

I thought I would give you an update on the SOWP CW Nets we have going on lately. First "TJ" K9TJL QTH in Southern Illinois has been running a 20 meter net on 14.044.5 MHz DST 1500Z and ST 1600Z. TJ has been a great NCS and has been keeping SOWP CW Net going.

Lately I have been checking into the Coast Guard net on Thursdays at 1530Z DST on 14.052MHz. Fred Goldwin K7LF who is a retired Lt from NMC CGSTA San Francisco. Fred is NCS in Seattle, WA and is an excellent CW operator. Most of the stations on the net I have worked over the years when they worked at the CG coastal stations. They have a "Z" sign ZUT means CW forever. I always had great respect for the CG when I was on supertankers. I always knew if we had navigation problems or questions, or Medical problems, or distress, it was just a tap on the telegraph key and the Coast Guard was there to help. Good operators.

Anyway last year or so I put out a post on the Coast Guard net letting the CG stations know we were going to start a SOWP CW Net on 40 meters, 7.052 Mhz at 0100Z. Since my health is questionable, sometimes I have to take time out. TJ has picked up the net on 40 as well. He usually uses KFS or Utah SDR equipment so he can copy everyone. TJ, running two nets, he asked for a break, so I have been running the 40 meter net when I can. I use 400 watts with a 80 meter Windom up 60 feet. It does well most of the time. I also use a vertical when propagation warrants. Still use my 1942 USArmy bug that I restored.

Rajah Grady (AG4HR) ran the nets for a while before he became SK. He was in NC and a good man exCG.

I joined the CHRS some years ago when you took over SOWP artifacts. I don't know how many SOWP members joined CHRS, but I must say your staff sure did a great job on technology of years ago and some great information. I think others would really like to read the journals you put out.

When Waldo Boyd (K6DZY) Secretary/Treasure of SOWP, he lived in Santa Rosa, CA and at a late age he decided to move closer to his daughter. He called me and said that he didn't know what to do with all the SOWP artifacts that has accumulated over the years. He was thinking of taking them to the landfill. Since we have a small ranch here in Colorado and have barns and sheds, I told him to not throw anything away. Send them to me for keepsakes. He did and when he contacted you, you agreed to take all the SOWP artifacts. So I sent them to you Bart, thank you.

Prior to this, when I still had the artifacts, John Dilks (K2TQN) called me and said he was in the process of digitizing the SOWP Sparks Journals. He was missing several journals in the series. I told him I would look and found what he needed. I sent them to him. He did a great service for SOWP and I wrote him a letter and thanked him for his efforts. He is a nice man.

So if you would like to inform the CHRS group who still likes CW, all are welcome and do not need to be SOWP members, just decent CW operators. We are pretty informal and love CW.

A friend of mine who worked at the NAS Barbers Point Hawaii CW station , sent me a coffee cup that says "A Vanishing Breed" with the sparks symbol below, then NAVY RADiOMAN. I cherish this mug since I was RM on the USS Midway 1959.

I am copying this to TJ so he knows what is going on.

Hope this finds you and yours doing well and staying healthy

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Dick/K6KSG ZUT . .