



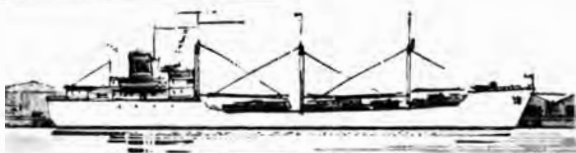
# PORTS O' CALL



VOICE OF THE "WIRELESS PIONEERS"

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## BLUE PETER



The international code flag "P" (BLUE PETER) has been hoisted full block and flying free from the fore-staff, announcing ... "Prepare to sail"!

Charter members of the American Society of Wireless - Pioneers of the Seven Seas, Inc., are ready to embark May 4th on the beginning of a memorable cruise into history on the good ship S.S. "SPARKS". We hope you will be aboard when we pull the lines dockside at Cotati at high-noon to help share this wonderful experience with us all.

Many of the old "pros" have informed us... they will be there... so we hope you will join us. The paths of many members have not crossed in 40 or 50 years so we feel sure that this reunion will indeed be a historical event that many will never forget... and of even greater importance in charting a course that will bring every member many pleasant hours on our cruise into the future.

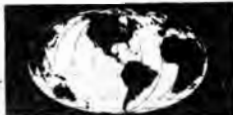
## Call Me "Sparks"

The idea of a "Simon-pure" Society of wireless (radio) telegraphers seems to appeal and caught the fancy of all. The commercial ops who have made their living pounding brass in days long ago or even those in the business today (professional Associates) will join in a unique organization where we can enjoy the heritage, nostalgia and memories of the past as well as get a view and perspective of the many advancements being made in the field of the communication arts that the younger generation are transitioning to.

## SO WHAT IS A PIONEER ?

This is a "moot" question that can be argued "pro & con" for many an hour but seems to resolve itself down to a phase of Sr. Einstein's "Law of relativity"!

Historically, the first quarter or even half of a century is but a moment on the clock of time. Webster defines a "PIONEER" as ... "one who goes before, preparing the way for others to follow. First in any field of progress or enterprise". So - are we not all pioneers - at least of sorts? Recall, the first wireless stations were only being built at the turn of the century.



## MEET ME AT COTATI

You will find a supplement on our meeting at the Green Mill Inn, Cotati, Calif., starting May 4th at noon. Many of our charter members will be on hand to make this a memorable occasion indeed. The tab on the very fine luncheon will only be \$2.00 and this will include tax and tips. You will have choice of (1) Chicken, (2) Prawns or (3) Chopped Steak as entrees. We ask that you return your reservation form, marked to show entree to assist management, also in order that we may process your IDENT CARD prior to the meeting. This will save us time.

Since this will be a business meeting and most of our time will be spent on organizational matters, it is suggested that wives do not attend as they would find it dull. However, we plan to invite them to attend all functions in the future.

## CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS

A condensed summary of the proposed CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS will be found on enclosed supplemental sheet. Typed copies will be available at the meeting and a taped recording will be played of the "full" Constitution and By-laws. Printed copies of same will be furnished all members when approved and funds are available for publication.

## ORGANIZATIONAL SLATE

The Organizing Committee feels that in order to start the Society functioning as a "going" organization and due to the fact that not all our new members will be able to attend the Cotati meeting, it appears expedient to suggest an initial slate of officers and directors for the first year, with knowledge that a 12-months period will pass in a brief time and then the full membership will be in better position to nominate and vote democratically on candidates to succeed the initial panel. The following slate is respectfully submitted - subject to individual/s named, accepting office if nominated. Note position (identification) Number and Serial No. of candidate on your form when you return it.

### Position No.

### Office

### Proposed

### Serial

- |     |                               |                    |     |
|-----|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| 1.  | President                     | Richard Johnstone  | #2  |
| 2.  | Senior V.Pres.                | W. Earle Wohler    | #4  |
| 3.  | Executive, V.P.               | W.A. Bill Breniman | #1  |
| 4.  | VP. Membership & Credentials. | Frank Geisel       | #5  |
| 5.  | VP. Finance/Audits            | Fred Mangelsdorf   | #7  |
| 6.  | VP. Awards                    | Henry Dickow       | #3  |
| 7.  | VP. Chapters                  | Jack A. Mische     | #15 |
| 8.  | Secretary                     | George Farmer      | #85 |
| 9.  | Treasurer                     | Sydney J. Fass     | #25 |
| 10. | Historian/Curator             | Gilson V. Willets  | #22 |

(In addition to foregoing who will also be Directors on Board of Governors - the following 7 offices to be filled)

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





THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF

# WIRELESS PIONEERS

OF THE SEVEN SEAS INC.



P. O. Box 530  
Santa Rosa, California 95402



## Roster of "CHARTER" Members



### Serial No. and Name of Life Members

1 WM. A "BILL" BRENNAN  
2 RICHARD "DICK" JOHNSTONE  
3 HENRY W DICKOW  
4 W. EARLE WOHLER  
5 FRANK GEISEL  
6 G. A "JERRY" WHITTAKER  
7 FRED B MANGELSDORF  
8 DR. A P "BILL" WARNOCK  
9 JACK SLATER  
10 JIM CALDWELL  
11 RALPH L HAZLETON  
12 ROME MONTLE  
13 C. W "BILL" LARSEN  
14 DAVID H FREEMAN  
15 JACK A. MICHE  
16 MANUEL GOULART  
17 CLIFFORD H CANNON SR.  
18 J S "SI" KNOWLES  
19 WILLIAM S DAVIS  
20 BUTLER J "BARNEY" OSBORNE  
21 ERO ERICKSON  
22 GILSON VANDERVEER "REX" WILLETS  
23 JOSEPH SPATAFORE  
24 PETER J. BECKER JR.  
25 SYDNEY J FASS  
26 WARREN G SIMPSON  
27 HUGH COMPTON

28 GEORGE R MACKIN  
29 G S "OLD SAM" CORPE  
30 CHARLES M MORENUS  
31 LESLIE COMBS  
32 ERNEST E WOLCOTT  
33 GORDON H PASCOE  
34 MERRITT E ARBUCKLE  
35 ED G RASER  
36 J L MCCARGAR  
37 LEE O FASSETT  
38 CHARLES F BLAKE  
39 CLIFTON T "NICK" NICHOLS  
40 W A "BILL" VETTER  
41 GEORGE S HUBBARD  
42 THAYL L HAIRE  
43 PAUL R FENNER  
44 RUDOLPH C MURRAY  
45 LOYD PEEK  
46 LAWRENCE V WHITE  
47 O R ANDERSON  
48 W C THOMPSON  
49 RAY NEWBY  
50 HOWARD S PYLE  
51 FREDERICK E BRINCKMAM  
52 ROBERT L SIMPSON  
53 ALAN CORMACK  
54 EBEN K CADY  
55 GEORGE H MULLNIX

☀ Subject to meeting membership requirements.

# CHARTER MEMBERS Continued



LIFE MEMBER SERIAL NO.

56	JOSEPH FERNANDEZ
57	RUDY ASPLUND
58	DONALD P NEWMAN
59	HUBERT D BROYLES
60	WALTER L"WALT"MITCHELL
61	ROBERT S PALMER
62	ARTHUR C JACOBY
63	MON L WEBB SR.
64	P E "PHIL" THORNE
65	STANLEY G TAGGARD
66	WALLACE H LELAND
67	MARIO J SPAGNA
68	JOHN J "MAC" MC CARTHY
69	C L "ROY" CRONKHITE
70	ARTHUR E ERICSON
71	RICHARD S EGOLF
72	BEN N LAZARUS
73	GROVER W WIZEMANN
74	O FRANK HARTMAN
75	ONEY A JOHNSON
76	CARROL V N STEFFEN
77	PAUL R LETSINGER
78	WILLIAM E CLYNE
79	EUGENE H PRICE
80	RUSSEL A ESTEP
81	RONALD "RONNIE" G MARTIN
82	HENRY F WIEHR
83	H S "WES" WESTERLUND
84	ROBERT E BOB DALTON
85	GEORGE GORDON FARMER
86	JOHN B NELSON
87	JOHN A STAGNARD

88 VERGNE L HOKE

89 RAY MEYERS

90 JOHN N HURTT

91 I. R IKE COLBERT

92 ROBERT P BROWN

93 GERALD A ESTEP

94 WALT R SCHREIBER

95 C H KESLER

96 HAROLD A ESTEP

97 DR ROBERT R CREES

98 HERBERT C GRUNDELL

99 HAROLD J BURHOP

100 LOREN G DE MERRITT

101 WALTER ALFONSE

102 ED S LAMB

103 WILLIAM A HUNTING

104 WILLIAM G GERLACH

APPLICATIONS TO APRIL 15TH

Members whose applications are received **AFTER** April 15 th will be listed in Supplement



## PROPOSED DIRECTORS : CONTINUED

11. Director - Bd. Gov. G.A. "Jerry" Whittaker - #6
12. do. Butler J. Osborne #20
13. do. Jack Slater #9
14. do. Howard S. Pyle # 50
15. do. Gordon H. Pascoe #33
16. do. Lee O. Fassett #37
17. do. John J. McCarthy #68.

## YOUR BALLOT PLEASE EXPEDITE VOTE

Please mark your ballot for (1) NOMINATION or (2) VOTE for position/s of officers and directors of the Board of Governors for the first year and mail WITHOUT DELAY to Mr. Frank Geisel who will act as "Vote Teller". Names of members will be placed before the May 4th meeting for nomination and vote according to votes received and in numerical order of total counted.

## QUESTION - ? - NAIRE

The lower half of the Ballot form should be completed and returned to Bill Breniman without delay. It will be most useful in securing the ideas from members so that a cross-section of pertinent suggestions and ideas may be considered at our organizational meeting at Cotati. This is your opportunity to submit ideas and recommendations BEFORE finalizing the organizational structure and/or adopting the Constitution and By-Laws so... PLEASE EXPEDITE ! THE TIME IS SHORT !

## ENVELOPES

Our Organizing Chairman, Bill Breniman has several thousand imprinted envelopes surplus to his needs and left over from his publishing business which he has phased out. He has been using these - not for publicity but to save the organization money and will continue to do so until expended. The Society in turn will save some \$25 or \$30 (which we do not now have). This in explanation of use of such envelopes to date... he hopes this meets with approval.

## "PORT O' CALL"



We have a wealth of outstanding writers in the Society including Henry Dickow - former publisher of "PACIFIC RADIO NEWS" and "RADIO" (circa 1918-29) and now busy on "TALES OF THE WIRELESS PIONEERS"; Howard S. Pyle, with some seven book on "amateur" radio to his credit; GEORGE FARNER, perennial publisher for many years; RICHARD ("DICK") JOHNSTONE with the best wireless reference ever ... "MY S.F. STORY OF THE WATERFRONT & WIRELESS" (1965); BILL BRENNIMAN who publishes "...THE TRANS-PACIFIC RADIO OPERATOR'S LOG" (1930), THE COMMUNICATIONS JOURNAL" (1929), also contributor to Henry Dickow's magazine and the first "CQ" magazine in the early 1930's. We must not overlook "RADIO" REX WILLETS ... and many many others.

We hope to have "PORTS O' CALL" chronicle the news of the Society and its members ... dipping back into the mists of early history to recall deeds of heroic wireless men, development of early day equipment, ships and skippers of by-gone days. Anecdotes and memorabilia - both past and present that members will enjoy. Member, W. Earle Wohler has a wealth of reference material he offers for our use. We predict that "PORTS O' CALL" will radiate peak enjoyment on all frequencies and will justify your enthusiastic support.

## DUES

Many of us have a natural instinct to "hedge" a little when the subject of "money" is mentioned but we must admit that it does cost money for postage, printing and the many expenses of operating an organization such as this one. We are fortunate that much help and talent are donated and free (a labor of love). We have many advantages in knowledgeable members being able to arrange printing at very low cost and also in handling composition and graphic arts at minimum of expense. Periodic editions of "PORTS O' CALL", rosters and newsletters are important to keep up interest and to carry out the objectives of our Society.

We realize that some of the old timers are financially "strapped" which others are more fortunate and can perhaps "donate" for the good and pleasure of us all. Therefore, when call is made for annual sustaining dues... please react as generously as you find it possible. We think an initial request for \$5.00 would start the organization off financially so that we could fund most expenses and printing necessary, including cost of incorporating, for the first year.

## THANKS...

We take this occasion to thank a number of our very kind and generous members for their "assist" donations to make this initial release possible. We had not mentioned money in our initial brochure nor had we made a request for funds so we know motivation in sending in a voluntary check was a reflection of their deep interest in founding the organization which we proposed and to getting the Society off to a good start ... so ... A VERY SINCERE THANKS !!!

Henry Dickow  
Richard Johnstone  
C.W. Bill Larsen  
Gordon Pascoe  
Ray Newby  
Frederick E. Brinckman  
Rudy Asplund

W. Earle Wohler  
W.A. Bill Breniman  
Jack A. Mische  
Leslie Combs  
Howard S. Pyle  
Eben K. Cady



## "CONFUCIUS SAY"

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... "To greet friends coming from afar is one of life's greatest pleasures".

## APPLICATION & PERSONAL HISTORY FORM

Please fill out and return the enclosed APPLICATION & PERSONAL HISTORY FORM for the Society's records. It will provide the editor of "PORTS O' CALL" with much pertinent info when future editions are published and will supplement the small "short form" we have previously included on the initial circular.

May we ask also that members forward copies of these blank forms to friends they know to be qualified to join and try to interest them in becoming a member of the Society. We ask EACH MEMBER to share in the YEOMAN DUTY of promotion to make the Society a big success. Thank you.

## CORRESPONDENCE

It will help reduce work on officers (and expenses too) if you will always include a STAMPED SELF ADDRESSED return envelope when you write letters, requiring answers. This is important !

## SHOULD WE AFFILIATE ? ?

Since we have started to organize the AMERICAN SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS OF THE SEVEN SEAS, Inc., we have been approached by other organizations in the field, suggestive that we consider affiliation instead of starting a new Society of our own. We have studied the suggestions presented but the conclusions of the organizing committee is that it would subordinate us into organizations which are largely dominated by other interests or in which we would lose our identity and our motivating "dream" would be lost. We feel that amateur organizations, including AARL, QCWA, SARO, and possibly OOTC are committed almost entirely to ham radio. The exception - OOTC does take in the old time commercial men but they are listed as "ASSOCIATES" which relegate the old commercial brass-pounders to status as "secondary citizens".

We are also aware of VWOA, but here again, we have been told by some of the members who have joined our organization that VWOA has diluted its ranks with those in Broadcasting, TV and other electronic phases of activity so that it is no longer a "pure" organization of commercial brass-pounders. Coverage in many areas is light or non-existent. Other outfits include AWA, Morse Telegraph Club, etc but do not seem to cover the segment of activity in which our members hold primary interest.

Before we pass final judgement however, we would like your opinion/s and vote on the subject. Do you favor affiliation or should we go it alone ?