



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION & HISTORY SHEET

## SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS

P.O. Box 530 Santa Rosa, Calif., U.S.A. ☐ 95402

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NO <u>403-56P</u>
DATE <u>8-14-69</u>
\$ <u>5.00</u> *
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POC <u>8/16/69</u>
FG <u>8/16/69</u>

I hereby apply for "LIFE" membership in the SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS and certify that I meet requirements for membership in classification marked below. I have held a valid R-T license of Commercial Class (unless employment antedates license requirements). I have worked at a ship/shore station open to "PG" traffic. Military personnel exempt from license requirements if so assigned however they may be required to furnish proof of such assignment or suitable documentation to Chairman, Membership Committee. I AGREE to keep my address current on the Society's records and acknowledge failure to do so as sufficient grounds to drop me from membership. I am enclosing check or money order (Make out to the Society) in the amount of \$7.00 covering \$2.00 non-recurring initiation fee and \$5.00 dues for current year.

DATE 8-14-69 SIGNED WATSON - Clifton H



SPARK-GAP PIONEER (Service PRIOR 1915) \_\_\_\_\_ PIONEER (Svc. 1915-1925 Incl.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ VETERAN (Service 1926-1935 Inclusive) \_\_\_\_\_ PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE (After  
 "CLIF" 1935)

HISTORY SHEET PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE  
WATSON, CLIFTON H. WATSON  
 Family Name Given Name Initial "Handle" Sine Wife Name  
 4870 W. Point Loma Blvd. San Diego, Calif. 92107  
 Street or P.O. Box # City State Zip Tph.A/C number

ASSIGNMENT RECORD/S

COS - 1911  
 DATE FIRST LICENSE NO. CLASS. SIGNED BY  
1909 S.S. STN. "DZ" UWT STN PORTLAND OREGON.  
 DATE ASSIGNED NAME OF FIRST SHIP CALL LETTERS NAME OF OPERATING COMPANY (RADIO)

SHIP OR SHORE STATIONS WHERE YOU SERVED:

FROM	TO	NAME SHIP/SHORE STN & CALL	FROM	TO	NAME OF STATION & CALL
1910		KE ST HELELS UWT	1917		RI SEATTLE (ASST. RI.)
1911		SS CHEHALIS	1918-21		USN MAREISLAND
1912-13		UNIV. OF OREGON.	1921		STARTED H&W. HALOWAT RORS BUILT
1914		NW Elec Co. Inst PGN & DGN			KGG GDC STN. Cloto 32 R Cdr 1947
1916		Built group Stns in Montana PWR CO			(Additional - use back side)

MEMBER SOS/CQD'ers CLUB ? ( Those who have sent CQD or SOS and/or abandoned Ship)  
 NAME OF SHIP \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SOS \_\_\_\_\_ (Details on Separate sheet)

PLEASE COMPLETE THE REVERSE SIDE OF APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE

AMATEUR ACTIVITIES ?

Your first call RM 1906 Date ? 1906 PRESENT CALL K6WC SINCE \_\_\_\_\_ FCY's \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you wish to join the Society's C.W. NET ? \_\_\_\_\_ If "YES" we will have C.O. send you operating details and keep you posted on activities of the WP CW NET.

ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO ? (PLEASE CHECK )

\_\_\_ ARRL. \_\_\_ OOTC. \_\_\_ QCWA? \_\_\_ ERC. \_\_\_ VWOA. \_\_\_ IEEE. \_\_\_ AFCEA. \_\_\_ IRE  
 \_\_\_ AWA. \_\_\_ DeF. P. \_\_\_ (X)URTA. \_\_\_ MTC. \_\_\_ ROU. \_\_\_ ARA. \_\_\_ ACA.  
 \_\_\_ MARS. \_\_\_ WCARS. \_\_\_ SARO. OTHER ? (List) \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPATION

Would you hold a Chapter or National Office in the SOCIETY OF WIRELESS PIONEERS if nominated ? \_\_\_\_\_ If "YES" what type of activity would you enjoy most ?  
 \_\_\_ Organizing; \_\_\_ Records; \_\_\_ Secretary; \_\_\_ Treas. \_\_\_ Correspondent.  
 \_\_\_ Editing Society Publications. \_\_\_ C.W. Net (Operations); \_\_\_ Awards.  
 \_\_\_ Historian. \_\_\_ Book Reviews (Subject) \_\_\_\_\_ Promotion \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Membership; \_\_\_ Travel Program. \_\_\_ Entertainment. \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER.

RECORDS & HISTORICAL DATA.

Do you have pictures of early wireless installations, stations, ships, etc., that you would either loan or donate to the Society ? If so would you please catalogue, if not too much work, particularly names of ships and installations which we might call for in covering various stories ? (Use 8 1/2 x 11" sheets if necessary).

Do you have any books on communications (wireless and radio) plus early day catalogues you would donate or loan the Society ? Do you have nautical books including old files of magazines, articles on ships etc., you would donate or make available for loan to the Society ? (Kindly list)

(Use extra pages as necessary)

Would you undertake SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS for PORTS O' CALL ? What subject would you like to write about ? \_\_\_\_\_ Can you cartoon or draw (illustrate) for us ? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you furnish current addresses of those who you think qualify for membership but do not find on the Society's roster ? May we use your name as sponsors ?

NAME	STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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ADD SHEETS AS NECESSARY. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT.

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## Notes on Cliff Watson

Built first ham set about 1906-7 at Portland. Call "RM" a "slight mismatch" in the antenna circuit caused it to glow at night like a junior neon lamp!

Broke in at United Wireless Portland (DZ - Perkins Hotel) in 1909, and worked at "KE" St Helens Ore for United in 1910. Started marine operating in 1911, and <sup>during summers</sup> worked on the "Chehalis" "Dirigo" "Senator" and "Humboldt". On the latter vessel his shipmate was his boyhood pal Joe Hallock. Went to O.A.C. Coballis in '11, '12 + '13, where he and Hallock operated their own station as "CZ" (a combination of their personal signs).

To Northwestern Elec Co. in '14, where he and Hallock installed and operated PGN + UGN, Portland Ore + Underwood Wn (limited com'l.). Worked as hydro. elec. station oiler & oper. at Underwood til '16 when he decided to go to Montana and install a group of wireless stations for Montana Power Co, all the usual 2 KW spark outfits.

1917, served a short time as Asst Radio Inspector, Dept of Commerce at Seattle. Didn't care too much for the paper work, so got on at Mare



Island Navy Yard as a Radio Electrician. Worked there till the end of 1921, at which time he and Hallock left good jobs and started Hallock & Watson Radio Service in Portland. There they engaged in radio merchandising, building HALOWAT receivers and numerous broadcast stations, beginning with their own "KGG" in early '22. They "pulled the switch" on it in late '24, just before the first broadcast time was sold!, thus passing up a million bucks or two (maybe!). Their last station construction was a 500 watt Highlevel broadcast type transmitter built for Portland Police. This station (KGPP - 2442 KC) installed in May of '32, operated for 25 years before being replaced by VHF gear.

Hallock & Watson Radio Service closed in 1932 and Watson operated the shop for another couple of years before giving it up; one of the many many concerns that "folded" during the depression.

In 1942 Cliff went in the Navy, getting the rating of Lieut., and was

assigned to intelligence and Census work. He first served at Seattle, and later at Honolulu, where he made Commander, and was mustered out in '46 or '47. Not ~~too~~ long after that he returned to civilian Naval Radio service at Naval Radio Laboratory, San Diego. There he worked until his retirement in 1962.

Clif and his pretty wife Clara are very happily retired at their much-beloved San Diego, where they say they'll always remain. Clif's fine <sup>generally</sup> fist can be heard on "K6 WC" at the low end of the 14 mc band. As he and his buddy Joe Hallock both got their "Certificates of Skill" in 1911, the FCC has given them their "Extra" class licenses, so look for Clif and Joe around 14.020.

PS - I'm sure he's still an active Mason. Has one child, Nancy married. Don't know all other organizations.

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