



O'Missile
*Official Newsletter of the
 OM International Sideband Society*

**SPECIAL
 POINTS OF
 INTEREST:**

- President's Message
- 3rd Quarter Net Stats
- Wandering Ham
- Silent Keys

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P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E : C H A R L I E - W 4 U Z I

For the last three years, it has been a tremendous honor to serve as President of the OM International Sideband Society. Not only has it been exciting, it has also been extremely enjoyable. Few joys surpass the life-long friendships made by being part of OMISS.

Since the last O'Missile, we have faced many challenges. One of those challenges has been to rekindle the tradition of publishing a periodic Newsletter. We last published the O'Missile Newsletter in February of 2009. Therefore, we have some catching up to do. With the help of Jeff K8JTD, our Editor, we hope this issue of the O'Missile is the first of many to come. All of us thank Jeff for his efforts.

A lot has happened in the last three years, and one article cannot possibly cover everything. So, this is a brief summary of what we have been up to, along with our current status, and a glimpse into the future needs of OMISS.

During the last three years, our membership has significantly grown. Consider this: it took OMISS 27 years to arrive at #6000; however, it has only taken the last four years to surpass #9000. At times, this remarkable growth in membership stretched our support systems and our volunteers beyond capacity. Thankfully, we managed to keep all our systems functioning at a high level while making many

improvements.

Improvements included revamping and automating the Awards Program, the QSL Bureaus, and the Membership Process, itself. Other notable improvements by the OMISS team included the modernization of the OMISS Website, introduction of the OMISS Forum, a tweaking of Netlogger, stabilization of the OMISS Treasury, and making the Advisory Council truly autonomous. This ensures that every OMISS Member has a voice on the board.

Yes, we have been busy, but it is very important to know that it was the entire team of OMISS Volunteers who made these things happen. Due to the efforts of our wonderful volunteers, OMISS continues to be a class act.

Yes, our membership has grown, but as with any family, OMISS has lost some of its family members along the way. There are far too many Silent Keys to list here. We all know who they are, and it is safe to say that we honor them all. We will not forget them. Anyone who has seen our annual Silent Key Tribute at the Dayton Hamvention knows this all too well.

Moving on to our current state of affairs, we are pleased to say that OMISS is healthy and stable. We have one foot firmly entrenched in the past to maintain our traditions, and the other foot is stepping into the future to meet the needs of the organization.

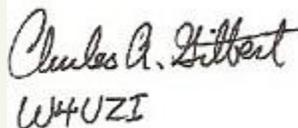
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

We are calling more nets, on more bands, with more check-ins, than at any other time in our history. To our Net Controllers, Net Coordinators, and the All Bands Net Coordinator: Bravo—Great Job!

Looking to our future needs, it's all about demographics. Everyone knows that our members are aging. With this in mind, we owe it to ourselves to attract younger hams to Amateur Radio and OMISS. Our very survival may depend on this. We welcome your support and your ideas on this subject.

In conclusion, thirty-two years ago, on June 28, 1981, the first OMISS Net took place. Little did the founders of OMISS know that this great organization would still be alive and thriving in 2013. Let's keep it rolling!

Best regards and 73,



Charles A. Gilbert
W4UZI

CHARLIE - W4UZI: PRESIDENT

Born in Dayton, Ohio in 1950. Married to Norma Drown of Kansas for 32 years. Four grown children ranging in age from 22 to 42. Grew up and finished high school in Northern Kentucky. Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1971, but liked the military and made it a career. Retired as a First Sergeant in 1993.

Graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. Degree in Business Management from Regis University in Colorado in 1995. Been serving as General Manager of Target World in Cincinnati, OH (the largest gun store in the region) since 1999.

Built a Knight Kit shortwave radio at age 13 and have been an avid SWL ever since. Was a late bloomer into the world of Amateur Radio. First licensed in 2007 as KI4ZWD. Obtained the vanity call of W4UZI to go with my occupation. Interests include Amateur Radio, Firearms, Politics, Sports, and Science.

Served as the OMISS All Bands Net Coordinator from 2009 until 2010. Currently serving as President of OMISS after being elected in 2010.



JACK - KOMAF: VICE PRESIDENT

I was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1945. My father was stationed at Camp Carson at the end of the war. I graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering in 1968. My love of amateur radio determined what my major would be. I obtained my novice license (WNØALW) when I was 16 and got my General (WAØALW) a year later. While in college I was active personally and with the college amateur radio club. I witnessed the change from AM to SSB and from vacuum tubes to solid state rigs. I had a SBE34 which was a hybrid rig.

Upon graduating from college, I went to Control Data Corp. in Sunnyvale, California and first worked as a customer engineer and then got into system programming. During my CDC years I was married, taking care of babies and the home. I let my license expire. While at CDC, I learned that programming for a living was not for me and I got out of the industry all together. I went into low tech. I got my Real Estate Broker's license and built my private money mortgage company. I made and serviced equity loans in California. I essentially was a mortgage banker. I eventually retired from this business in 2005. In January 2005 I got my General license again as KG6YDK. Ham radio really changed in 30 years.

A year later, I upgraded to an Extra. In October of 2007 my wife, Linda, and I moved to Windsor, MO. I took this opportunity to get a vanity call (KØMAF) to reflect my other hobby (Model A Ford's) and my new call district.

I have been in OMISS since 2005 and am currently serving my third term as Vice President. I personally accomplished for the OMISS membership the following:

While 20m band coordinator, I recommended having the 20m net on Sundays.

I recommended lowering the fees to \$1.00.

I recommended that OMISS should have a presence at Dayton. I took the responsibility of making the arrangements that OMISS have a booth at no cost to the club. The Club now appears regularly at Hamvention since 2009.

I look forward to many years of participation with OMISS. I am active on all bands but spend most of my time on 20meters. My other interests are Model A Ford, guitar, Porsche 912, flying, scuba diving, wine and traveling.

JOHN - K5ENA: TREASURER

Licensed KN5ENA in 1960 as a novice, I eventually upgraded to Extra in the mid-80's. I am on 80-10 Meters with a Kenwood TS-570D (G), FL-2100B, PalStar AT1KM, G5RV, 80M doublet, and a Hustler 4 BTV.

I am a member of **OMISS**, **SKCC**, **FISTS**, **3905 CCN**, **Geratol Net**, **Ten-X Net**, and **QCWA**. I am also an **ARRL** and **W5YI** Volunteer Examiner.

Married for 44 wonderful years, my wife and I have 2 grown daughters and 7 beautiful grandchildren, ages 6-21. My wife and I are very active in our church where she works in the Nursery and I am a Senior High Youth sponsor and a volunteer in the television ministry.

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I am retired after 29 years with the Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency (Tulsa County) and 15 years as a TV Engineer with KJRH Television in Tulsa.

Hope to see you on the air. 73, John K5ENA

MIKE - KI6WOX: SECRETARY

Originally from Maywood, CA, lived in San Diego, Truk (now Chuk, Eastern Caroline Islands), Bainbridge Is, WA, Deep Creek, VA, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, San Francisco, Los Angeles (Westwood), Oakland, Sunnyvale and now Paradise, CA. I've operated on Marine Band for 30 years so I have an excuse for using those procedures rather than HAM methods. I was trained on Marine Band by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and teach those methods.

Education & Experience: AA, Chemical Engineering City College of San Francisco, BS and Ph.D. Chemistry UCLA. Worked as an Analytical Chemist (Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy) in Pharmaceutical Research for 36 years, retiring in 2004. In 1962 as I was entering graduate school, I received a letter from the government that began "Greetings from the President, you have been selected . . ." I joined the Navy Reserve and completed my degree (Inorganic Chemistry) whereupon the Navy said "you are now a bacteriologist" and sent me to the Navy Biological Laboratory as a computer programmer. During my tenure in the Reserve, I was privileged to command a Navy Reserve Medical Unit in San Jose, the Biomedical Emergency Response Unit in Alameda, and serve on the Readiness Command Staff in San Francisco. I retired from the Navy Reserve in 1994 having served in some interesting places like ComPhibGru East Pac, Sigonella, Italy, ComNavMarianas (Guam), Okinawa, London, and Edzel Scotland writing disaster preparedness plans.

I moved to Paradise in 2004 and in 2008 there were several bad fires, one of which burned through the town's phone lines. After the fire, the town was recruiting volunteer staff for the Emergency Operations Center and my XYL volunteered me. From my experience in disaster preparedness, I knew that communications are a critical problem in any event so a HAM radio would always provide a means of communication. I easily obtained a Technician License but soon learned of the limitations and promptly got an Extra ticket. The XYL (KJ6CNX) and I are part of the Butte County ARES Group.

HF turned out to be lots of fun and one night, I came across the OMISS 40m net where I received a gracious welcome. In looking through the OMISS Web Site, the number of awards is quite extensive and keeping track of them would be a chore. Given that Net Logger can export data in a format compatible with Excel, I wrote a series of macros that track most of the awards so at intervals I dump the contacts from Net Logger into Excel and use that to track my progress. Any of the members who would like a copy of the workbook can have one at no charge in either Excel or Open Office Calc.

I created a web site as a training tool for folks preparing for their Navigation Rules Exam and have added the FCC Amateur Radio License questions to the site: <http://www.comomike.info>.

In 2011, the OMISS President called as asked that I fill an empty Secretary position in the OMISS Board. I accepted and in 2012 was elected to a full term.

Main radio is an ICOM 756ProIII with Heil Pro Set Elite. Antennas: Hexbeam 6-20m, CCD for 20 & 40m, and a 265' OCF Carolina Windom for 80 and 160. The wire antennas are supported by Ponderosa Pines with the ends about 100' AGL. I have an ICOM 7000 that is scheduled to be mounted in my truck as a mobile with a Tarheel Jr antenna (or perhaps in the boat). For 2m and 70cm, I use ICOM IC 2820H and IC-92AD. The 2820 has both discone and Elk 2m/70cm antennas.

Marine Band Radios. IC-M88, IC-M422, IC-M502, IC-M504, MA500TR, IC-M9.

Goals for 2014:

Improve operating skills in order to qualify as NCS.
Complete Statehood Awards on 15 and 17 m
Complete 160m WAS
Complete State Flag Awards on 17 and 15m.

HOMER- ND8F: DIRECTOR

I heard the Omiss Net for the first time in late 1981 while living in Lima, OH. I checked in and got one of the warmest "Welcomes" a person could get. After getting checked in, I got many calls and each person again said "WELCOME TO OMISS". It didn't take much for me to decide that I would like to be a part of this group. It took a while to get membership, no PC's then so it wall all done by regular mail. One night after getting my number, the YL that had first checked me in to the net asked me if I would be interested in becoming a "Net Control". Everything then was done by what is now called "Old School" meaning PENCIL AND PAPER !!!!

It required that a person had to pay very close attention and copy down the call sign, name, state and OM number of who was on the net. Yes it was tuff, but that was what we had to do. I can remember running many 80 meter nets with over one hundred checking, running the net until after 07:00 Zulu, until all on the net made the calls they wanted.

That YL that first checked me in was Doris Francis, NI4U, OM #105. In 1982 at the Dayton Hamvention, I got to meet NI4U, Doris, OM #105 -- her husband Jack, KM4Q, OM #16 ---KF4HW, Jim, OM #422 -- KC4IF, Earl, OM #2 and WB8CVG, Russ, OM #755. There were a few others there but can't recall who they were.

I have made many many friends over the years and have the good fortune of getting to meet many of them at Dayton and Shelby, NC.

I'm proud to be a member and a Board of Directors Member of such a fine organization. OMISS continues to grow at a great pace, thanks to all of its members who make the newcomers feel so welcome. I must throw in my two cents worth -----

All Omiss members, YL'S AND OM's" YOU ARE THE GREATEST!!!!!!!

Catch ya on the nets -- 73's

WARREN- WA4ZOP: DIRECTOR

Day 1 was in 1934. (wow, am I really that old?) My hometown is Little Rock, Arkansas. I was the son of an accountant for the Cotton Belt Railroad and my mother was a homemaker who tried her best to keep her two sons out of trouble. I was blessed with good parents and an obnoxious older brother who later miraculously transformed as we got older. In high school, my brother got interested in something called 'ham radio' and was working on his code but didn't get his ticket before having to go off to college. Next, I left for Texas A&M. I majored in engineering and graduated with BS in Chemical Engineering. Surviving this led me to think I could go on to graduate school which I did. I finished my MS and PhD and then entered the Air Force (having been in ROTC at A&M) for three years. Prior to leaving school, I managed to find time to get my novice ticket (KN5LTU) and my brother got his novice ticket about the same time. He had in the meantime become an USAF pilot for SAC (84's) and was stationed in Austin. My stint in the USAF was at the

Los Angeles Air Force Station in LA where I was active in MARS. After my tour of duty, I left to go to work in industry in the space program in Huntsville and I have been here ever since. Unfortunately, I became so wrapped up in my job on arrival in Alabama that I let my ticket lapse. Years later, I decided to get back into the hobby and I got my Tech license, followed by my general then the advanced. Early in the process, I recovered my old call WA4ZOP(nostalgia) and also got my extra class. I retired from industry in 2000 and began to teach at Faulkner University in 2003 which I have continued doing to the present date..I discovered OMISS a few years before I retired and immediately joined the group. This is a move I haven't regretted for a moment. I have served on the board since 2001 as Advisory Council Chairman, and as Secretary. OMISS is a great group of people and an organization formed on a durable set of by-laws that has provided both stability and growth. It is a great place to be.

PETE - AWARDS MANAGER / K-BUREAU

Ran across the an OMISS net and joined in 1986.

Retired from American Airlines October 2001. 34 years 9 months all spent at the maintenance base here in Tulsa, OK.

I am both an ARRL and a W5YI VE. Life member of the American Airlines Amateur Radio Club.

Took the Awards Managers job in December 2009. Added the letter K BURO I think in 2010. Also sort DX QSL cards for ARRL W5 group letter B,C and G.

I would like to see the awards certificates go 100 percent electronic.



Huntsville Hamfest 2013

A WORD FROM THE "ABC"



Let me start off by extending a huge Thank You to Jeff, K8JTD OM#7566 for making this OMISS Newsletter possible!

I guess that most of you know me as W4YQY or OM#5549 on the Nets. This year has been a new experience for me as a member of the OMISS starting the year off with the All Bands Coordinator position back in January. The transition into the ABC was a lot easier than I had expected and this is due to each of you, our great members. If it were not for our members, we would have no nets. Our members are our check-ins. Our members are our relays on the nets. Of course our members also make up the fine list of Net Control Stations conducting our Nets. If it were not for each and every one of you, the OMISS would not be what it is today with 9000 plus Members.

Hopefully everyone has noticed the Quarterly Net Repots included in the Newsletter. At the first of the year I had started tracking the number of Nets and number of check-ins we had on the Nets each month. Having the monthly figures, I took it a step further to look at them Quarterly and what a surprise I was in for. Having always knowing that we had a bunch of Nets and check-ins each month, the numbers far exceeding what I had thought. This just goes to show the dedication of our members who act as NCS, members who act as Relays, and to all of our members there to have fun.

Speaking of Net Control Stations. During the winter months we conduct 33 Nets per week not counting Holiday Nets and we are always looking to bring new NCS onboard. Not only by being an OMISS NCS help the Society, it a lot of fun and enjoyment in it. It will not take long being an NCS that you will find as much excitement in a check-in getting that 50th contact for WAS as when you got your own 50th! If you have an interest in volunteering as an NCS, please contact any of our Band Coordinators or myself and we will be glad to work alongside you. A great 'first step' into an NCS slot is to become a Relay on our Nets. If this sounds of interest to you, let the NCS, the BC, or the ABC that you would like to test the waters. We will be glad to have you.

I guess by now most of you have figured out that my major in school was never in writing. In putting a close on a terrific 3rd Quarter I would just like to thank everyone in making the OMISS Nets the best on the bands. I wish everyone with great band conditions and many new contacts!

73

Dal - W4YQY OM# 5549
All Band Coordinator

Quarter 3 Net Report

Band	Q3 - July 2013		Q3- Aug 2013		Q3 - Sept 2013		Total Check	
	Nets	Check Ins	Nets	Check Ins	Nets	Check Ins	Total Nets	Ins
10M	5	74	2	12	4	44	11	130
15M	9	264	8	152	10	419	27	835
17M	9	336	8	317	10	454	27	1107
20M	26	1078	24	1042	25	1160	75	3280
40M	31	1949	31	2193	30	2285	92	6427
40M Late	9	313	10	339	9	301	28	953
80M	29	543	31	564	30	769	90	1876
80M Late	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
160M	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Total	118	4557	114	4619	118	5432	350	14608

Thoughts from a Leisure Mobile - by Page Pyne WA3EOP

Its my understanding some nets distinguish between two types of mobiles, the commercial drivers of the big rigs who play radio incidental to their job, and the leisure mobile, the category for the rest of us HF Mobiles.

On a closer look there actually is more than one type of "leisure" mobile. Some folks, like that rare 160 meter mobile, KB1JTB, live full time in their mobile home/RV and have the best mobile antenna setup using a great antenna and more than a hundred square feet of close to ideal ground plane. Michael Kane has a great mobile signal on most bands but has the little problem of really needing to plan his stopovers here and there carefully. You just don't park a full size motor coach everywhere and also the cost to move any distance, the fuel is expensive.

Then there is a more typical leisure mobile which basically has a station for 10-40 and/or maybe 75 meters. My "Pocket Rocket Mobile, a Ford "other" micro-car falls into that category and over the years since 1990 has been part of an interesting experiment with antennas trying to find what works best for me. In my case I wanted back then something that worked 20-75 at a minimum.

The cheap approach first is not always the best answer, but its good for a get-on-the-air trial and see if that would work. So hamsticks were cheap, about \$10 a band back then, and so was a Hustler whip system bought used. The Hustler had the advantage of a VP-8 adapter that allowed 3 tuned whips to be mounted and used without manual switching of whips. Now I drive a very small car and it doesn't offer much counterpoise so quickly I discovered that 20 worked well, 40 worked medium, and 75 was a "good luck with that" band.

From Mobile Delaware, and I've visited there somewhat annually in support of my Found The Elephants Award (more on that later), I found the Hustler would on 75 get me a bold 33 report from New Jersey if the wind blew right. Wow, what a signal I had, a 22 from CT was a big deal. The Hustler system was a bit unwieldy on such a small car so for safety reasons I went to the next test.

Hamsticks offered a new challenge with a small car, storing unused hamsticks in a car with about 6' of space inside. But magnet mounts were simple, so I invested in a big tripod magnet mount. Only me could lose that mount with attached hamstick while driving down the interstate from Virginia enroute back to Western MD.

So NEXT was a ball mount attached to the side of the car. At least the hamstick stayed in place now. But how did it compare to the Hustler system? 20 meters not much difference noted. 40 meters was ok, not great but I could talk to people. I used hamsticks from Chincoteague VA and made it into a 40 meter net. Needed a hope and a prayer to work a half dozen folks on 75 straining to give me 22 or maybe an exciting 33 report. So the jury did not like the hamstick either on 75.

Now what? For me it was the first of 2 different Outbackers, this antenna thing is getting expensive. The six foot stick was tried first and had the advantage of all the regular bands on one stick, just change a "wonderlead" to change bands. This \$300 antenna worked well on all bands except..... yep you guessed it, 75. So next, to the more expensive big Outbacker, the 9' Outreach. Wow this antenna looks impressive and will scrape against the bottom of bank drive throughs so has to be good right? The results... all bands except 75 got better reports.

Would I ever get 75 to work at least ok on my small car? The answer was yes but only after yet another antenna change. This time I went for an antenna the manufacturer guaranteed would work on 75 with proper installation on any size car.

So I invested in a small (almost a screw-driver) antenna from Hi-Q. Its a Hi-Q RT 3/80 and haven't looked back. I did make some discoveries. Proper grounding and lots of it is needed. Also there are commercial capacitance match boxes and shunt coils. I tried the MFJ box and wasn't happy so tried shunt coils homemade of different sizes.

Thoughts from a Leisure Mobile - Continued

The shunt coil was needed , and around 14 turns of heavy wire sized around a broomstick or a pill bottle seemed to work. The coil was spread out over about 3" then adjusted for a good match. I needed the coil for both 40 and 75. Getting a good match for 75 made a world of difference.

I entered the antenna shootout at a Century Club Eyeball held on year in PA. One reason I entered was because 75 meters was the band to be tested. With my luck on 75 over the years with my small car the big goal was not to finish in last place. They ran the tests and out of 15 participants, using the smallest remote tuned antenna in the HI-Q lineup on the smallest car with a 6' stinger whip (manufacturer recommends 7'6") I finished 4th. Success at last. Since I switched to that antenna on my Ford micro car, under the best conditions, I've gone coast to coast on 75 with my best report a 55 from KI6WOX when I was mobile in the Maryland Capital. In New England a couple years ago worked DX on 75 and 40 and a 40 meter 59 from US7WW almost by itself made the trip worthwhile.

I mentioned earlier that some of my mobile adventures are in support of my free to you awards series. In case you don't know here are the general details.

FOUND THE ELEPHANTS - Work me, WA3EOP in 6 different states. Doesn't matter if I'm fixed at home, operating portable or as usual mobile, just need the combination to add up to 6 different states.

There are no band or mode restrictions its a mixed band award. I don't need your cards submitted but I need sent a list of claimed eligible contacts along with your name as you want it on your cherished certificate and a good snail mail address. I can be emailed ... wa3eop@verizon.net or wa3eop@arrl.net. With postage, photo type printing and a secure mailer I spend about \$4 to give you a free award. About 107 of these certificates are out there now.

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STILL SEEING ELEPHANTS AWARD- like above but 13 different states needed for this one. Your original Found The Elephants credits you with those 6 states toward the 13 different states needed for this one. Only 5 of these hang proudly somewhere.

These awards are out there for "something different" and as you can see Elephant Hunting has become a popular activity. As a result of my recent excursion back to NJ and to DE several folks who haven't gotten the award are within a state or two of the basic FTE award. Good luck and catch you on the bands.



WA3EOP, Page, #3031 - Mobilin' in his Pocket Rocket

Wandering Ham



Page, WA3EOP, sponsors a free “Found the Elephants” award to those stations who over time work Page in 6 or more States. There are no time limits or band restrictions for this award.

Recently Page was found roaming around in the State of North Carolina.



When an important dignitary such as Page and the “Elephants On Parade” visits North Carolina the Amateur radio operators of the state pull out all of the stops. All 7 radio operators come out and greet you, with a warm North Carolina welcome.



L to R: Jamey - K4RVJ, Russ - NC4CN, George - WN4LTY, Page - WA3EOP, Tom - WB5SYK, Donnie - WG4ZOD.
Kneeling: Dal - W4YQY, and Ron - NC4RS

We should all one day be so lucky to enjoy the warm reception and excellent banquet that is provided to visiting royalty and important dignitaries.

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OMISS Membership - Jerry W5JDF

My association with OMISS started on April 17, 2010, when I happened to run across the OMISS Nets on 20 meters. On that day I worked Ray, K2RND, #6845 and Jerry, N8DY, #4833 and applied for my OMISS Membership. I have been involved with OMISS ever since as OMISS #6949. I have achieved numerous OMISS awards including a 5-Band WAS, DX Awards, a couple of Statehood Awards, the State Flags Award, and many more. During the past three plus years I have seen many members come and go from OMISS. When I look at why I have remained active in OMISS I think one key factor is the Amateur Radio fellowship I have found. In my case, I live in an area that does not have an active Amateur Radio community. As a result, most of my "ham radio friends," have been made through OMISS. These relationships have not only proven to be good friendships, but also some great mentoring.

To reminisce about a few, the first one that comes to mind, was when I was having relay issues with my amp. I was facing having to ship the amp back to the company for repair, and it certainly was going to cost me some money. During an OMISS net I asked on AIM if anyone knew anything about the amp and my problems. I got a reply from the NCS Ed, K6HP, #7019, and after the net we talked on the phone. With his help and guidance, I ordered the two relays that needed to replace from Mouser for about \$7.00, and was able to change them out myself. I have also got valuable input and opinions from OMISS members before buying equipment, and on antennas. A few of these other members that come to mind are Dal, W4YQY, #5549, Joe KT7E, #6282 and Tandy, K5TRM, #5895. My 160M Inverted L is modeled after an article written by Bob, N4JTE, #1550. my OMISS friends.

I also recall many good times talking music and guitars with Homer, ND8F, #774 and Fred, KC9NN, #324. There are others that I have not mentioned, but are valued and appreciated just as much. I have also tried to help other members when I could, trying to help them resolve a problem, get their equipment hooked up, helped on other aspects of the hobby or OMISS. Just ask my wife Linda she will certainly tell you of the

of the hours I have spent on the phone or on Skype with my OMISS friends.

I have also seen this OMISS fellowship bring together a group to help another member get back on the air after having to sell their equipment and move due to a serious medical condition. It was amazing to see the commitment, cooperation, and success of this ad-hoc project. We also shared the grief at our friend's passing.

I have also had the pleasure of meeting several OMISS members face-to-face over the past few years. I have met Jim, KC5VGD/M, #4724 on trips through town. My wife and I have enjoyed great lunches and visits with Edd KK5EDD, #6678 and his wife Louise, Tandy K5TRM, #5895 and his wife Frances, and coffee with Ed, KM5FF, #5558. I hope this is a trend that will continue in the years to come, in addition to the opportunities to meet with other OMISS members at other Amateur Radio functions.

So I guess my point is that OMISS is more than just nets, contacts, and awards. It is also about people and the connections we make through our common interest in Amateur Radio. Earning awards and making contacts is a lot of fun, but the friendships we make in OMISS can be one of the best benefits of being an OMISS member.

Jerry W5JDF #6949



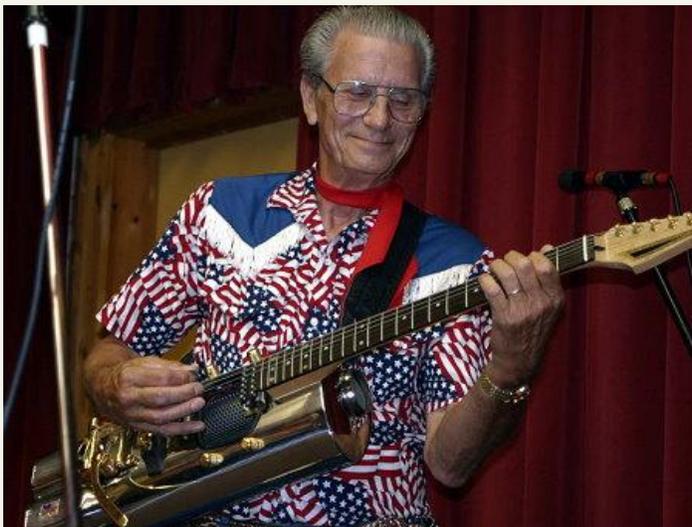
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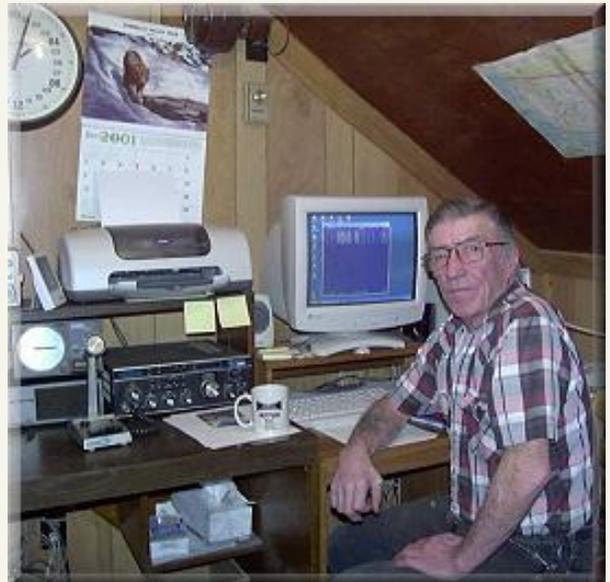
W4YQY - Dal, All Bands Coordinator
WA4ZOP - Warren, Advisory Committee Chair
W4UZI - Charlie, OMISS President



K0MAF, Jack, Vice President,
KF5RD, Pete, Awards Manager,
K5ENA, John, Treasurer
Eyeball - When Jack was in Tulsa,OK



ND8F - Homer, Director



KF7UX - Bob, Director

Missing: Mike Maddox - Secretary

TOP OP'S AND NCS OF THE 3RD QUARTER

Top OP for July 2013

KD0TXH: Dave Tolsdorf
OMISS: 8641

Co-Top OPs for
September 2013

W9FML: Carrie Krueger
OMISS: 8420

NCS for the 3rd Quarter
2013

W6NWF: Vivian
Wentworth - Kitson
OMISS: 7000

Top OP for August 2013

And

KB1JTB: Michael Kane
OMISS: 7254

WA3EOP: Page Pyne
OMISS: 3031

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Howard: KD7WIZ



John "OJ" Saunders:
K1AZZ



Mike Stevens: W8EMT