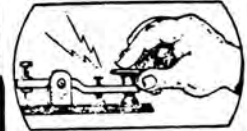




MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS, INC.

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

I hereby apply for LIFE MEMBERSHIP (*) in the Society of Wireless Pioneers, Inc., certifying on my honor that I have been assigned (gainfully employed) as a professional wireless/radio operator at a bona fide station (government, military, commercial, or private) handling messages and traffic on radio-telegraph circuits using one of the recognized international codes of the world—excluding landwire.

I understand and agree to conditions of membership. (a) That I will keep the Society informed of any changes in (1) Address; (2) Telephone number; (3) Amateur Call and status; (4) Any changes in marital status. (b) I agree to the inclusion and publication of all personal information furnished in Society publications unless specifically advised to the contrary.

I am enclosing \$15.00 (U.S. funds) for dues and initiation fee at current established rates. Society accounting is on a 'calendar year' basis. Any carryover for a portion of a year will be credited on a/c for dues the second year. Thereafter, dues will be for a full year and payable as of January first each year. (Please enclose S.A.S.E. on inquiries re: dues standing, etc.)

(*) LIFE MEMBERS are classified as "Active" or "Inactive." Active members are those who pay their annual dues. They will automatically be placed on the Society's mailing list for all publications and releases available. "Inactive" members are those who, while still retained on the Society's roster or directory, will have their names deleted from address list to receive publications. Inactive members may be reinstated as "active" after any lapse of time by paying in full the current calendar year's dues.

DATED 18th July 1987 SIGNED AS E Mitchell

NOTE: Unsigned applications will be returned for signature. Application received without fee enclosed will be returned without processing after 10 days.

CLASSIFICATION

SR. SPARK-GAP PIONEER (SV PRIOR 1915) PIONEER (SVC 1926-1939 Incl.)

SPARK-GAP PIONEER (SVC. 1915-1925 Incl.) VETERAN (SVC 1940-1949 Incl.)

REGULAR PRO. MEMBER (1950 to Date)

YEAR JAN 1943 NAME/LOCATION HMS PEMBROKE CALL LETTERS NONE / WRS

DATE ASSIGNED A NAME/LOCATION FIRST STATION B CALL LETTERS C

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IMPORTANT SPECIAL NOTE: List professional service only in above spaces. (A) Date of 1st Assignment. (B) Geographical locale or ship's name; (C) Call letter of station and/or name of Operating agency, ie: USN, Sig. Corps, USCG, USAF, RCA, ITT (etc)

Family Name MITCHELL Given Name ALICE "Handle" ALICE OM Wife's Name FRANK

Street or P.O. Box No. DEACONS FARM, BISHLAND, BODMIN, CORNWALL PL30 4LD City/Town BODMIN

State CORNWALL Zip No. PL30 4LD Telephone NO. (Incl. Area Code) 850557

PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS: Please list in chronological order your list of assignments being careful to print or type so they are legible. Include dates by year, calls, if you can furnish, etc. Please furnish Society a brief sketch of anything unusual in your career including citations, honors, etc. Attach a clear picture of yourself, stations, ships, etc. (Not mandatory, but appreciated.) USE EXTRA SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

SHIP OR SHORE STATION/S WHERE YOU SERVED: (CONTINUE)

FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/SHORE STN.	CALL
1.	(LISTING ABOVE USED AS 1ST ASSIGNMENT)		
2.		HMS VICTORY	
3.		?	
4.			

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AMATEUR ACTIVITIES

PRESENT CALL? G6LEJ DATE FEB 1986 FIRST CALL _____ DATE _____

Handle or Nickname _____ CW Would you like to join A BOWP NET? _____

Proposed for membership by (or learned about Society from) JOHN N. ELWOOD, 396-V



Please Complete

HOBBIES OR AVOCATIONS

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

(H) Photography

Painting - Writing

Conversations

SOS CALLS YOU HAVE MADE ?

Please send us facts on emergency so we can include in our SOS/LOG which lists occasions when wireless has served to rescue or bring relief to ships or Aircraft in distress. We also provide a certificate.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

You will be retained as a 'life member' as long as you keep address correct. "Active" members are those who have paid current dues. "Inactive" if you let dues lapse—still a "Life Member" but Society publications will not be furnished.

R.S.G.B.

R.N.A.R.S.

SOWP

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO ?

Please list organizations you belong to in space provided above, Abbreviations Okay. Amateur, Professional, Marine, Historical, etc. Are you a member of ARRL, AWA, QCWA, OOTC, AFCEA, DeF P., RCoFA, MV, CARF, RSO, LAAH, OTVA, SOAP, RID, ARA, ROU, Bdc Pioneers, MMARC, IMMC, ROA, RSGB, AFCEA?

PARTICIPATION

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS!

Would you like to hold a National or Chapter Office in our organization if nominated? _____. 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: _____

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Would you undertake SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS for Society publications? If you would like to write or have ability in drawing, illustrating, cartooning, etc., we would appreciate receiving some of your 'copy' for publication. We are always in need of good copy.

RECORDS & HISTORICAL DATA

Do you have pictures of early wireless installations, stations, ships, etc., that you would either loan or donate the Society for our library and use in our publications? If so, would you please catalog (if not too much work) the subjects and as much detail as possible. We would like to work up a large collection of pictures of wireless stations and ships for use in coming publications. We would appreciate old newspaper articles and clippings and stories of the great or near great. Old catalogs, magazines, illustrations, and anything you think might be of interest for Society publications would be appreciated. Time is running out. We would like to collect this memorabilia and historical data in one place before it becomes too late.

APPLICATION FEES - IMPORTANT

Note: Total 1-Year \$15; 3-Years \$30

Membership fees as follow: One-time initiation fee is \$5.00. Add to this \$10.00 for the current calendar year (or) \$25.00 for the current calendar year plus two additional years which will save a bit of money. All back copies for the current calendar year are furnished new members unless out of stock in which case a credit of \$2.50 each unavailable issues is allowed on coming year's dues. Please remit in U.S. Funds. Sending of currency at applicant's risk only, however we have not experienced a loss in receipt to date.

PLEASE NOTE:

Upon receipt of your application form and acceptance thereof, 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 has been received and is an acknowledgment. There may be several months' delay before you receive our lithographed wall certificate as these are only processed in groups at periodic intervals due to cost factor.

Please indicate at right - how many copies of this application form you would like us to send you, that you in turn will mail to eligible prospects. Your cooperation and yeoman-ship will be appreciated.

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DEDICATED - to the men who "went down to sea in ships" as Wireless Telegraphers and all those who have earned their living "pounding brass" as wireless or radio ops since the day of Marconi.



4742-V

Alice Mitchell SOWP 4742V
Board Member.
18 Burnards Court,
Berrycombe Road,
Bodmin,
Cornwall,
PL31 2NU.

Dear Waldo,

Am enclosing the Board member questionnaire and, as you can see, have not been very helpful. This is due to the fact for health reasons I had to move in 1994 and my new QTH does not permit me to erect antennas - quite a change from the 12 or 13 I had when living on Bodmin Moor. Have been off the air for the last eight years so am out of touch with most things in the radio world except the news received via the SOWP's newsletter. In fact, because of this I feel it is only correct I should resign as a board member.

But I wish to give you my reason for allowing Radio Amateurs to be admitted as full members of the Society. We are dedicated to keeping C.W. alive. As our professional membership is decreasing due to natural causes it is up to the rest of us to continue to ensure future generations will have this means of communication available. My main concern is that, God forbid, should the future hold a world-wide conventional war then the first act of the opposing forces will be to knock out their opponents Communication Satellites. End of communications!

In my opinion most Amateurs are dedicated to CW and - even though they possibly do a great deal of communication on the Internet as well - there are still the die-hards out there who think CW is THE means of operating, and are keen to keep it going. Many are very experienced in making their own equipment, inventing new antennas etc. Like old soldiers, they will never die.

I know the Royal Navy is concerned and is keeping it as something to fall back on from what has happened over the years at our local relay station. Though have to admit the station has recently been closed due to the great advance of technology, but this is due to the expense of updating **all** relay stations so inevitably the lack of cash has closed several. The real cause of removing 'Sparks' from radio rooms and relying on satellite transmissions is entirely due to cutting costs and increasing profits. One day there will be a public outcry when a large cruise ship weathering a gale has its satellite mast crippled by the elements and then has a collision causing it to sink with great loss of life.

Three years ago I travelled to Ireland by ship. Although in my seventies I was giddy enough to ask for permission to visit the bridge - my reason being as an exWren and a radio operator, I was interested in present day means of communication. My step-son and step-grandchildren laughed, thinking I would never get permission. Outside the harbour there was a force nine gale blowing and my stepson insisted 'Grandma' stayed with the family. Not on your life - I had no wish to hold paper bags for sea sick travellers - I spent the trip on the bridge where there was one 'very young' officer working alone. While he explained the new technology the ship, on automatic pilot, was heading straight into the gale. The waves were so high it was impossible to see many yards in front of the bows and, more often than not the foredeck and bridge was overflowing with water. It was as though we were travelling through a liquid cave. After the young officer had explained how easy it was now to have voice communication via the satellite I asked what he would do if the antenna was snapped. He shrugged and said "Pray". I was already praying - hi.

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Being hard of hearing I could not understand the information being broadcast by voice - but had the messages been in morse I certainly would. There is no way I would take a long journey by sea until 'Sparks' are once again in charge of the radio room.

Why not Amateurs as members? I think of Amateurs as unpaid Professionals.

Thanks for reading this.

Best wishes for the continuation of SOWP. Am looking forward to being able to connect with www.sowp.org in the future.

Sincerely

Alice

Alice Mitchell.

Scanned and
sent to Ben and Ted
02/10/03

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