wireless and ships plus biographies of the great or (near) great. Old catalogues, magazines, illustrations and anything you think might be of interest for the Wireless Pioneer or Ports O' Call. We feel this is VERY IMPORTANT ... as time is running out for many of us and we would like to concentrate this historical data in one place before it is too late.

- Please attach as many pages as necessary -

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Would you undertake SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS for PORTS O' CALL or the WIRELESS PIONEER ?

If you like to write or have ability in drawing, illustrating, cartooning etc., you could no doubt furnish us invaluable assistance in working up material for publication. We need members who would be willing to TYPE COPY for our coming issues of WP and POC. Would you like to volunteer ?

PLEASE NOTE:

Upon receipt of your application form and acceptance, you will be issued a LIFE MEMBERSHIP NUMBER and membership card. You may consider this as notice and receipt that your initiation fee and dues for the current year (or year following Nov. 1st) has been received and is acknowledged. In due time you will also receive our lithographed wall certificate. There may be a 60/90 day delay before you receive it so please be patient.

Please indicate at right - how many copies of this application form we may send you, that you in turn will mail to eligible friends ?
Your cooperation and yeoman duty WILL BE APPRECIATED. Thank you.

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To: Geo P Dery W6HG/KOK (WP #457-V)

Attached is the DWP application as per our fone conversation today. Insomuch as I will not be able to go to the meetings for quite a while anyway, please forward this to KPH/Frank Geisel Nov 1 when the new fiscal year begins, or if you send it to him now, make it effective as of Nov 1. Then I can spend the \$5. saved in nickels at our next golf chipping tournament-Hi- I went to the picnic at Long Beach a year or two ago and had a great time-
73 Don W6AM

Geo routed to FG with personal comment- recd by FG Sept 11/70
FG QSP to (CX) with memo- copy to John Elwood-

Wallace belongs to ARRL QCWA IEEE- So Calif Dx Club-

Service

1913 KPJ San Pedro - Marconi
1914-14 SS Hermosa WBP
1915-15 SS Yosemite WQY
1916-16 SS Yale WRY
1917-17 San Francisco KPH
1917-17 Goat Is / Are Island NPG
1917-17 Bolinas KET
1917-17 San Francisco KSS - Note by FG- KSS was South S.F.- Federal Tel co PR (Limited Public) & PG (Public) Continuous Svc- 300 600 800 5000 8000 1000 meters! I must admit had never heard of KSS before-assume pre KFS.

1917-18 US Sub O-16 (New call daily)
1918-19 USS Geo Washington NEC
1919-21 USS Essex NMY
1939-42 Yacht Contender KLRR
(Operated as Amateur Stn with FCC ok)

Amateur

W6AM -1926 - "Early Calls" 1912 6OC-1916 9BU, 1919 9DR 9DX
1921 9XI 9ZT 9XAX 9TTm 1926 6AM MA V6AM NU6AM
7MB 6ZZA- 1939 W6AM/MM W6AM/KH6-KLRR-1940 XE6AM 1965 W6AM/M
VK9DC, 1916 FP8DW W6AM/YEI W6AM/YOI W6AM/3BI W6AM/3CI

Encloses memo-"Since 1913 W6AM has kept Radio Telegraph First mand Amateur Extra licenses, on equivalent, valid continually.

During 1912, as soon as the radio law was passed, W6AM had suitable Amateur and Commercial Licenses. An article on early day radio is probably the sort of thing you want. If you use it please say "Used by Courtesy of the Northern California DX Club" as they printed it- 73- Don" The item appears to be related to display at WESCON IRE ARRL meeting. Quite interesting- Suggest CX let JE see it after he process Wallace application?

He also encloses QSL card of his fantastic Ant farm and gear!

undated- probably some years ago

JE-Note- in W6AM article/he mentions "When W6AM bought the ranch from Dress Wireless-W6BY was here as one of Operators-Last I heard he is at the xxx PW receiving station Napa"-

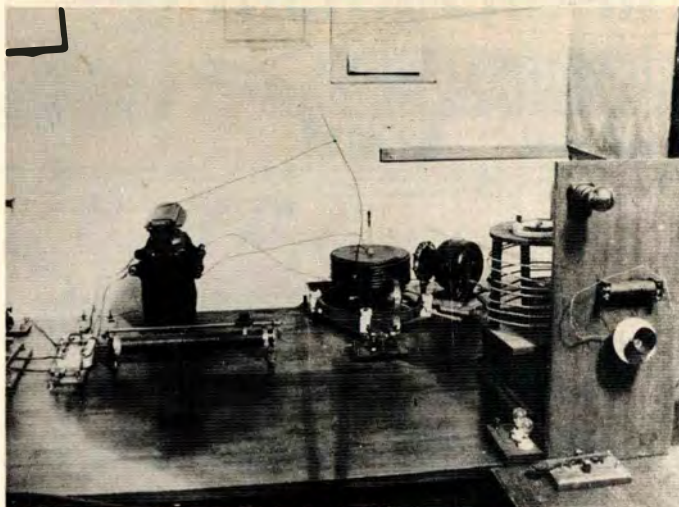
Dress Wireless absorbed by ITT- who subsequently phased out Receiving site at Napa- and Xmtr site at Belmont- Our member Bob Simpson #52-P did "Close out" before retiring (Bob was at picnic Aug 22) The W6BY -unpicks for J.A.Benn, 35 El Camino Ave San Rafael CA 94901

might be good prospect for you ?

fg Sept 11 1970

W6AM

DON C. WALLACE



After WWI, W6AM came back from the Navy with big ideas as to a tube transmitter. We had a 3000 watt phone xmtr on the USS George Washington, Pres. Wilson's peace ship. I ran it alot as Chief in Charge of the Presidential Radio Systems, including a 40 kw arc, 5 kw spark and various small phone rigs.

My call in 1919 when the photo above was made after the war, was 9DR (no W in front) and the spark xmtr was a good DX job. You will note the short leads from the inductance to the spark gap, ie., almost no leads.

Art Collins was a high school boy in Cedar Rapids. I was at College in St. Paul, Minn., so we had some fine DX between us, 200 or 300 miles. I also worked Ohio, and Michigan. A few West Coast stations could be contacted now and then on this spark.

The phone rig had one $7\frac{1}{2}$ watt tube. The filament was fairly critical, so the rheostat on top of the tube tank was carefully set for good oscillation, and modulation. Grid modulation from the carbon mike and 200 ohm to high impedance coil, let me QSO the G.E. Co. in Schenectady. I knew them well, because of the USS George Washington special equipment, ie., the largest phone afloat by far.

What GE wanted to know was, which wavelength was best for broadcasting. We tried 200 meters, 400, 800 or so, 1200 and 2500 meters. I reported 400 was best, so the FCC then put the best broadcast stations, as they showed up for license, on 400 meters, the smaller ones on 360 meters. This is still the heart of the broadcast band today!

They soon also gave a few amateurs 375 meters so we could talk to the broadcast stations - which we did. My call was then 9ZT! I talked with them all over the USA reporting their programs on the spot! We hams thus also talked to each other on 200 and 375 meters.

All the above was considered rather modern radio, as the earlier phone job (no photo avail) was in 1912. The call letters then were 6OC, Long Beach. This arc phone job worked 6EA Los Angeles regularly. The 6OC spark job was the best relay point to San Diego. Our big DX about then was to 6BY and 6BJ, Oakland and Piedmont.

When W6AM bought the ranch from Press-Wireless, W6BY was here as one of the operators. Last I heard he is at the P-W receiving station, Napa.

By the way, the 6OC antenna was 3 blocks long, over 3 sets of 2200 volt power lines.



W6EA and W6AM (right) today. We had many phone QSOs in 1912.

WALLACE & WALLACE

from the desk of

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SPEED LETTER®

FROM

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SUBJECT

MESSAGE

DATE

Sep 7 1970

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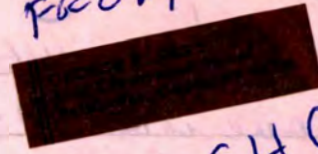
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SIGNED

Don W6AM

FILL IN NAME AND ADDRESS HERE
FOR RETURN IN WINDOW ENVELOPE

FROM -



WCHG

SEP 8 1970



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SIGNED

Note- WAB/JE only:

If my memory correct, cards will show Wallace sponsored/recommended by number of WP members- Would think that ~~if~~ if we open door to "Join now and duescover 1971" problems ensue. Suggest next printing A/H delete this section. & on any "Solicitations" after Oct 15- type in memo about "after Nov 1st" etc ? - fg

12 Sept 1970

Gao.F.Dery WP #457-V W6HG("50 Watter")

Dear "DY":

QSL with many tks your Sept 8 memo along with application, etc from Don C Wallace W6AM. As you probably know, a number of our members over past 2 years have worked on Don to join us. Your efforts succeeded- albeit with reservations! "Enroll me after Nov 1st when dues will cover thru 1971".

Forwarding entire file (Excluding your personal memo to me) to Bill Breniman at our S.Rosa HQ. Inasmuch as Don's check is dated Nov.1st, assume we have no choice but to holdx off processing his membership until then. However, leaving it to Bill's discretion.

We have run into this problem a number of times recently. The application/info "Note-Applications postmarked AFTER NOV FIRST" etc seriously inhibits recruiting at this time of year. In future printings we may delete this section.

As always, many thanks for your FB recruiting. We all appreciate your interest- Enjoyed meeting new VP Membership and his XYL, John Ewlood/Edith at our picnic here Aug 22nd. "JE" as you probably know, still with FAA at Palmdale. He is doing a fine job for WP too!

73 *fa*

cc: WAB
JE CX- Pls send note to Dery with info on plasticized frames for wall certificate-firm ads and price ? cannot locate info here- tks fg