VETERAN WIRELESS OPERATORS ASSOCIATION
2013 YEARBOOK
ISSUED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE
EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL BANQUET
Sunday, June 9, 2013
Don Pepe Restaurant, Newark, New Jersey
RECEPTION .................................................. 1:00 P.M.

WELCOME .................................................. Alan M. Ehrlich, WA2GDQ
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LUNCHEON

ADDRESS

   Ed Raser, W2ZI: Early Wireless Man
   JOHN H. DILKS, K2TQN

   Memories of Raymond Maurstad
   DEBORAH MAURSTAD

AWARD PRESENTATION

   VWOA Historic Preservations Award Plaque
   JOHN H. DILKS, K2TQN
MESSAGE FROM THE VWOA CHAIRMAN

FRANCIS T. CASSIDY

Since my last Yearbook message, there has also been a continuing increase in requests for information by foreign visitors to NYC and foreign Internet surfers in all the historic events listed in detail on the VWOA web site at www.vwoa.org.

Our VWOA Email Newspaper which is also published at: http://www.vwoa.org/OnlinePubs.htm has provided answers to these requests during the past 12 months. If you have not already done so, I invite you to take a visit to the URL and see for yourself the results for 2012 and 2013.

The upcoming year 2014 holds a special significance for the descendants of RO Ferdinand J. Kuehn of the S.S. Monroe which sank in the Atlantic, January 30, 1914. We have received independent requests from both paternal and maternal sides of his descendants. Both sides have a large family. They want to come to the United States from several countries in Europe to view the VWOA Memorial Monument at Battery Park, New York City and have a 100 year family reunion and celebration of the heroic action of RO Ferdinand J. Kuehn when he gave up his life jacket to a woman passenger as the ship was sinking and thus lost his life as a result of his actions.

As of now the New York City Parks Department hopes to have the Wireless Monument in place by the end of 2013, but this remains tentative. VWOA Director Miles D. MacMahon has provided full VWOA cooperation to the NYC agency in pursuit of a definite completion date, and maintains contact with the agency to assure that we are up to date on the installation schedule.

VWOA has assured the descendants of our continuing efforts and will advise them immediately when the completion date is set.

Age continues to take its toll on the VWOA membership and the listing of SK members continues to grow. This current Yearbook details this listing. Another disturbing action is the lack of Next of Kin notification of the passing of long-time VWOA members and our Membership Secretary finds many times that both the member and Next of Kin cannot be contacted by Internet, domestic and international mail or telephone.

Make sure this information for YOU specifically is up to date in our VWOA database. Contact the VWOA Membership Secretary, Wendell Benson.

My continuing good wishes for you and your family in the coming year.
Greetings Everyone! Welcome to the 88th Veteran Wireless Operators Association Annual Awards Luncheon. We are pleased to once again gather at the Don Pepe Restaurant in Newark, New Jersey for an afternoon of business, good fellowship, and presentation of awards.

Our speaker, John Dilks, is a well-known writer for the Amateur Radio Relay League’s (ARRL) *QST Magazine*, with his monthly column called “Old Radio.” His presentation today, on the life and work of Ed Raser W2ZI, promises an exciting glimpse into radio history, equipment, and the progression of radio science and technological advancement.

The VWOA Awards Luncheon is always a unique and special occasion where the Awards Committee honors outstanding individuals with an appropriate award from the VWOA’s catalogue of plaques and medals. The committee always solicits and welcomes suggestions from VWOA members who may have an individual in mind to be nominated to receive an award.

I hope that by the end of 2013 the Wireless Operators Memorial will be re-installed in Battery Park at its new location, just a short distance from its previous place in the park. At that time, the names of several additional Wireless Operators, who perished while on duty, will be added to the monument. Dr. Miles MacMahon, our Wireless Memorial Chairman, has maintained close liaison with the Battery Park Conservancy on the location and status of the monument, which is also being refurbished during this time.

The transmitting antenna atop the new World Trade Center has just been installed. The tower, added to the building’s height, rises to 1,776 feet. I am sure that the new, sophisticated state-of-the-art antennas and broadcasting equipment housed in this building are very impressive and innovative. Perhaps at one of our future Annual Awards Luncheons we will invite a speaker who is involved in the industry and who can give our members an “insider’s” view and description of this modern broadcasting marvel.

How we communicate is always improving due to technology, expanding user needs, and economics. For example, now many passenger ship cruise ports have “Wi-Fi Zones” within the facility, which allows both the vessel’s crew and passengers to make use of this wireless service for a nominal fee. Crew members can now communicate with friends and family at home by way of online telephone calls via their laptop or iPad computers, complete with internal cameras using Skype technology.

At this time of unprecedented rapid developments in the world of communications, my wife Ann and I take this traditional written opportunity to wish everyone all the best!

73 to all!

ALAN M. EHRLICH
VWOA Historic Preservations Award Plaque

John H. Dilks, K2TQN
Photo at left shows Ed Raser as a young seaboard sparks. Exact date is unknown.

Photo below shows Ed in his wireless museum in his home in Trenton, New Jersey. Ed was never too busy to drop everything at hand to be both a gracious host and a fascinating tour guide to his extensive collection of radio equipment.
FROM THE VWOA ARCHIVES

Image courtesy of David Lowden from his personal collection. Notice the autograph of long-time VWOA Honorary President, Barry Goldwater, SK
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THE WIRELESS OPERATORS MONUMENT
BATTERY PARK, NEW YORK CITY

Jack Phillips, S.S. Titanic
April 15, 1912 — Atlantic Coast

George C. Eccles, S.S. Ohio
August 26, 1909 — Pacific Coast

Stephen F. Szczepanek,
S.S. Pere Marquette
September 9, 1910 — Lake Michigan

Lawrence Prudhunt, S.S. Rose Crans
January 7, 1913 — Pacific Coast

Donald Campbell Perkins,
S.S. State of California
August 18, 1913 — Pacific Coast

Ferdinand J. Kuehn,
S.S. Monroe
January 30, 1914 — Atlantic Coast

Walter E. Reker, S.S. Admiral Sampson
August 25, 1914 — Puget Sound

Clifton J. Fleming, S.S. Francis H. Leggett
September 18, 1914 — Oregon Coast

Harry Fred Otto, S.S. Francis H. Leggett
September 18, 1914 — Oregon Coast

George Arundel Geare, Bark Manga Reva
November 1916 — Atlantic Ocean

Adolph J. Svenson, S.S. Hanalei
November 23, 1914 — Pacific Coast

James J. Curran, S.S. Moreno
June 12, 1917 — Off Azores

Russell A. Williams, S.S. Montana
July 31, 1917 — English Channel

Francis Joseph Doherty,
S.S. City of Athens
May 1, 1918 — Atlantic Coast

Boris Michael Dutko, S.S. Brindilla
December 1, 1919 — At Sea

Lawrence B. Robinson, S.S. Macona
January 17, 1920 — Swedish Coast

Emile H. Hulsemann, S.S. Cubahist
March 7, 1920 — Off Hatteras

John Frantsen, S.S. Grontoft
March 2, 1922 — North Atlantic

Ernest E. Dorsey, S.S. Swift Arrow
July 15, 1923 — Caribbean Sea

Fred Salim, S.S. Conejos
December 27, 1923 — Black Sea

Peter L. Bacünka, S.S. Haleakala
September 8, 1926 — Atlantic Ocean

Lawrence M. Waring, Jr., S.S. Colopaxi
December 2, 1926 — Off Florida Coast

Charles F. Ruble, S.S. Elkton
February 1927 — Pacific Ocean

J. Maurice Black, S.S. David C. Reid
October 14, 1928 — South Atlantic

Michael Joseph O’Loughlin,
S.S. Vestrías
November 12, 1926 — Off Virginia Coast

William R. Robertson, S.S. Nevada
September 26, 1932

Russell L. MacDonald, S.S. Mohawk
January 24, 1935 — Jersey Coast

Former Honorary President and radio pioneer,
Dr. Lee DeForest, SK, at the Wireless Operators Monument

Ernest Edwin Dailey, U.S.S. Macon
February 12, 1935 — California Coast

Charles J. Taylor, S.S. Blaingowrie
February 26, 1935 — North Atlantic

Frank M. Caldwell, Jr., S.S. Iowa
January 11, 1936 — Pacific Coast

Papas Theodorou, S.S. Kyelline
April 11, 1938 — Atlantic Coast

John V. O’Reilly, S.S. Fort Mercer
February 18, 1952 — Atlantic Coast

James G. Greer, S.S. Pendleton
February 18, 1952 — Atlantic Coast

Donald MacNeil, S.S. Tresillian
November 30, 1954 — North Atlantic

Swilhelm Siemers, Bark Pamir
September 21, 1957 — North Atlantic

Carl Johan Nielsen Dejligbjerg,
S.S. Hans Hedtoft
January 30, 1959 — North Atlantic

Raymond F. Brazner, S.S. Pine Ridge
December 21, 1960 — Atlantic Ocean

George E. Slout,
S.S. Marine Sulphur Queen
February 4, 1963 — Florida Straits

John B. Hilliar, S.S. Ambassador
February 18, 1964 — North Atlantic

Joachim Geissler, MV Munich
June 25, 1964 — North Atlantic

Carlos R. Griffith, S.S. Panoeconomic Faith
October 9, 1967 — North Pacific

Albert E. Merrikin,
S.S. Texaco Oklahoma
March 27, 1971 — Atlantic Ocean

Bente Knudson, Norse Variant
March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

Kari Bergelien, Anita
March 22, 1973 — Atlantic Coast

Joseph Vynak, S.S. Poet
October 24, 1980 — Atlantic Ocean

David Staier, S.S. Mezada
March 8, 1981 — Atlantic Ocean

Paul Conaty, S.S. Elma Tres
November 26, 1981 — Atlantic Ocean

Albion F. Lane, S.S. Marine Electric
February 12, 1983 — Atlantic Ocean

Danilos Pajaragan, MV Baltsa 24
February 25, 1987 — North Atlantic

Maung Maue Htue, Marika
December 31, 1993 — North Atlantic

Hepolito Elanga, S.S. Polydoros
November 22, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

Serhiy B. Bukov, S.S. Salvador Allende
December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

Olexander V. Lange,
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December 8, 1994 — Atlantic Ocean

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I have missed the sun in setting. I have missed the sky aglow.

There has passed from earth a beauty that I shall never know.
I resolve that in the future as the darkness falls about
I will not sit within with Browning While the sun sets . . . without

At Sea 1947
by
Dr. Miles D. MacMahon