Premium-Rx List

Subscribers Bios

In the list's first few years, Greg Bailey prepared a short bio on each member as they joined. This practice was later discontinued. However, after prodding from several list members, Greg is considering continuing this tradition.

What follows are those bios, organized by date the member was welcomed to the list. Not everyone who joined has a bio here, and not all of those listed here are still members. There is also an alphabetical list at the end of the document.

It is our intent to update this document as new members join the list.

If you would like to add, modify or delete your bio - let me know.

Greg Bailey & Jan Skirrow June 3, 2003

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Date: Thu, 29 Apr 1999 11:38:56 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Karl-Arne A. Markstrom

Gentlemen:

I would like to welcome Karl-Arne A. Markstrom to our Premium-Rx membership. Our newest member is located in Enskede, a suburb of Stockholm, Sweden. Karl "stumbled" across our website while making an Altavista search for information on the RA1792.

He received his amateur call (SMOAOM) in 1971, and has a principle area of interest in avionics and military communication. His work assignment deals with HF systems which has drawn him to the area of Premium-Rx devices.

In the short time I have communicated with Karl two things have impressed me..... (1) His English is better than mine (so drop him a letter of welcome) and (2) he has a collection of Premium-Rx's that is longer than anyone should be allowed to own, and which there is insufficient room to include on this page (including a 2050).

Welcome Karl-	
Greg	

Date: Sun, 02 May 1999 19:57:23 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Jim McVein

Gentlemen:

JIM McVEIN has joined the group.

Jim checks the internet from (what he claims) the finest listening post in the northern hemisphere..... Dublin, I reland. In addition to downloading RF from his QTH, he has found it is ideally situated for tilting Guinness (?).

Jim is another Racal 6830 driver and has 2 of those Harris 590s loaded with the RF 551-A preselectors. He claims to have a Reaction Instruments 685, a cold war Ronny Reagan chunk of hardware. Jim says it is ideal for mounting four wheels and using as a skateboard.

Although his present QTH is a temporary duty station (last located in the Portland area) he will be attending Dayton this year. Anyone up that way from the Premium group will need to stop by booth 2353..... he says he will buy the first beer.... well he didn't really say that, but I'll bet he will share one with you. No telling if the beer will be cold and green.

Good	to	have	you	join	us Jim	

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Date: Mon, 03 May 1999 20:19:40 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Robert Follett

Gentlemen: From Utah, ROBERT FOLLETT has joined our List.

Some of us go on field days to experience noise free QTHs, and then there are others that are so involved in this hobby that they just flat out move to a noise free QTH.

Here is my type of radio enthusiast. Growing up in LA, he found the high electrical noise level limited his hobby of DX SWLing. Sooooo, he picks up his antenna and moves it to Utah. It must have paid off, as he is one happy DXer with -225 logged- in one of his areas of interest. Bob is also interested in generating a little RF, relax guys, he is a QRP buff using CW. He holds an Extra class and was first licensed 33 years ago.

Bob comes to us with a vocational background of computer/telecommunications (since 1963) and its associated fields of interest: DSP and noise cancellation.

I am sure we will hear from this member when the topic of DSP surfaces again..... Say, how about holding our first general List meeting next summer in Utah, I hear it is quiet up there??????

Drop Bob a note and say hello-	
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Date: Tue, 04 May 1999 19:33:01 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Geoff Greer

Gentlemen:

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GEOFF GREER has joined the Premium-Rx group. Geoff, like most of us started with one of those 390A "heaters" (easy Ripple, I can see you reaching for your keyboard and poison darts) and graduated toward RA6790/GM, a 590, and a few pieces of WJ gear inluding HF and VHF/UHF. He tells me his enlightenment came when he bought his Racal, from then on he was spoiled on Premium devices.

Geoff brings to our group a continuing thread of those that collect and share technical documentation. I know John Bryant also has a "paper collection" of manuals as do others in our group. Geoff (and another new member to be anounced) is located north of Detroit about 30 miles in a town by the name of Mt. Clemens. Presently he is constructing an antenna farm so I assume that he will be hearing from Beverage boys.

Welcome to the group Geoff, we look forward to hearing from you.

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Date: Wed, 05 May 1999 17:19:11 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Valentino Zardi

Gentlemen:

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From Denmark- Val Zardi has become our latest member.

Val enjoys the technical AND the SWL part of Premium-Rxs. After working with a commercially available receiver, he switched to the WJ's 1000 and has become enchanted with its DSP. While most of us would be happy just having a WJ1000, Val decided to invest in a Rohde & Schwarz EK895. His 895 came with the fast-DSP module and software upgrade.

At the moment Val is living just north of Copenhagen, Denmark, but he will be moving to Rome, I taly in a couple of months. Val can be presently reached at: "Valentino Zardi" <valz@csi.com>

In closing, when I saw the name Valentino Zardi and the return address of Denmark..... I immediately said to myself that this guy has got to be a displaced I talian. Displaced or not, we are happy to have a Danish/I talian representative join our List.

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Date: Fri, 07 May 1999 06:50:49 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>
Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Fredric Einstein

Gentlemen:

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From Detroit, FREDRIC EINSTEIN has joined our group. Fred is our second member in the Detroit area.

Fred weighs in with a complete line of Drake 7 equipment. You will remember that the Drake 7 was produced for the US government (thus qualifying as a Premium) while the Drake 8 didn't make the grade. Weird huh? His line up includes a TR7, L7, MN2700, SP75, R7A, and a RV75. Presently you can copy Fred using the call KB7UUC which he received in 1993.

Fred worked for that small company owned by "Bill Gates" in Seattle for 16 years, but now is a part-timer with Ford.

Welcome to our group Fred.

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Date: Sat, 08 May 1999 09:56:22 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Al Klase

Gentlemen: I would like to welcome AL KLASE to the List.

Al enjoys the fascination of the older receivers that (in his words) cost as much as a "Buick" when first produced. He is a vintage radio collector, restorer, and historian specializing in communication receivers. But Al has seen the light.... and it came to him in the form of a Racal 6790/GM and a piece or two of WJ gear. He also hordes a J-4, 390, and a 390A to keep warm when the sun travels south for six months out of the year. This "seconds the motion" that even Premium drivers enjoy glowing devices.

He is active as the chairman of the New Jersey Antique Radio Club, and is newsletter editor for the Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club. During the day time Al can be found working for a major semiconductor company as a field applications engineer.

If you want to give Al a few words of welcome try: skywaves@bw.webex.net Glad you could join us Al, nice to have you aboard.

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Date: Sat, 7 May 1999 14:08:51 -0910

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Peter Gottlieb

Located about 17 miles from New York City, specifically in Dobbs Ferry, PETER GOTTLIEB joins the group.

Peter is an ME that specializes in coding and application design of embedded microprocessors. He admits to owning a Harris 590 which is housed in a rack with a 1KW RF generator (?). Being a programmer, Peter is attempting to interface the 590A to a PC via a network connection using a Java front panel. He recently brought the 590A BIOS up to date and has successfully done the basic programming of it by computer.

Peter states that he read (from the Premium List's archives) that there was a question of whether a 590 had a noise blanker. He responds: The noise blanker is a part of the preselector, so if you have the preselector, you have the NB. The LED works whether or not you have the NB. My unit does not have the preselector, but I have the RF-551B pre/post selector which is supposed to be better. This unit does not go below 2 MHz, though, and that is where I would like to use it.

Sounds interesting. I can see the 590 members hammering Peter's e-mail address for software upgrades. Glad you volunteered to help Peter?...

Oh yes, you will find Peter at the address: peter_gottlieb@email.msn.com

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Date: Mon, 10 May 1999 17:08:51 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: John Miles

Gentlemen:

JOHN MILES, one of our new members, aka KE5FX, is a displaced Texan presently living in Kirkland, Washington.

John claims to be a little underqualified for the List, however, I noted he owns (or is about to own) a 2050 and a Collins 95S-1A. He hopes to see if there are any other 95S-1 operators in our group? As a software developer, John has written a small DOS app to drive the receiver. He says his work may be a little crude and flaky but still nicer to use than the Windows software that Rockwell bundles with the rig. If interested, he is willing to share.

Like many of the new members, John has been known to build some homebrew projects..... and even admits to burning his fingers on the soldering iron a few time.

Our membership continues to grow in the northwest, with John being the newest.

Drop him a line at: jmiles@pop.net

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Date: Tue, 11 May 1999 20:45:57 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Donald Nelson

Gentlemen:

Another new member from the Portland area has join our List. DONALD NELSON had been active as a DXer for the past 25 years. Albeit, his interest has ebbed a little at times, he is active at the present time.

When Don is not operating his HF1000A, or his newly aquired NRD 545, he manages a hardware/software design team for a major microprocessor company in his home town. He considers the 1000 more sensitivtive, but he gives the 545 the edge in the DSP area. I figure that single statement should provide sufficient material to burn up 2 months of bandwidth on this List.

Don has been a Premium driver for some time as he tells me that he recently drifted away from a Drake 7 device. Best wishes to you Don, nice to have you join with us.

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Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 07:56:18 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Bruce Sugarberg

Gentlemen:

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Akron, Ohio is the site were BRUCE SUGARBERG, or newest member, reads the Premium-Rx List. Bruce applied for membership some time ago, but I am just now getting around to posting his membership. My sincerest appreciation for his patience.

This member's vocation is in the area of computer software and hardware, however, exotic radio gear rates numero uno. According to Bruce, the more exotic (or was that erotic?), the more interesting they are.

His benchmark device is the Harris 590, but he includes a special order Drake 7 originally designed for the FCC, and a Mackay marine 3031, and a unique Racal 6217 which Osterman states "...widely used by the FBI, FCC and other governmental agencies." He lists a number of other pieces of hardware as "receivers, past and present".

Licensed in 1966, and presently using WA8TNC, you can drop Bruce a post at: bsugarberg@stratos.net

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Date: Thu, 13 May 1999 21:41:22 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Bob Duckworth

Gentlemen:

From Atlanta, BOB DUCKWORTH is now reading the List. I must admit, Bob's application for membership was received about two weeks ago. I reviewed his letter of application (which included a list of hardware that any member would love to claim) but unfortunately I did not recognize a piece of hardware which fulfilled our Premium-Rx definition. Thus, I had to inform Bob of my findings and invite him to apply in the future when he added a Premium-Rx to his stable of hardware.

Evidently I didn't know Bob, nor the specs of his hardware collection. I no more than hit the SEND key than I got a reply politely asking me to review his WJ 9049 "monitoring system" and included the following specs: Watkins Johnson WJ9049, Watkins Johnson Developmental Specification. October, 1978. WJ-9049 Digitally Controlled Receiving System 0.5 to 1000 MHz

FEATURES:

Integrated multi-position multisite signal acquisition and monitor capability High Performance receivers/demodulators Full digital local or remote control Microprocessor based prioritizing and scheduling Digital refreshed displays Position/site hardware interchangeable

OPERATIONAL ADVANTAGES:

Acquire/monitor signal handoff capability Preset up to 100 receiver/demodulator configurations Frequency scan or preset scan capability Up to 15 monitor positions per acquisition position

DESCRIPTION:

The WJ 9049 is comprised of the following items:

1. WJ-9049/HF HF receiver 2. WJ-9049/TSU VHF/UHF Tuner Synthesizer 3. WJ-9049/IFD VHF/UHF IF demodulator 4. WJ-9049/DRD Digital Refreshed display (this is a 20" HP color monitor) 5. WJ-9049/PS power supply 6. WJ-9049/SMU signal monitor unit 7. WJ-9049/IPD IF pan display 8. WJ-9049/SMR signal monitor/regenerator 9. WJ-9049/DCU digital control unit 10. WJ-9049/DIU digital interface unit 11. WJ-9049/AIO asynchronous interface card

The system I have was custom built for the Shah of I ran but never shipped owing to his becoming rather unpopular with his people. It's "X" serial numbered so I guess it qualifies in the 'limited production' category?

It was not set up for remote monitoring but does have 2 HF and 3 VHF/UHF receivers and two operator positions, each with DCU and PAN I do not have any documentation other than some

notes taken while talking to a retired WJ sales rep, the development specification, a copy of some marketing collateral (which has interconnect info), and technical specs on each component.

For example, the HF RX specs read as follows: Tuning range 0.5 to 30MHz Preselection sub-octave filters, automatically switched RF selectivity (table but it's basically 1/2 octave with 20db down at -10% and +20% of the 1/2 octave bandpass Noise figure 15db Oscillator radiation -87dbm IF bandwidths(3db) 0.2,0.5,2,4,8, and 16kHz IF Selectivity (table but filters are a good compromise between minimal phase distortion and 60db bandwidth) Detection modes AM/ANL, AM, CW-fixed, CW-variable, USB, LSB, ISB, FM

Bob states "ss near as I can tell, this is all WJ 8000 series based except that it's all digitally controlled with no front panel controls on any of the receivers, demods, etc.". So where does one "attach" himself to a receiver like this, well Bob buys and sells surplus. Naturally you would think it is surplus radio gear.... wrong, he is in the computer business dealing mainly with Unix based computer systems. Rippel will appreciate that he includes some glowing radios in his collection as well as a Drake or two. Bob has been a ham since 1967, presently sporting the call WB4MNF.

For those of the List that are true hardware connoisseurs, Bob's collection has included a "Condor" with a tuning range of LF - 30 GHz. He tells me some "guys from W. Va. paid him a visit after he bought it on the government surplus market. Seems they made him an offer he couldn't refuse". For more information on this little gem, you will just have to contact Bob direct.

Bob can be reached at: "Bob Duckworth" <wb4mnf@atl.org< th=""></wb4mnf@atl.org<>
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Date: Mon, 24 May 1999 00:17:52 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Cornel van Ravenswaaij

Gentlemen:

From Holland, Cornel van Ravenswaaij is a new reader of our List.

Cornel started tinkering with radios when he was 12, and has worked as a radio officer on a number of merchant ships from 1981 to 1986. Since 1986 he has worked as an air traffic controller at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport. He operates his ham station (PA3BTS) from his home in Den Dolder (located in the central part of the Netherlands).

Cornel has the typical pieces of Racal, JRC, and Drake devices. As far as I know, Cornel is the first member to list a Skanti receiver in his collection (check out Osterman's comments). Cornel is our first Dutchman to join the list. We look forward to hearing from him.

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Date: Mon, 24 May 1999 07:11:45 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>
Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Charles Alexander

Gentlemen:

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Monitoring the world from Columbus, Ohio, Charles Alexander has become our newest member. He says he is a grandfather who is old enough to think frequency should still be identified in cycles versus this new "hurts" stuff. Beginning his interest in radio before he became a teenager, Charlie shares a major interest with many of you in the Tropical band DX.

His first serious receiver was a Drake 2 which was replaced by a 7 (making him eligible for membership) and then a model 8. But he is about to 'feel the force' for sure this weekend when he takes delivery of a 2050. I assume he will be proof reading our remarks on the 2050 from the List's archives?

Charlie rates the rank of Vice President of a "small machine and foundry shop" in his area. We can only assume his deliver trucks are equipped with Premiums? Welcome to the List, we hope to hear from you regarding your impressions on the 2050.

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Date: Thu, 03 Jun 1999 18:33:33 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Marvin Born

Gentlemen:

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Located in Worthington, OH; Marvin Born is now reading out List.

Some of our members are in education, many in engineering, some retired, and yet others are programmers/computer dealers, however, I think Marvin is our first commercial broadcaster. At present he is employed by the Dispatch Broadcast Group and oversees two TV and two radio transmitters as the VP of engineering. His e-mail address tells it all: Marvin Born kmborn@wbns10tv.com> So, members, here is your chance (off line) to get all those answers you have been looking for on HDTV.

It is obvious that he possesses a split personality. In the day he generates RF, but as the sun sets receiving is his interest and that is accomplished on 2 (that is two) 2050s, I COM 9000, 651S-1A, plus some other goodies. Marvin also tells me he has a 390A that holds down one end of his bench (I mention this because of you know who?).

Marvin generates some RF from home using the call KF8XU. Welcome to the List Mr. Born, we look forward to hearing from you.

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Date: Thu, 10 Jun 1999 09:35:25 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Kevin D. Murray

Gentlemen-

Kevin Murray has become our newest member. Kevin operates a number of Watkin-Johnson pieces of equipment in his business (www.spybusters.com) but joins us with a WJ 8718. When not in the receive mode, Kevin generates RF in the New Jersey area under the license of WB2ZSD.

In addition to the WJ hardware, he operates a Rhode & Schwartz EB-200, as well as a ACL SR-209, 2MHz - 4GHz. (Editor's note: let's see, 4 GHz?, ... isn't that just south of light frequency?).

Welcome to our group Kevin...

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Date: Thu, 10 Jun 1999 21:16:41 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Mark L. Bryant

Gentlemen:

Another Bryant has joined the List. This Bryant, with the first name of Mark, versus John who is already a member, works for I BM Global Services (in media). Specifically, he helps deploy internet audio and video streaming for special projects within the advertising industry. Home is in the Kentucky area, however, Mark travels a great deal with prolonged stays.

Mark lists a pickup truck full of hardware, however, he points to a Racal 6790 and the Drake 4245 as qualifiers for our List. Then there is the NRD 91, 515, a 535D, an Eddystone, a Mackay, and a R-8B for backup (?).

Those of you that travel and have had trouble with customs may want to contact Mark. He makes mention that he has had a "problems with his R-8B and customs" in the past.

Looking forward to hearing from you Mark.

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Date: Fri, 18 Jun 1999 06:37:42 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Gerald Caouette

Gentlemen:

Gerald Caouette, our newest member, enjoys the sun and warmth (this time of the year) in Canada. He operates VE6NAP when not playing with his collection of receivers.

He reports that he has a "few 2050s" as well as a single R-390A "heater" that keeps the place warm during this winter months. Then there are those Kenwoods, Yeasu, and an I com just incase he needs to monitor a number of frequencies at one time.

Gerald is interested in driving this 2050 collection with a serial port. I don't know if anyone has accomplished this task but if so, Gerald would like to hear about it (as would the List).

If you are interested in adding a 2050 to your collection, you may want to contact Gerald as he has a few that are looking for good homes. Welcome to the List Gerald, we look forward to hearing from you in the future.

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Date: Sun, 20 Jun 1999 21:59:27 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: George Wagner

Gentlemen:

George Wagner is our 56th, and newest member. George works in marketing and product planning at Westell Technologies in the Chicago area. Although he makes apologies for not using his EE degree in a field of interest like RF, he never-the-less has found a niche in digital, including high speed digital and DSP.

For those 2050 drivers..... listen up George has his 2050 connected to his computer. Perhaps we could twist his arm for some published information? As those before him, George is concerned about the heat of the linear powersupply (whatever happened to the the power supply group?) as well as back lighting the LCD.

Welcome to the group George, I look forward to hearing about the computer control of the 2050. Those wishing to contact George should send their mail to: geewagons@worldnet.att.net

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Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 07:15:31 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: David Jones

Gentlemen:

I have not been keeping up with the Bio's of our new membership. My justification for my tardiness was VACATION and some distracting activity in Grayland, WA (just in case you missed it: http://surf.to/grayland99)

Our newest member is Dave Jones from South Wales, UK. After thirty years of monitoring, he finally decided to get a license and can now be heard using the calls MW1DUJ. However, Dave's true interest is in collecting pieces of hardware that appeal to him. These include: RACAL RA6790/GM, RACAL RA1792, RACAL RA1795, COLLI NS 651/S1, EDDYSTONE 1650/6, EDDYSTONE 1650/9, EDDYSTONE 1837/2, WATKI NS-JOHNSON WJ8626, At present he would like to communicate with others that have the WJ8626 as it is in need of some TLC.

Dave enjoys exchanging ideas on receivers with fellow owners. He admits that some of these receivers are so complex that even with the manual, there is always something to learn. In this regard, he is interested in hear from anyone that has the name/s of a web site with additional receiver information.

Dave is our third member to check in from the UK.

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Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 12:32:44 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>
Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Tadashi Ishimori

Gentlemen:

A welcome to Tadashi I shimori, checking in from Japan. Tadashi forwarded very much information to share in his biography, so my introduction will be somewhat short. This is not a problem because as a premium user, we certainly welcome him to the List. Obviously, from his return e-mail address, he works for some company by the name of Memorex. :-)

Tadashi checks in with a HF-2050 as well as a number of other pieces of equipment. These include JRCs and a few Collins (yes Chuck even a 390a).

He desires information on where to purchase other types of receivers including Racals, WJ, and Harris. Perhaps some of our membership would take the time to drop Tadashi an e-mail welcoming him to the List and making some suggestions for enlarging his radio collection.

Tadashi can be reached at: Tadashi I shimori <ishimori@memorex.co.jp> Tadashi, welcome to our List....

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Date: Sun, 25 Jul 1999 08:26:34 -0700

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From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Bob Milne

Gentlemen:

Our newest member admits to being a receiver "nut" ever since he was 8 years old (Editor's note... I guess that makes him about normal in this mob). Bob is the Chief Technical Editor of Electronic Design Magazine and lives in New Jersey with the AM transmitters of WABC (770 KHz) being one of his closest neighbors. A Zenith console radio was one of Bob's first receivers.

At present he is driving a Racal 6790/GM, and a Drake 8 and 7A. Bob states; "I'm always on the lookout for any stories, tips, opinions, technical info and comments about receivers. Your list looked exactly like something I'd be interested in". Bob ran across our List while scrounging around for a 2050. Perhaps some our readers could assist him in this endeavor?

Okay members, it is evident that our "Inglish ritin skils is goin to have to emprove" now that we have an Editor reading the posts. I can see Bob reaching for his red pencil now....

Welcome aboard Mr. Editor.	
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Date: Sun, 25 Jul 1999 15:50:13 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Nick Blades

Gentlemen:

From way up in Avon, CT., Nick Blades joins our List. Nick says the mountains nearby make wonderful longwire antenna supports. Seems he is not the only one with that idea as one of his neighbors, known for their three letter acronym, has a great antenna farm near by. Nick also has a second QTH on Kent I sland in the Chesapeake Bay, which he claims is excellent for Dxing.

He got active in short wave in 1962 when he built a Kinght Kit, soon moving to a Hallicrafters S-120. Typically a SW listener, he got the RF bug and his first ticket in 1988, then to an Advanced class in 1990. When in the transmission mode, Nick generates RF under the letters KE2WG.

Like many of our Listee, he is an active receiver buff, i.e. radios come and go in an effort to always improve. Nick is presently in the hold pattern for a WJ 1000A. He has a stable full of Drakes, and a RA-6790/GA thrown in for good measure.

Our newest member is in the digital world working for a Swiss firm as a Project Manager, in Information Systems & Technology, (IS/T). He tells me, "I make the impossible happen daily, and bring it in under budget". With an attitude like this, certainly we can find him a job on our List......

Gentlemen, please drop our newest member an e-mail at ke2wg@aol.com.

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Date: Mon, 26 Jul 1999 14:34:01 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Fred Osterman

Gentlemen:

Greg

Some time ago our newest member sent e-mail greetings to those of us that participated in the Grayland99 "assault". In the e-mails that followed, I took the liberty to extend to Fred Osterman a membership in our List. He has graciously accepted and is looking forward in sharing our List comments.

Fred is presently working on the fourth edition of his benchmark reference: Shortwave Receivers, past and present.

Receivers, past and present.		
Welcome to the List-		

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Date: Tue, 27 Jul 1999 12:00:37 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Jerry Gardner

Gentlemen:

From San Ramon, a RF quiet little place some 35 miles SE from San Francisco, comes our next member. Jerry Gardner's major vocational work has been in real-time software and operating systems, however, he is presently a project manager for Periphonics Corporation, a computer telephony company.

Jerry has owned and used a boat-load of receivers and antennas over the years but has finally whittled his collection down to a WJ HF-1000A and a spider's web of random wires, which he carefully keeps hidden from the local homeowner's association. His major interest is in pirates and utilities (military CW and aviation) . He is also found DXing the AM broadcast bands once in a while.

He claims that 2% of his time is spent generating RF under the call of W6UV, a call he has held for a number of years. Recently he has been active in two meters due to the antenna restrictions. He says, "If I had the opportunity, I'd be on 20M CW, which has always been my favorite band and mode".

You can drop Jerry an e-mail at: jgardner@peri.com

Personal thought: San Ramon may be quiet RF wise..... but I'll bet is Shakes Rattles and Rolls when the San Andres Fault moves. :-)

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Date: Wed, 01 Sep 1999 13:57:25 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Tom Vojtek

Gentlemen:

It is surprising how many of our new members mention they became aware of our List while surfing the WWW. Our newest member was looking for information on the 2050 and happened across Larry Gadallah's home page, which directed him to our List. Thank you Mr. Larry!

Tom Vojtek joins us from Newport News, VA. where he can be found tweaking the controls of a Watkins-Johnson 8718 receiver. In addition, Tom has recently purchased a 2050 so it won't be long before another premium finds a new home. While his major interest is SWBC, he does have a new license to generate a little RF on the bands. In addition to the above, and to placate the 390A crowd, Tom also admit to having a boat anchor to keep the shack warm in the winter, as well as one of those newer BAs called a General Dynamics R-1051B.

When not listening, Tom represents the Bechtel Corporation in the filed of propulsion equipment (as in Navy ships). Drop Tom an E-Mail at: Tom Vojtek <tomj@exis.net>

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Date: Wed, 01 Sep 1999 18:51:08 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Steve Stutman

Gentlemen:

A personal note- With each new application to the List I typically ask for some facts about the person in an effort to construct a short biography to go along with their introduction. Some of you probably think it is a waste of time, others have sent notes of appreciation.

Normal people do not pay \$2,000 for a radio, thus I figure most of us are either sincerely wacko, or operating in the non-linear portion of the curve (I include myself, you guess which category?). However, I have noted the submitted bio sketches I have received are typically conservative and short. Never have I received a bio that is slightly "off the wall" and worthy of sharing without some editorial work.... that is until today. Enjoy (Steve Stutman is our 65th member)

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Date: Sun, 02 Aug 1998 18:00:12 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Nick Hall-Patch

Gentlemen:

Checking in from Victoria, British Columbia, our newest member is Nick Hall-Patch <Nick_Hall-Patch@bc.sympatico.ca>

Many of us change vocations in midstream and Nick is no stranger to that experience. Starting out as a professional gardener Nick took a career turn and has been providing electronics support to oceanographers at the Institute of Ocean Sciences for the last six years. The Institute works closely with Scripps Institute in La Jolla, as well as other research centers.

Although his primary receiver has been a home brew for the past 10 years, he also uses a McKay Dymek DR-333 (the model DR360 is the military spec. version of the DR-333). Using this very unique PC controlled "black box", Nick has been researching trans-Pacific medium frequency propagation. His software directs the Dymek to a number of pre-selected target frequencies. The signal strength of each transmitter is then stored in memory creating a history or "picture" of propagation versus, time, frequency, season, etc.. His one man research has been on going for the past two (or three) years.

This is a fascinating study, that should generate some excellent data ... which will be of benefit to Pacific MWDXer for years to come. Nick's DR-333 "radar" was in operation at Grayland and was a benchmark in informing those in attendance which frequencies were open to the Pacific Rim.

In fact, John Bryant, another Graylander, was often observed looking though his telephoto equipped camera at the PC laptop screen of Nick's "radar" located on the other side of the room. In so doing, John could see which frequencies were open and thus eliminate the time required to scan up and down the entire band.

Last weekend Nick, Dr. Walt, and John Bryant were "camped" on the west coast of British Columbia doing their DX thing. Nick reports a yearling black bear strolled through our site about lunch time one day. Fortunately, he didn't stop for lunch.

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Date: Sun, 05 Sep 1999 21:31:45 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Mike Taylor

Gentlemen:

Our 70th member, is Mike Taylor. Mike calls Alpena, Michigan his home where he is an anesthesiologist. However, he also claims a BS in EE so be advised incoherent mumbling about Premium Receivers while "under" his professional care may get you a justifiable and correct answer (and a consulting fee). The addition of Mike to the List should generate some interest on the part of Walt Salmaniw, our other MD type.

Mike's interest in receivers is a byproduct of his father, who was a USAF comm specialist. He worked on a ham ticket as early as 1955 but other time demands hampered his progress. Later, in the 70's, he worked as a computer engineer on the simulation of circuits. Only recently he has taken up the challenge of the license again and plans to generate some RF in the near future.

His primary area of interest is military communication equipment as evidenced by a R-390, and R-390A. Have no fear, he also includes a 590A, a Collins 2050 and 8054A as well as a I com 9000.

Mike can be reached at> mtaylor@freeway.net

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Date: Sun, 05 Sep 1999 21:32:00 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Allan Langer

Gentlemen:

Weighing in as member number 71, Allan Langer operates G6EII in Warrington, a small town between Manchester and Liverpool, England.

His interest in electronics dates back from the age of 12. He has had a number of receivers over the years, however, his second is of note... 51J4. His list of hardware would take up too much bandwidth, however, let's just say there aren't too many Collins and Racal products he doesn't have.

In the area of Premium-Rx devices, Allan has a Racal 1792, Redifon R500, Watkins-Johnson WJ 8617A, WJ 8617B, WJ 8700, WJ 8711/12, and a HF-1000.

His current project is to control all the premium receivers from a PC in one way or another. The fact that some operate on RS232 or I EEE adds a little excitement and challenge. Perhaps some of our present members can assist? (Editor Note: I played a little joke on Allan this morning. He E-mailed his interest in becoming a member of the List. I happened to be using the computer at the time so I witnessed his message coming in.

Instantly I noted he had included his Warrington telephone number in his mailing. So, reaching for Qualcomm's new Globalstar Satellite Telephone, I walked out on my patio, blasted some RF at an overhead satellite, and BI NGO.... Allan come on the line.... somewhat dumbfounded I must add. Everything went smooth until the call got dropped and I had to call him back. The Satellite phone is part of a Globalstar Beta test in which my wife, as well as List member Ben Wallace, are involved). So, Allan, now you know the story :-) Give Allan a blast at > ALanger394@aol.com

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Date: Mon, 06 Sep 1999 17:35:37 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: John Fallows

Gentlemen:

John Fallows, our 72 member, joins us from Calgary, Alberta.

John has been an active short-wave radio listener since 1964 and picked up an amateur radio license in 1967 (VE4LA, VE6MBA). He worked as an announcer, producer and manager in commercial broadcasting for fifteen years, before obtaining his graduate business degree and working as a management consultant in western Canada. Currently, John is a senior manager for a major computer outsourcing firm based in Calgary.

Perhaps of major interest to many in our List is his interests in computer control of short-wave receiving equipment and propagation evaluation. Recently, John has started a hobby business and published ERGO, an Windows program which integrates receiver control with database, propagation evaluation and other features. He has software for the following receivers: Drake R8A/B, NRD535/D, WJ HF-1000 and TEN-TEC RX-320.

(http://members.home.net/creativexpress/).

Naturally, John has a number of receivers, as well as three sons.

Best to you John, and welcome to the List.

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Date: Mon, 06 Sep 1999 20:37:21 -0700

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From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Mike Murphy

Gentlemen:

The subject line states it all, our 73rd member is Mike Murphy.

Like fellow List member Fred Osterman of Universal Radio, there are probably few members of this List that do not know the name of Mike Murphy, or his occupation. It is rather obvious he probably owns (and has been known to operate) a few Premium Radios.

So, after my scathing comments about my field trip to Mike Murphy's Surplus with fellow Listee Ben Wallace, the "kid" in the world famous junk store came up on line and accepted my invitation to join our List. Mike has promised me that he will not play "LET'S MAKE A DEAL" on the List.... but knowing this guy tells me he will probably slip now and then.

So, if by chance you have no idea who we are speaking about, you may want to try: (http://www.maxpages.com/murphyjunk/Home)

Mike, welcome to the List.		
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Date: Sat, 11 Sep 1999 20:28:55 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Pete Ferrand

Gentlemen:

Pete Ferrand checks in to the List driving a ITT/Mackay MSR-5050 as well as a 5050A, and their associated transmitter and transceiver. I believe he is one of the few, if not the only, Mackay premium-rx driver we have in the group?

First licensed as a ham in 1965 at age 12 in New York City, he lived in New Hampshire for more than 20 years and currently lives in Plainfield, which is near Lebanon. Presently, he transmits using the call WB2QLL. Pete works as a radio talk show host and has spent most of his career in broadcasting and writing.

Vintage gear is another sub hobby, including the ownership of a RCA CR-88A, RAL-7, and a Collins R-388. Restoration and tinkering to make things operate better or easier is a major interest as well as sw/mw program listening, and generating RF on the ham bands.

Pete's E-Mail is "Pete Ferrand" <pete@vermontel.net> Nice to have you join the List.

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Date: Mon, 13 Sep 1999 20:03:50 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Joe Watson

Gentlemen:

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Joe Watson is a newest member. Joe has a pair of Racal RA6790/GM's (Stereo?) at his QTH in Edmond, OK, a suburb of Oklahoma City. His principle hobby is restoring "BA" of which he has a stable full. His most recent BA acquisition is an Eddystone 730/4. When not tweaking on one of his restoration projects, he generates RF under the call of W5WBR. Joe has held his license for 50 years.

After working as an engineer for 30 years with Texas Instruments, Joe ENTERED A GREAT OCCUPATION (literary license from the editor) specifically, teaching electrical engineering at Oklahoma Christian University. Joe joins another member, John Bryant, also a Professor from the Sooner State. Drop Joe an e-mail at WjoeW@aol.com

To my fellow colleague, welcome to the List.

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Date: Thu, 16 Sep 1999 10:03:56 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Bill Strangfeld

Gentlemen:

Our newest member, Bill Strangfeld, drives a Harris 590 in the high noise fields of Wyoming...... that is Wyoming, Ohio, a suburb of Cincinnati. He is very interested in hearing from other 590 operators that share the same parameters.... i.e. 590 and noisy QTHs. Bill's fascination with radio started in high school in northern New Jersey in the far-off days of 1959-63 but he didn't get licensed until 1972.

Presently, he operates a Harris RF-1310 exciter and Linear under an advanced class license as W8FI X. Perhaps if other members of the List have a Harris 590 and a 1310 they could drop Bill an e-mail as he may have some data to share.?

The RF-590 is his first experience with a premium solid-state receivers, however, their has been a progression of receivers starting with a National SW-3, FB-7, and HRO, and many thereafter up to some good premium receivers of the past such as the SP-600, TMC GPR-90, R-388, R-390, and R-390-A, which he still has (this should make List member Rippel smile!)..

Due to his close proximity to Fair Radio, Bill has (are you ready for this) "a few field portable sets, clandestine/spy sets, and a German WW2 radar and radio equipment in his officially full basement". This long continued interest in radio has led him to become involved with the Gray History of Wireless Museum in Cincinnati (he is President of the Board of Trustees at the moment).

As a member of the Bar, Bill practices law when not tweaking the controls. However, he would rather spend his time listening to swl and ham bands, especially qrp cw, for which the 590 must be a great tool!!!.

In case you want to blast our newest member's mailbox..... he can be reached at: bstrang@iac.net

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Date: Sun, 19 Sep 1999 20:26:12 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Ted Minchin

Gentlemen:

Our newest member send us "Greeting from New Zealand". Ted Minchin lives in the village of Arapuni which is 45 miles Southeast of the city of Hamilton in the North I sland of New Zealand. He works in as a bulk electricity dealer and energy market analyst for one of the larger electricity generating companies in New Zealand.

Even though he received his first amateur call in 1967 and presently operates ZL1MT, Ted's major interest is on the technical side of HF RF design and monitoring unique digital signals in the HF spectrum. Presently, his receiver collection consists of many high-grade communications devices including a Racal 1778 which is a variant of the 1772. This radio is fitted with 12 memories and a "spinner" type tuning system that covers from 15Khz to 30 MHz continuously with 3 tuning speeds. Topping off his collection is a PATR of RA6790GMs used in diversity mode for the reception of RTTY signals. And why the RTTY signals, well Ted also has a collection of Teletype Corporation printers. Unfortunately, he reports, "there seems to be less and less printable tty on the bands presently." Another interest our newest member has is diversity reception of HF broadcasts and its relationship to propagation.

As a point of interest..... perhaps next summer when many of our List members participate in the Grayland 2000+ Dxpedition, Ted could report on propagation levels from his end of the signal path???

Here is how you can contact Ted: Ted Minchin ZL1MT Monitoring Service Co-ordinator NZART RD1, Putaruru, New Zealand Phone +64 07 8835716 FAX +64 07 8835778 email tedm@xtra.co.nz packet... zl1mt@zl1ux.ham.nzl

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 1999 21:12:46 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Joe Talbot

Gentlemen:

Greg

Our newest member, Joe Talbot, is located in Red Deer Alberta Canada. Just in case you may have that location confused with another, Joe tells me it is located at 52 deg 16 min 8 sec N, 113 deg 48 min 46 sec W, and is home of the Red Deer Rebels Jr hockey team.

Joe is a Collins 2050 operator, but has been known to tune an RA-17, and a 51-J in the past. He reports he has some QMs friends in the Canadian regular Army. He reports that he has "asked them to search out the 'reported' 800-900 HF-2050s and parts "moth balled" by the Canadian military. The HF-2050s are out of service in Canada and have been stored at 2 Canadian Force Bases (CFBs). They have told me that when equipment is taken out of service in Canada it is placed in 'war stores', in the event of war it would be used to equip an enlisted military." Joe is "nearly retired" due to a work related injury. He has travelled thoughout the world while working in the oil industry. He lists Africa as the country of his love and interest.

Welcome to the List Joe. Keep us posted on the 2050 findings.

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Date: Sun, 03 Oct 1999 20:49:09 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Ed Tanton

Gentlemen:

Our newest member is Ed Tanton who reads the net in Marietta, GA. First licensed in 1961, Ed now holds an Extra class permit and enjoys hammering on the brass CW key most of the time. His first receiver was a Hallicrafters HT-9 and a Navy RBS-II.

There is a posibility that Ed may own as much hardware as Ben Wallace (see list below) but we won't get into arguement right now. Presently he operates a RA 6790/GM and a Mackay marine 3031A. He consider the received audio of the RACAL vs the 3031A to be superior based on better filters, and a better audio passband.

In the near future Ed proposes to construct a new operating console/system that will allow him to monitor many receivers. Taking advantage of an antenna coupler and audio distributation system, he will record the audio on a Phillips 900 Series digital compact cassette recorder.

Ed is another one of those computer guys when not enjoying his hobby. He tells me. "My work has been with PCs from practically 'day 1' of the PC revolution. Early on, I built a PC-XT from a bare (\$500!) motherboard. Amazingly, it worked, and I wrote and photographed a "Build It Yourself" article for a small computer magazine.

Ed can be reached via his Webpage at: http://www.qsl.net/n4xy/ Welcome to the group Ed, we look forward to hearing about your progress on the console system.

Typically I do not list radio hardware. But I thought this list may bring tears and fond memories to many of you. Enjoy-

Allied/Knight: R-100-A

Collins: (1) 51S-1 (2) 75A4 (w/4:1 vernier & solid-brass knob) (3) R-390 (4) R-390-A (5) 51J-4

Drake: R4-B

Echophone: Echophone EB-1C HF rcvr, circa ~ 1945

Gonset: G-43

Hallicrafters: (1) Two S-20-R (2) Two SX-28s (3) SX-43 (4) SX-140 (5) Two: S-53 (6) Three: S-53-A (7) Continental, this was a consumer BC radio w/SW band; (8) S-31 VHF rcvr (9) S-40B

(10) SX-115 (11) SX-101 Mk III

Hammarlund: (1) HQ-215 (2) HQ-150 (3) SP600-JX-17 (4) SP600-JX-21 (5) SP600-VLF (6)

HQ-180-C Heath: GR-64 ITT/Mackay Marine 3031A;

JRC: NRD-515 Morrow: CM-1 Mosley: CM-1

National: (1) Two HFS w/PS & HFS w/PS (2) HRO-50-T1 (3) Two: HRO-60 (4) SW-54 (5) NC-

300 (6) NC-303 (7) HRO-500

RACAL: (1) RA-17C (2) RA6790/GM

RCA: AR-88

RME: Two: RME-6900

Spec.Prod.: SR7-R WWV rcvr -looking for schematic/anything!

Ten Tec: Ten Tec SP-325

TMC: GPR-90

Yaesu: FRG-9600 (two) WRL/Galaxy: R-530

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Date: Sun, 03 Oct 1999 21:22:01 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Ed Sylvester

Gentlemen:

Joining us from America's Greatest City, aka San Diego, California, home of San Diego State University, is our newest member, Ed Sylvester. Our newest member heard about our List from another San Diegian, Ben Wallace. Ed pretty much says it all when he states that he and Ben "are both fanatical about receivers".

Presently Ed is operating a HF-1000A, however, he does have a number of pieces of other hardware. He first started in radio as an SWL operator in 1975, then moving on to getting a ticket in 1978 (presently an advanced, KA6DBY). Ed is a career Naval officer and frequently travels taking a radio with him whenever possible. I'll bet the Navy travel also provides a GREAT opportunity to scrounge for Premium type hardware?

Best wishes on your travels, and keep us informed if you find an undocumented container ship full of HF-1000s. Ed can be reached at; Aidehua@aol.com

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Date: Sun, 03 Oct 1999 21:50:29 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: John Green

Gentlemen:

Greg

From Weybridge, England, just outside London comes our next member, John Green. I believe John is our 4th or 5th member reading the List from England.

John is employed by a computer software firm, mainly on defence-related projects. He has been interested in receivers since he was in school ("quite some time ago") with his first serious Rx, an AR-88D. Presently he is attempting to rack mount some of his devices.

While it is not policy to list each member's hardware, I am going to make an exception in this caes for two reasons: 1) It appears John may have some information to share for you Racal operators, and 2) I think it is interesting for us in the US to see what types of equipment those of you living over seas may have.

John can be reached at: greenjr@btinternet.com Nice to have a representative of the British join us....

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Date: Tue, 05 Oct 1999 21:38:11 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Rob Sherwood

Gentlemen:

Our list of interested participants continues to grow with the addition of Robert "Rob" Sherwood. Presently calling his QTH Denver, CO., Rob started his interest in radio in Cincinnati in 1960. His first radio, a 40's vintage receiver that included two shortwave bands, was given to him by his uncle. When he made the decision to take the Novice test, he started practicing his code. Being a little "paranoid of failing" he continued to practice until he could copy a solid 13 wpm (ed. note- talk about overkill!) before he took his exam. Needless-to-say.... he passed.

During his high school days he operated CW down in the 160 meter band, then ran AM via a Ranger, and finally advanced to a R-4 and T-4X in 1965 and 1966. Like most of us, Rob would like to become more active in DXing, but time is limited at present. Hopefully, this will change in the future. He has worked under the following calls: WN8ADB (novice), WA8ADB (general), WB0JGP (general), KC0ZV (advanced), NC0B (extra).

In 1965 Rob earned a First Phone while attending college. To make financial ends meet, he worked at the school's FM station as its station engineer. After graduating, our newest member moved to Denver where he took an 18 year "temporary" job at KOA AM and FM as the chief transmitter mechanic. In 1974 Rob decided that he didn't have enough to do so he started Sherwood Engineering.

Rob drives a Racal 6790, a WJ 8777 (mil version of the HF-1000), NRD 545, plus a ton of additional premium stuff!. (Some of this has been "modified" with Sherwood devices. Question, do we allow "Premiums" to be modified and still consider them Premiums?) :-) His WebSite tells the rest of the story and is a must see: http://www.sherweng.com/ E-mail our newest member at: robert@sherweng.com

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Date: Tue, 12 Oct 1999 11:09:29 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Harri Sillanpaa

Gentlemen:

Harri Sillanpaa is now reading our List from his QTH in Lahti, which is 100 km north of Helsinki, Finland. Our newest member is a design engineer for a local electrical company that employees 180 people. His area of interest is in automation and controls, including PLCs, control systems in programming logic, processor programming systems, etc. His company's website is WWW.LSK.FI.

Harri got started in radios while in the army as a CW/radio operator where he operated Sunair, Racal, and R&S devices. Presently he operates a Drake R-7 line and a Racal 6970. He has been licensed for over 19 years and can be heard on the air using the call OH3PC. (Ed Note- Harri mentions a number of things in his letter, far more than there is space for me to share, HOWEVER, an item not to overlooked.... he has a 6 element beam on 21 MHz located on a 25 meter (about 80 feet) tower).

Of major interest to our member in Finland is information on diversity reception systems and construction of a receivers.

Give Harri an e-mail hello at: Harri Sillanpää [harsil@sci.fi] Another member, another country.....

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Date: Thu, 28 Oct 1999 06:17:53 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Christer Bergstrom

Gentlemen:

Our newest member, Christer Berstrom, lives in Viker, a small village just northwest of Örebro in Sweden. He tells me it isn't a big town or easy to find so for those who need a little assistance with your map, you will find it at N 59 deg 27 min / E 14 deg 53 min. Oh yes, Christer and his wife make up 2 of the town's 30 residents.

He is presently interested in the area of frequency synthesizers and their application to receiver design. This interest brought him to our WebSite via the key word "HF-2050" used on a popular search engine. Presently, Christer is operating a Standard Radio & Telefon CR91, however, in addition he also operates a Rhode & Schwarz EK11-10 and others.

Living in such a remote area has its positive sides, he states his only limitation on the number of antennas and their size is his wife. In fact he has found there is a direct correlation between erecting a new antenna and the justification for a new receiver connected to it. (Ed. note, what a wonderful concept... unlimited space and an understanding wife!).

Although Christer shares our interest in receivers, he does not generate any RF. In good weather he can be found soaring, which is his second hobby. Unfortunately, life can't be all fun, and during those times he works as a Quality Assurance Engineer at Bofors Missiles AB. I think Christer is our first Standard Radio operator and probably is the most northern List member we have. Give him a welcome at: christer.bergstrom@adsum.pp.se

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Date: Tue, 2 Nov 1999 12:01:54 -0800

From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Steve Share

Gentlemen:

Steve Share is our newest member. Located in San Francisco area, Steve is a co-owner in a company that designs portable/rechargeable power systems, high density power supplies, and similar products. His clients are typically based in the Asian countries so he is usually on the go.

When home Steve operates a WJ HF 1000 A (with preselector). He also takes advantage of a Sherwood SE-3 outboard detector (Ed. Note: Hey Sherwood- if we mention your product/s on the List does that mean you have to send all members a sample unit to evaluate?). In addition to the HF 1000, Steve often listens to a R9000, WJ RS-160, and a number of tube types including a R&S EK 07.

You can drop Steve a note at: sas@dnai.com

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Date: Tue, 2 Nov 1999 12:42:15 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Ed Cantelon

Gentlemen:

Ed Cantelon has joined our group. Ed's main interest in the area of Premium-Rx devices is "modifying the circuitry to improve weak signal reception in order to measure the parameters of distant Broadcast stations". When not working on his receiver, he can be found generating RF under the call of W8CV (old call W8RMH) from his home in Oakland County, MI.

Presently he drives a Premium Racal 6790GM and a WJ 8617B. Perhaps it is worthy of noting Ed's rather unique background in amateur radio: First SSB station on the air in Michigan. First TV station (432MHz) on the air in Michigan. First SSB in world on 144 Mhz (per QST). First RTTY station on the air in Michigan.

You can drop Ed a post at: ecant@flash.net

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Date: Tue, 2 Nov 1999 13:19:12 -0800

From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Karl Konefsky

Gentlemen:

Carl Konefsky, operating under the call sign of W9TAD, has joined our List. Carl is located in Beverly Shores, Indiana which is located at the very southern of tip of Lake Michigan.

Although he is presently using a newly acquired Racal 6790GM, Carl's hobby is collecting and selling military radios, and vehicles!!!. As a retired person, Carl states his "hobby" provides him

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with pocket money for the important things premium radios. Presently he is putting together
a Harris 1310 exciter and a Harris RF 124 amplifier. Carl looks forward to reading the mail and
finding out more information about his 6790.
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Date: Wed, 03 Nov 1999 05:53:15 -0800

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From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Bill Townsend

Gentlemen:

Bill Townsend, generating RF since 1967 under the calls of W8ULO, is our next member. Bill complains that limited time has terminated most of his transmitting activity and now he typically can be found monitoring foreign DX. Located in Cincinnati, OH, our newest member owns TES, I nc. a consulting firm specializing in mechanical vibration in automotive and aerospace vehicles. Bill reports that he read about our List in the Racal@QTH via a message from member Bob Parnass.

Currently, he drives a RA6790/GM which gets used daily, 3 R309As, (sic?, obviously a typo on Bill's part, but if Rippel reads this he will suffer a coronary) and a R392 which is also used regularly.

The 6790 is operated via rs-232 from his desk with software he wrote a while ago, I ts line audio comes back over another pair in the serial cable to a sound card in the computer (this is so he doesn't have to get up to turn down the volume while using the phone...). At the moment, Bill is looking to acquire another high-end receiver, probably a Mackay Marine 3031A, although he has been tempted by the Cubic R3030, as well as a couple of Harris boxes. Perhaps a member can help in this decision making process???

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You can contact Bill at: wlt@tesnet.com	
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Date: Thu, 04 Nov 1999 06:50:26 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Paull Patterson

Gentlemen:

Allow me to introduce Paull Patterson, our newest member. Unlike many of us who use the radio as a hobby or diversion, Paull works as a "R and D" engineer at the Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM, specifically in communications. His area of interest is the design of bandwidth enhancement of measurement systems making use of the properties of the Fourier Transform.

Paull's interest in receivers started in the "territory" of Alaska in the early 50's. There, without the distraction of television, he operated his dad's home made SSB receiver. Joining the Coast Guard as a radio operator, he learned the code and picked up a general class ticket (wb6cfr). But like so many of us, outside distractions and demands created a time sink and he let his license expire.

Paull, associated with his work, drives a number of interesting receivers, at home he can be found in the company of a few Collins, I coms, and some Ten-Tec gear including the 330B.

You can drop Paull a note at: paull.patterson@merkin.com	
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Date: Thu, 4 Nov 1999 08:52:56 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Jim Pruitt

Gentlemen:

Jim Pruitt, reading the mail at Central Washington University in Ellensburg WA. is our next member. Jim is a computer jockey at the University, and uses his radio as his hobby. And when enjoying his hobby, he can be found working a Racal 6790GM as well as a number of other receivers.

Jim has been generating RF for the past 32 years, using CW and packet radio as his venue. He enjoys listening to HF broadcasting, but admits it isn't his major interest in the hobby.

For all you Racal drivers, here is another opportunity to gather around a binary Boole expert and program the 6790.......

Jim can be reached at two addresses: wa7duy@eburg.com ***and/or *** pruittj@cwu.edu

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Date: Tue, 09 Nov 1999 20:20:41 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Harri Sillanpää

Gentlemen:

Our newest member is from Finland. Harri Sillanpää first contacted me two weeks ago about participating in our List. This was just prior to the rash of Racal operators that recently joined the list..... and unfortunately, Harri's application got buried. So, somewhat tardy on my account, we welcome Harri to the group.

Harri lives in Lahti, a town located 100 Km north of Helsinki. He is employed as an automation engineer (http://WWW.LSK.FI) with a company that does PLC, processor programming, and hardware system design. During his service in the Finland Army, Harri was a radio operator working with Sunair, Racal, and R&S equipment.

Harri has held a ham license (OH3PC) since 1980. Presently his interest is in receivers versus transmission. Harri checks in with a Racal 6790, however, he also has a Drake C-line and an older R-7 for backups. He operates a 6 element 21 MHz beam, as well as long wires, a 40M Windom and some magnetic loops.

As Harri states, "I want to made better rx and rx systems than i can buy in shop. (my low >budget). Please don't ask my wife how much is my systems cost. R&S EK 895 cost about 85000FIM which is half new car, hi. So then i found yours list. I search more informations on the diversity reception systems, and found Larrys home page where are link on the list home page".

Harri- we promise not to tell your wife, and we welcome you to the list. I hope those interested in DI VERSITY theory and operation will contact you.

Harri can be reached at : harsil@sci.fi
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Date: Mon, 15 Nov 1999 15:01:34 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Jim Garland

Gentlemen:

Our membership is pushing the 100th member with the addition of Jim Garland who found us via the archives. Starting with his novice in 1955, Jim has been collecting ham tickets and equipment over the ensuing years. It is obvious that Jim, presently operating under the Extra class of W8ZR since moving to Ohio in 1970, has far too much equipment (see pix http://www.muohio.edu/~4cx250b/hamshack.jpg).

His basic interest is in the mechanical/technical aspects of the hobby. He has built numerous homebrew rigs and accessories. A receiver and two linear amplifiers of his design appeared in several editions of the Radio Handbook, edited by Wm, I Orr. Like many of our other members he enjoys restoring BA's, including a 390A (I can see Chuck smiling) and a "bunch" of other tube types. However, let's not write him off his premium receiver list includes a Collins 2050 and a WJ HF-1000 (soon to arrive).

Jim lives in Oxford, Ohio, where he and his wife are employed at Miami University (Ed Note: I think software writers are the biggest subgroup of our membership, then technical engineers, with educators being #3). Starting as a physics instructor at Ohio State University, Jim not only has moved from OSU to Miami University, but also from the classroom to the Office of the President. Miami University (www.muohio.edu) is the seventh oldest public university in the US, with approximately 20K students enrolled in 107 bachelor's degree, 76 master's degree, and nine doctoral programs.

Mr. President can be e-mailed at: 4cx250b@miavx1.acs.muohio.edu I guess with that address there is no question as to what he runs in the final???

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Date: Thu, 18 Nov 1999 15:52:34 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Neil Thompson

Gentlemen:

Our newest member, Neil Thompson, is checking in from East Sussex, a county just 55 miles south of London. Neil enjoys boating in the summer, but when winter comes, he gets out the receivers... and from what he tells me, we are talking MANY radios.

Neil's interest in receivers started 35 years ago, however, in the last five he has become more interested in "commercial kit" (his term). He estimates that he has passed through 75 receivers picking up along the way those by Plessey, Eddystone, WJ, Skanti, Motorola, and Redifon just to name a few. His premium collection includes a Rockwell 2050 and a Harris 590.

At the moment he has approximately 25 radios, mostly Racal and the Df system, a Racal RTA1470 series, 0.15-1000Mhz. In addition he has: 2 RA1792 for the Df, 3 RA1792 for digimodes, 2 RA1792 as search RX (they have a common frequency standard), a Racal MA259, plus ancillary kit. He also has been able to pickup a large number of spares, again mostly Racal including filters, displays, chips etc etc.

Manuals are another interest of Neil, finding them that is. Allan Langer, a friend of Neil's and another List member, have shared projects and receiver interests. Between them, Neil estimates they have a stockpiled of over 300 manuals on various receivers (Ed. Note- . This isn't a stockpile, this is a goldmine!).

Our newest "honorary manual librarian" can be reached at: ra1792@pavilion.co.uk

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Date: Sat, 20 Nov 1999 14:20:34 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Mike Draa

Gentlemen:

Mike Draa, a fellow San Diego type, is our newest Listee. Mike calls Japatul (hop-a-tool) Valley his QTH. The Valley is located about 20 miles east of San Diego and approximately 12 miles north of the border. Talk about a noise free environment..... Japatul is just this side of the "boonies".

First licensed in 1963, and presently operating under the call sign of KC8CU, Mike has been in monitoring since 1969 starting with the Army Security Agency, then the Naval Security Group, and finally as a civilian with the U.S. Government. His principle interest is utility monitoring, especially the digital signals. I cover the HF, VHF, UHF spectrum.

Presently Mike is operating a Harris RF-590, Racal RA-6793A, RA-6790GM, WJ-8617B17, and WJ-8618B.

You can drop Mike an E-mail at: ramsta@cts.com

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Date: Sat, 20 Nov 1999 20:55:16 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: George McLachlan

Gentlemen:

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From Winnipeg, Canada, George McLachlan is our 95th, and newest member. George heard of our list from a friend after he inquired about a 2050 that he saw on the "bay" (this may have been Walt's?). Our newest member is a civil engineer, happily retired from the Canadian public service. He finished his career in Winnipeg, but he also lived/served in Fredericton (New Brunswick), Edmonton (Alberta), Whitehorse (Yukon) and Ottawa (Ontario).

Presently (since 1994) he has operated a WJ HF-1000. He mostly monitors medium wave off an inverter at a site east of Winnipeg where there is no line power (but half a dozen unterminated beverages). The HF-1000 replaced a NRD-535 and a R-7, which now provide back up service.

You can drop George an e-mail at: ghmcl@escape.ca

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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 1999 21:05:33 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Spencer Bahner

Gentlemen:

It has been really quiet on our List This must be the result of the arrival of Santa or the preamble of the Y2K syndrome!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our newest member, Spencer Bahner. Spencer checks in from Seattle where he is presently building a county-wide trunked public safety radio system. Prior to this he managed the wireless comms for Airborne Express.

He claims to have a very tolerant spouse along with two children and a third on the way. "Tolerant" means that she allows Spencer to maintain a 'slush fund' to continue buying those commercial and military radios that just happen by at hamfests and internet sales. Recently he took advantage of this arrangement and purchased a WJ 8618B.

Spencer justifies his radio behavior (BTW he holds a Zoology degree) in three ways: "...1. I Just love lookin' at the stuff (THE COLLECTOR), 2. I like listening to the stuff (This is the 'overpriced shortwave receiver/scanner' problem I seem to have....), 3. I use it professionally (the front ends are so much better than my R8500....)." (Ed note: I like a guy that can rationalize!, why can't he just say he is addicted like the rest of us?)

Presently our newest member is looking for VHF/UHF gear from WJ. I have a few 8615 series units that I need some 'bits' for if anyone has any DOA units floating around.... I also would love a Miniceptor with the FE/HF option if anyone has one!

Spencer's E-Mail is: spencer12345@email.msn.com	
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Date: Mon, 20 Mar 2000 13:22:34 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Michael Brown

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Michael Brown joins us from Asheville, North Carolina. He recently earned his BA in philosophy from St. Meinrd College. This fact alone makes him unique, not the degree part, but the fact he is probably our youngest member. Mike proposes to study theology in graduate school with his ultimate goal being a priest in the Catholic Church.

After all the recent e-mailing on the List, there is NO QUESTION that Mike operates a premium LTT Mackey Marine 3031A receiver. He has also been known to drive a Drake R8A as well as a SP-600. He has toured the Mackay factory at Raleigh, NC in the past which automatically makes him our envoy to LTT. At the time of his tour, the 3031 was priced at \$7,800. From all the e-mail generate recently over the 3031A, Lassume that we have a growing subculture of Mackey operators out there?

Best wishes in your studies Mike, and welcome to the group. We need a little youth to wake up our membership.

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Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 11:41:15 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Matt Stutterheim

Gentlemen:

Matt Stutterheim is our newest member; although born in South America, Matt now resides in the New York suburbs with wife and two teenage daughters. If you visit Matt's home you will find 90 receivers in his collection. And just how does he justify so much hardware to his wife? He tells her, "that's only one new radio every four months!" Presently his primary receivers are: RA 6790 and a Skanti 5001.

His career(s) have spanned from being an radio announcer in Washington-Baltimore and New York City, engineering director of a Russian radio network, and chief engineer of several paging companies in the US, Russia, Poland and South America. He is the founder of the "M Street Journal", a radio broadcast industry information source, and he developed in the 1970s one of the early versions of telephones for aircraft. His radio interests are primarily digital modes, military aircraft, and AM Dxing of European stations.

Matt is one of the "leading contributors" of material to Fred Osterman's book. Fellow listee Fred defines Matt's activities in another way. . . he says "Matt is the number one" contributor. Either way, I think most of us have a copy of the "bible" within reach.

Not one to be single minded or focused, Matt is into music and is currently involved in producing and issuing a CD of music played by Polish-born pianist Maryla Jonas.

You can	drop	an e-mail	to Matt	at:	Radiomatt@aol.com

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Date: Mon, 27 Mar 2000 12:36:45 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Daniel Robinson

Gentlemen:

Our second new member today is Daniel Robinson. Dan acknowledges what we all know and suffer from. . . . radio addiction. Presently he has a pair (Stereo?) of WJ 8718A's as well as: R8, NRD 525, SP600 21A, a pair of 51J4's, and three HQ-180s.

Dan was a foreign correspondent and 20 year veteran broadcaster of the Voice of America. He was the former Bureau Chief in Bangkok, Thailand responsible for Southeast Asia and East Asian coverage, and former Bureau Chief in Nairobi, Kenya for East Africa. Currently, he heads the VOA's Burmese broadcast service.

He has been listening to SW since the late 1960's when he used an antique Pilot Radio (with the tuning eye in the middle) which he still has.

Originally from Levittown, Pennsylvania, Dan presently lives in Rockville, Maryland. You can contact Dan directly at: Daniel Robinson [darobin1@excite.com]

Welcome to the group, Dan. I assume that we will all start paying better attention when the Burmese news shows up on VOA.

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Date: Sat, 01 Apr 2000 10:14:26 -0800 From: "Greg W. Bailey" <qbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Paul Bernhardt

Gentlemen:

Paul Bernhardt, KF4FOR, is our most recent member. He holds a PhD in EE from Stanford and did his undergraduate work at UC Santa Barbara (ed note, this is a town and campus worthy of stopping to enjoy if you are driving between LA to SF. The freeway blows right by the place, however, it is well worth the time to stop and smell the flowers).

For the past ten years, Paul has worked for the U.S. Navy at its Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. Prior to this, he could be found in New Mexico at the Los Alamos National Laboratory. His area of interest is ionosphere research.

Paul is another one of our members that enjoys a large number of receivers. When I asked Paul if I could publish the entire list he gave me the go ahead, with the caveat that it be noted he is always looking for manuals (and I assume willing to assist others?).

If you have a manual for one of those listed as "need manual", I am sure Paul would like to hear from you. Paul Bernhardt
bern@ppdu.nrl.navy.mil>

Receivers:

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Cubic 3030 w/manual Rockwell-Collins HF-8050, HF-8054 w/manuals Rockwell-Collins 651S-1 w/manual Collins 51S-1, 51S-1F, 51S-1B w/manuals I COM R-71A, R-7000 need manuals RACAL RA-17, RA-17L w/manuals RACAL RA329A need manual RACAL RA3794 w/manuals RACAL RA6217 w/manuals RACAL 6790/GM w/manual RACAL 6793-3A need manual RACAL 6831 need manual HARRIS RF-590A w/manual Rohde&Schwarz EK07 w/manual Siemens E311b w/manual TMC GPR-91RXD w/manual Telefunken E127KW/5 w/manual TEN-TEC RX-330A w/manual Watkins-Johnson WJ-8718A need manual

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Date: Fri, 21 Apr 2000 13:41:13 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: John England

Gentlemen-

If you're in the suburban Chicago area, start looking for a 1939 Lincoln Zephyr Coupe with the license plate reading "Pentode" and you will see John England, our newest member. In fact, his e-mail address is: pentode@home.com. Just so we don't forget the import things here, John also drives a Racal 6790GM and a Collins-Rockwell 2050.

He admits to a "deep personal interest in the history of technology, especially early radio" which is probably a by-product of his vocational area of work and an interest in SWLing since the early 60's. John's background is patent law with special interest in the technical field of communications. He went to DC to become a communications lawyer with the FCC, but after divestiture of "mother" Bell, went into patents and has enjoyed it ever since. Prior to starting his private practice, he worked for AT&T Long Lines, Martin Marietta, Marconi Avionics, NOAA, Motorola, and others for about twenty years.

He was with USACEEIA, i.e. Communications Electronic Engineering and Installation Agency, (ed note: a brain trust in HF) at Ft. Huachuca, AZ. and the US Army Signal Center, Ft Monmouth, N.J. Major interest was over the horizon HF radar work, Wullenweber antenna propagation analysis, RFI, and RFH work.

Like many members or the List, John is a member of the Antique Wireless Assoc. However, I happen to know he has this desire to run his fingers over a Rohde and or one of the later Plesseys. Gentlemen- any suggestions?

Please drop John a note at "pentode@home.com"

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Date: Fri, 05 May 2000 23:52:47 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Paul Wende

Gentlemen:

Paul Wende adds his name to our List. Paul is the fourth List member living on that small island up in the north west called British Columbia (the others being Jan, Walt, and Nick). The last time I announced one of them joining the List I happened to mention he was an "Oak Leafer" versus a Maple Leaf type. My error almost caused an international incident, heck I feared we would witness an invasion of the red coats all over again. Now that spring is upon us, I am sure they have forgotten the entire issue. And to show them there is no hard feelings from those of us to their south, I was thinking we should send them that "I Love You" note that has been circulating recently???

In any event, Paul has been "radio active" for the past 30+ years. He has a technical degree in Telecommunications and has been actively building electronics of all types for 25 years now. However, he admits his interest in receivers is relatively new. As an audiophile he is specifically interested in the quality of audio available from various radio designs.

Among other receivers, Paul is interested in the LTT MacKay 3021A which he states has an extremely complicated digital synthesizer (mid 70's TTL) with several loops and a very nice RF section. From the archives of our List he notes that many of the members operate 3031A's and wonders if there are any 3021 owners? He has manuals and is willing to exchange ideas.

Paul Wende can be contacted at: pwende@aimtronics.com, or by listening on the bands for VE7KHZ. Paul, welcome to the List.

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Date: Wed, 10 May 2000 17:36:11 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Brazil

Gentlemen:

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I have been contacted by a DX Radio Club in Brazil (Clube DX-ista da Amazonia http://www.cdxa.cjb.net/).

I am going to make an "administrative decision" and invite them to join our List EVEN though there is some question as to the "Premium-ness" (NRD545 and R8) of their receiver/s. Although this will be a club, only their club e-mail address will be recognized by our server so their "club membership" will equate to one person.

I trust this action will meet with the approval of the general membership?

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Date: Thu, 18 May 2000 16:33:36 -0700

From: gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Katsumi Goto

Gentlemen:

I would like to welcome Katsumi Goto to our List. Katsumi is located in Japan and recently was in contact with Jan (member located on Vancouver Island) where he heard of our List.

Katsumi operates a number of pieces of equipment, including a Collins-Rockwell 2050 and a WJ-8716. In addition to his Premium interests, he generates RF under the call letters of JA2DHX.

Please drop Katsumi a welcome note at: gon@my.email.ne.jp

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Date: Wed, 31 May 2000 15:12:28 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Martin Colby

Gentlemen:

Greg

Our newest member, Martin Colby, inquired about membership approximately 10 days ago. Being up to my pits in academic alligators (finals and commencement week at the university) I didn't get back to him immediately. However, I finally responded to his request and now find that he lives about 3 wavelengths (low frequency) from me in San Diego. In fact, we can probably have an eyeball from antenna to antenna. Small world-

Martin checks in with a Racal as well as some boat anchor stock. He purchased his Racal approximately two years ago, but only recently has he found the time to fire it off and start to enjoy it. This brought him to our Website, the archives, and the rest is history. Presently his interest in the Racal is limited to SWL activity.

As an "Air Force brat" (that is a slang term for a dependent of the military, in this case the Air Force) Martin has bounced from billet to billet. Including time in Izmir/Ankara Turkey (66-72) as well as Sussex, Munich, Redlands (Norton AFB), Tokyo, London (graduate school), and so on. Mind you, these were not in order, just to illustrate one's ability to be bounced around. He actually claims the state of New Mexico as home, even married a native of the state. Presently, Martin is a computer consultant in such things as SGML, obal/dispersed systems, etc.

I hope some of you Racal drivers of the List will give him a welcome e-mail at : Martin Colby [mcolby@cts.com]

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Date: Fri, 16 Jun 2000 08:02:33 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Frank Carcia

Gentlemen:

Greg

Frank Carcia is our newest member. Operating a Racal 6830J and a TR-7 as well as a few other boatanchors that would make Rippel happy.

Frank has been a amateur operator since 1966 and is presently working AM under the call of WA1GFZ. When not playing with radios he works for Hamilton Sunstrand in the Systems Engineering Department. You will remember that these are the guys that make the little black boxes that fly around in aircraft?

Frank lives in Enfield, CT. Talk about locations, he presently has a "dream location" about 1,000 feet away from the ocean where he hopes to put up an antenna this year. Let's see, something like an open lot without any buildings, a large salt marsh across the street facing west, and so on.... (Ed note, I live in a condo complex with no antennas allowed. So to speak, I am a closet antenna case).

Other items of interest: he is married, two children a daughter 9 and son 4, AND a basement full of projects sufficient to last many lifetimes.

Frank can be reached at: francis.carcia@hs.utc.com

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Date: Mon, 26 Jun 2000 08:50:36 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Melvin E. Parker

Gentlemen:

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Melvin Parker joins the List from Dacula, Georgia, a town located about 55 miles north east of Atlanta. Melvin's "Lucent.Com" return address says it all (Parker, Melvin E (Melvin) [mep@lucent.com]), he has been employed for the past 28 year with Lucent Technologies. In addition, many years ago he worked for Federal Electric and its support of the Apollo Program.

Like so many of us, our newest member has been interested in both military and commercial receivers. Presently he has a string of Racals, including a 1796, 6793A-6, as well as a 6790GM.

The Premium-Rx List is composed of approximately equal SWL versus Ham types. Melvin will be supporting the technical SWL half of the team and we are happy to have him with us.

You can contact Mel at the address given above.

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Date: Mon, 26 Jun 2000 09:20:27 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Robert Swenson

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Robert Swenson, a native of San Juan Capistrano, California (YES, this is the place where the Swallows annually return) is another new member. His QTH is a "great hill", ideally situated for antennas (Ed Note: San Juan Capistrano, the location of one of the original Missions of California, is located in a small valley mid-way between LA and San Diego. It is surrounded by rolling hills, which overlook the Pacific Ocean). His interest in radio started with the construction of a homebrew FM broadcast exciter and it associated linear.

Bob is currently enrolled in the program at California State University (Long Beach) where he is emphasizing in the area of DSP, with some "analog" thrown in for good measure.

Presently, Bob is operating an LTT Mackay MSR 8000, with the accompanying MSR 1020 linear and power supply, and the MSR 4030 antenna coupler.

You can e-mail Bob at: Robert Swenson [swenson@home.com]

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Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2000 12:55:52 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Dan Turkisher

Gentlemen:

Our most recent member is Dan Turkisher from the Kansas City area. Dan has worked for Motorola for the past 24 years as an account manager. Specifically he is involved in their land mobile industry supplying communications for fire, police, EMS, rail, etc systems. This means he is generally above 30 MHz when working, but below 30MHz when he is operating his hobby receivers.

Dan operates a Racal 6217/6337, a 6790, an LTT-Mackay 3020A, and a 3021A. His interest in HF communication stems from the 60's and his first ham ticket. Presently he operates under the call of KODAN (K (zero) DAN).

I know we have a bunch of VHF and UHF operators in the membership, I assume Dan has some ideas on those repeater questions you may have????

Welcome to the group Dan!

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Date: Sun, 30 Jul 2000 16:51:53 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Franz Goenner

Gentlemen:

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Our newest member is located in Zurich, Switzerland. Franz received word of our List from member Walt Salmaniw in Victoria, BC. Presently Franz is operating a Collins 2050.

He reports he is experiencing some "heating problems" with his new receiver. Franz... Welcome to our 2050 family, ... you will find some past posts in the archives on redesigning the power supply, or the path the majority of us followed ... finding a very QUIET fan.

I believe Franz is our first Swiss member, and we certainly welcome him to the List.

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Date: Fri, 29 Sep 2000 21:41:16 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Vern Brownell

Gentlemen:

I have been derelict in my moderator responsibilities of recent. Seems we have had some new members, however, I have not been properly introducing them to the List. Trust me, I ain't been lazy, just buried.

Today I want to introduce our newest member, Vern Brownell. Vern claims to be an SWLer type, but I noted he just happens to have the personalized call: W1VB. He claims Chatham, Mass. on Cape Cod is his QTH. You may remember this is just down the street from the old WCC Marconi/RCA maritime/commercial receiving site. Presently he is working in an internet business in Bolton, Mass.

You know, some of us are discreet in our lust for radios, but this isn't a problem for our newest member. He states, "I'm a receiver nut." Little does he know he has finally found a home of other wackos that suffer from this dysfunctionality. "My collection changes frequently, but I currently own a Racal 6790/GM, a Collins 51S-1, Drake R7 and R8B, I com R9000 and R8500, an AOR 7030 and in the real boatanchor category a mint National HRO-50."

If you want to drop Vern a note I would suggest: brownell@egenera.com

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Date: Fri, 6 Oct 2000 14:29:38 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Terry O'Laughlin

Gentlemen:

ATTN surveillance receiver drivers, a fellow lurker has arrived!

Our newest member, Terry O'Laughlin, joins us from Madison where he is chairman of electronics at one of the areas technical schools. Terry operates a RA 6790/GM and a WJ 8718/MFP as well as a number of other receivers. Like many of our members, his interest in

electronics started at the age of 13, obtaining a call (WB9GVB) in 1970, and is now focused on

premium receivers.

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Terry reports that he is "drawn to surveillance equipment out of a fascination with the exquisite engineering and innovative designs that manifest themselves in equipment where budget is not the main project constraint." His radio collection includes a number of pieces of Watkins-Johnson, CEI, and LTV receivers and accessories.

"I am fascinated by the history of surveillance receiver designs and have interviewed former engineers from Watkins-Johnson about their work. I maintain directories of surveillance equipment that are accessible through the boatanchor archives on the Web. Directories are available for WJ/CEI, LTV, Racal, DEI, and Nems-Clarke. The directories are a work in progress as variants and one-offs from these companies are numerous and poorly documented. I'm hoping to get these on a web site connected with my RF course at school. "I have begun to collect photos in hopes of developing an illustrated directory/history for WJ."

All you surveillance lurkers out there, here is the e-mail address of our latest member: Terry O'Laughlin [terryo@wort-fm.terracom.net]

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Date: Wed, 17 Jan 2001 06:46:17 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Glenn Little

Gentlemen:

Glenn Little from Goose Creek, SC has requested to join our List. Glenn has been involved in the hobby since 1971, picking up a number of receivers, as well as a ham ticket, WB4UIV.

His first premium receiver was a WJ-8888B that he still owns. He has since added a WJ-8716, WJ 8617A, MacKay MSR 5030, Skanti R5000, as will as a Skanti R5001. Being a hands-on type, Glenn's area of interest is restoring radios and putting life back in them. His 8888B was in storage . . . outside . . . when he bought it for \$50. It is still undergoing restoration due to a leaking nicad battery on the processor board.

He states, "The Skanti receivers are my latest addition. They cost me a total of \$15.00 at a hamfest. The 8716 ways bought working with some mechanical problems and was previously used in the American embassy in Spain. The 8617A was bought refurbed by WJ and was the highest dollar receiver so far." He has manuals for all of his devices with the exception of the Mackay (perhaps someone could offer a hand in this area?).

Naturally, I have to add the fact that he admits to owning a 390A. Don't worry Glenn, many of us admit to such closet equipment. I typically note this kind of behavior just to placate brother, and fellow List member, Chuck Rippel.

Lastly, Glenn has a desire to discuss a unique receiver built by "E-Systems". It is an surveillance aircraft (U2?) receiver that was driven by a computer.

You can contact Glenn at: glittle@awod.com OR wb4uiv@amsat.org

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Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2000 13:33:21 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Takashi Kuroda

Gentlemen:

Our newest member joins us from Tokyo, Japan. Takashi operates a WJ HF1000A, NRD545, and R-9000 at the moment. He also states he owns (but does not list) some "Racal, NRD, and other receivers".

Takashi is our second member in Japan. I am sorry I do not have more information at this time, perhaps he will give us an update on this interests and radio collection?

You can contact our newest member at: Takashi Kuroda Tokyo, Japan e-mail : tkuroda@tke.att.ne.jp

Welcome to our List,

Greg

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Date: Tue, 21 Nov 2000 10:51:43 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: David Norrie NZ

Gentlemen:

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David Norrie from NZ has joined our List. Dave is a guy that likes to move about...... A native of Scotland, received a PhD in microbiology in Birmingham UK, then a MBA at Henley also in the UK, then it was off to South Africa for a job. Finding he couldn't get the Scottish soccer scores on the local BC stations, he purchased a Sony 7600D to listen to the matches direct. Soccer scores lead to DXing and membership in the List.

He then read a review on the AOR 7030 about 4 years ago. The article was written by our fellow list member, Guy Atkins, in ODXA. While in Africa he purchased a copy of the 7030, but then moved again to his present QTH in New Zealand. Presently, his DXing interest is Latin America, and the US AM stations (ed note, move up to my backyard, they generate so much RF I can almost power the house with their garbage).

Dave is presently living in Auckland, New Zealand, a great DX spot, although (he notes) it would be great to be out of the noisy city. You can contact our newest member by e-mailing: norrieclan@clear.net.nz

BTW, Dave is our second member from down-under

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Date: Sat, 25 Nov 2000 09:21:29 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Ron Spears

Gentlemen:

Ronald E. Spears has been added to our growing Premium-Rx List. Ron works for the South Carolina Department of Transportation as a civil engineer. In his introductory notes he states, "I am a confessed tabletop RX and hamfest junkie." (sounds normal to me????). He is a native of Augusta, GA, an area he claims that is perfect for long wires because there is no ice, however, he notes, there is "lotsa noise on HF especially in the summertime!"

His interest in the HF RX hobby began in 1996 when he bought his first portable receiver while visiting the local Radio Shack. His timing was "perfect", it was the bottom of the solar cycle. But this error didn't attenuate his interest, it quickly expanded into tabletop RX after he learned the portable just couldn't quite cut it for DX and UTE listening.

Ron admits to reading everything he can find about tabletop receivers. He even purchased "a copy of Short-wave Receivers Past and Present from Universal Radio" and the rest as they say was history. (Fred Osterman is the author of Short-wave Receivers Past and Present, and is also a member of the List. Fred Osterman <osterman@dxing.com>).

Ron ran across our List while searching the web for filter mods and a RTTY decoder for his ITT MACKEY AR3030A receiver. Perhaps one of our readers can help?

You can reach Ron at this e-mail: spearsre@dot.state.sc.us	

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Date: Thu, 18 Jan 2001 02:36:00 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Bob Dockery

Gentlemen:

Bob Dockery has joined our list, he found us while searching for information on his WJ 1000a. Bob makes Murfreesboro, Tennessee his home town where, for the past 19 years, he has been a senior electrical engineer for Nissan North America. Specifically, he is responsible for all switches, engine control units, transmission control units, alternators, starters and airbag systems for vehicles built in this country.

His interest in electronics, like a lot of us, started at an early age and a crystal set. This developed into obtaining a ham license (not active at present) and collecting receivers for SWLing. Over the years he has taught vocational high school, did a term in the US navy, installed avionics for 5 years, and built CNC machines for a couple of years.

Presently Bob has the following receivers: Watkins Johnson HF_1000a, JRC NRD 545, I COM R71A, I COM R7000, and a Heathkit SB_104A. He casually adds, "For Heathkit fans, I have assembled 253 Heathkit in my time."

If you got a Heath question or a complaint about your Nissan, I would e_mail our newest member at: rddockery@home.com

Welcome to the group Bob, we look forward to your posts.

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Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2001 15:32:21 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Jon I za

Gentlemen:

Jon I za, a resident of Span, is our latest member. As most of you know, I ask each new member to supply me with some information about their background. >From this I typically paraphrase a few lines and make the introduction of the new member. On a few occasions, I have literally copied the information submitted and forwarded it direct. This following bio is in fact one of the copied pieces.

My justification: As you read Jon's bio you will better understand the long technical road he has traveled. His experience is on the opposite end of the spectrum as compared to mine. Using myself as an example_ I live in San Diego and enjoy a number of electronic "junkyards" and an excellent surplus store (aka Mike Murphy's). All my life I have been a few miles from all the parts and technical information I have ever needed. I take my hat off to people like Jon who have not had Acro Sales, Heathkit, TRW Swap Meets, Allied Radio, and a few dozen Radioshacks in their backyards. Many of you have communicated to me in your bio information similar to Jon's, specifically that the "road" to radio land has been long and up hill

New Member: Jon Iza_

(Taken direct) My name is Jon I za and I teach Environmental Technology at the School of Engineering in Bilbao, Basque Country, Spain, as Associate Professor. I started on radio when I was 8 and was given by "The Three Wise Man" (the Spanish Santa) a "Phillips Electrical Engineer", an electronics erecto set. First thing built was the three transistor radio...

When I was 14 I became official SWL EA_4727_U and became proficient on listening with a receiver I built from partial kits. Using interior antennas I logged 130 countries and prepared myself for the ham ticket, that I got in 1978, as EA2SN. At that time, Generalisimo Franco recently dead, a ham ticket was not an easy task, and we had to go to the Police Station for questioning about our activities... the ETA group was in full force, so it was quite an experience. Military folks didn't trust anyone, and it has continued this way until today. Mil Surplus has been/is inexistent (Ed. note, I think he mean non_existent) in Spain. The only time I was able to use military equipment was in 1982/83 when I "enjoyed" 15 months of compulsory military duty with the Air Force... I ended up being Weather Observer, Flight Desk dispatcher, and even ad_hoc air controller. I used then a Marconi CR150 for casual listening... Even Europe is very hard for Military Surplus, although Internet is opening a wide new market. As my main activity as "radioaficionado" (that's the oficial _recognized_ name in Spanish) is to build low power equipment (QRP) I don't have a huge budget to afford what the dealers ask for a Mil_Spec receiver. And all of you are aware the market is not that big.

I jump, though, on all good offers I see passing by. That way I got an AOR_3030, where I installed Collins filters, a R_5000, that I loaded with InRad filters, and recently a Hagenuk EE_334 which is the German name of a Drake MSR_2. It's in bad shape but I look forward to fix it soon. I'm waiting now for a Harris (sorry, Trans)ceiver, the RF3200, coming from England. (I also have some other transceivers, among them, the Elecraft K2 which works very well as a receiver).

Conditions here are horrible. I live in a medium size town (215000) and the HF spectrum is a horrible mix of everything. Also 3 cell phone companies are fitting lots of buildings with their stuff, so a good receiver is a real need. It's not as bad as in Central Europe, but getting closer.

I look forward to learn from the list. I read about 10 ham journals a month from all over the world _literally_ and about 10 lists on Internet, keeping an eye on new developments. From the time I was getting weird looks when I was trying to buy a double gate MosFet in town until now, when I order stuff from antipodal countries, lots of things have changed in radio world. And I'm enjoying many of them!!

Be well,
jon, ea2sn
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Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2001 19:46:34 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: John Midwood

Gentlemen:

John Midwood has joined our List from the small town of Basingstoke, UK. I am not sure if John is our youngest member or not, but I know at 25 he is up for the nomination. He confesses to taking apart radios in his (Ed. note: get this!) "youth" to see what made them work, but seldom was successful in getting them back together. He earned a BEng in Telecoms Engineering and has been working for an independent test house that does Type Approval of C_Phones. He has done test for Ericsson, Nokia, Panasonic, Xircom, RIM, TTPCom, as well as the American

PCS 1900 market. Test gear consists of: Rohde and Schwarz, HP and Racal, NoiseCom, Anite....

His receiver list consists of some vintage gear such as the Hallicrafters S20, SX24, S29, Murphy B40 and B41 (Naval receivers), RCA AR88LF, RA17L, plus SSB adapter, LF convertor, and P326 receiver. Each has been recapped and restored back to day one in operation. His top of the line receiver is the RA1792. John found our List by doing a search for the RA 1792 (6790) on the internet.

He has been known to generate a little RF under the sign of G7PTD. (50MHz and above).

You can drop him a few welcome words at: john.midwood@rfi_wireless.com,

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Date: Tue, 27 Mar 2001 20:18:23 -0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Craig McCartney

Gentlemen:

Our second new member for the day is Craig McCartney, of Redwood City, California. His QTH is at the 550 foot level on a ridge somewhere between San Francisco and San Jose (Ed Note: darn near ground zero for the San Andreas fault line if my memory serves me right?). He has been a ham since high school (presently WA8DRZ) getting his license in the late 50's. At one time Craig was into RTTY, then AMTOR and in fact was part of the development team for APLink and WinLink.

Like many of us, Craig enjoys restoring 390A and presently has three connected in a diversity setup. There is also a Drake R_4245 and a Ten Tec RX_330 (non_front panel predecessor to the RX_340). Then there is a TR_7A/R_7A combo as well as an I COM R71A and 7000 for catching any VHF/UHF signals.

With all the receiving hardware there is a need to find some RF and that is accomplished by "Alpha_Delta sloper, a 10 MHz dipole, an RF Systems MTA (passive) and an RF Systems DX_10 (active). These feed a set of four Hermes 1x4 multicouplers, two Stridsberg 1x4 multicouplers and a BNC patch panel with pads and splitter/combiners available as needed".

Craig is the VP of Quality Engineering for Globe Wireless, a maritime communication company. They "operate a worldwide network of 18 HF stations with over 150 active channels. Most use the Ten Tec RX_330 series receivers".

Our newest member's E_Mail address is: craigmc@pacbell.net

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Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2001 15:52:10 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Mikael Kostet

Gentlemen:

Caution_ The participation of this new member SIGNIFICANTLY raises the technology bar of this List_ READ ON

From Sweden, in fact from Umea located 63 degrees 50.3 North, we find our newest member. Mikael Kostet, has been involved with the "wireless" business for the past 20 years. Since 1988 he has headed (and CEO) the R&D for Orexis Communications. He reports in the near future his company will have a new web page (www.orexis.se) just incase you want more details.

Mikael is active under the call sign of SM2KOT, but admits that time limitation and other distraction have attenuated his RF generating ability.

As I reviewed our newest member's bio I noted that Mikael neglected to draw my attention to one unique item. Seems one of Mikael's receivers can be remoted from the internet. That is right sport fans, this new member has connected an SRT CR_91 to the web so you can operate it from the warmth of your southern latitude homestead (See address below). Here is a partial list of Mikael's collection.

Collins 51_S1 Collins 651_S1 Collins 51J4 SRT CR_91 (One web controlled on http://194.165.225.6) SRT CR_304 Telefunken E_1501 Dannebrog elektronik MR6000 I com I C_R71E I com I C_R9000 I com I C_R7100 I com PCR_1000 I com PCR_100 R&S ESM500 Racal RA1792 Racal RA117 Drake R7A JRC NRD_535D Plessey PR_155 Plessey PR_1553 Eddystone EC_958 Hammarlund SP_600 Plath SFP_5000 (Direction finder) Multi couplers R&S NV 14T Multi couplers Collins FSK analyser R&S GA082

Congratulations Mikael on your internet connection. Welcome to the List.

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Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2001 13:28:42 -0800 (PST) From: Rodney Bunt <rodney_bunt@yahoo.com> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Rodney Bunt

Gentlemen:

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Our newest member is Rodney Bunt, a citizen of the city of Sydney, Australia. Presently, Rodney is operating a Collins Rockwell 2050 and was recommended for membership by Walt Salmaniw.

Rodney's background includes a 1 year stint in Antarctica with the Australian National Antarctic Expeditions, where he was the HF Communications Radio Officer.

He technical background includes Electronics, Communications, and Digital Electronics.

Please give our newest member a welcome at; rodney_bunt@yahoo.com

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Date: Mon, 26 Mar 2001 15:52:40 -0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Prem-Rx: New Member: George B. Hutchison

Gentlemen:

George B. Hutchison, aka W7KSJ and w7ksj@rtty.com, joins us from Auburn, Washington.

Our latest member operates an array of MacKays receivers because, as he says, "I . . . just like the things. They are incredibly stable, sensitive, and are, in my view, just nice rigs". He obtained his first through a trade, the second was purchased on the bay, and the third from a private party back east.

Unlike other members with their premium receivers being used for SWL and other technical aspects, he uses his receivers in a unique way, receiving RTTY. George's major area of interest is in RTTY. He justifies this based on the desire to keep these old teletype machine operating (the boat anchors of the Gutenberg world?). He has even gone so far as to obtain a Special Temporary Authority granted by the FCC, for 6994 and 13972 KHz, as an experiment to see if there is any interest in RTTY Broadcasts. This experiment has not been without QRM from other spectrum users, but George continues to work toward finding a home frequency for these lovable clattering machines. Need parts for your machine, he states, "I have one of the world's largest collections of new teletype parts. I give 'em away to people who really need 'em".

Never one to sit, George recently started working for Collins Avionics Service Center in Renton, WA. He now repairs the 180_R12 and 180_R17 series antenna couplers, and in fact, is one of the two people in the US certified to tweak them. And if his dance card is not full enough, our newest member has a 20V_3 broadcast transmitter that he is working on.

As is the case with most members, it sounds like there is not enough time to start all the projects he wants, let alone time to finish them. His parting comments, "My wife thinks I'm crazy.....Neener Neener Neener...."

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Date: Sun, 06 May 2001 08:16:40 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Peter Patton

Gentlemen:

Our newest member is Peter Patton, who presently "drives" a Rockwell_Collins 2050. His interest in radios started in the early 50's when he restored ART_13s to earn pocket money and pay for his college days. He currently collects, restores, and operates HF_80 gear. Peter is a retired university professor (Aerospace Eng) and is currently Chief Technologist at Lawson Software.

In addition to the Rockwell, he enjoys the sounds of a Collins 8054, Plessey 2282A, 51J_4, and to hold down the workbench_ a 390A (ed: that should make Rippel happy).

Peter has been searching for months for a Collins 851S_1 but hasen't scored as of this date. Perhaps you may want to contact him if you have an extra, or know the QTH of a spare?

Our newest member generates RF under the call sign of W0EWQ, since 1950, you can also contact him at Peter.Patton@lawson.com

Welcome to our group Mr. Pete

Greg

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Date: Sun, 06 May 2001 08:16:40 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: John Wilson

Gentlemen:

John Wilson joins us from the UK. John certainly doesn't need an introduction bio_sketch, simply stated, he was one of the partners in Lowe Electronics in the UK and was responsible for the manufacture and introduction of the Lowe HF series of receivers. Presently he "owns and loves" a Collins RE 51S_1.

John is a regular contributor in the UK Short Wave magazine, which is read and commented on by readers throughout the world. One item of interest that John admitted to in his note to me was that he is an acquaintance of "the Chuckster and John Bryant . . . " as well as other members of the List. I figure we shouldn't hold that against him?

About this time of the year John is on the highway going north between the lower 48 and Orcas I sland, Washington. As for the Rippel kid, he is probably under some rock with a tuning wand in one hand and a brew in the other, reading the mail and chasing DX.

John, it is a pleasure to have you join our List. We look forward to your downloads.

You may contact John Wilson at: johnwilson@freezone.co.uk

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Date: Sun, 06 May 2001 22:39:08 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Robert Kelly

Gentlemen:

Robert Kelly is located in Portland, Oregon and learned about Premium_Rx while searching for information about battery replacement for his Racal RA6790/GM receiver. He has been an avid radio enthusiast since childhood thanks to his father K1CBO/SK receiving his Novice license in 1967, but recently "born again" as AC7KE.

Presently he works as a software developer, and is an advocate of the free software movement. His area of interest is signal processing algorithms, especially those pertaining to radio communications.

In addition to his RA6790/GM (which recently stopped working!), he dabbles with radios cobbled together from modules, subsystems, and test equipment. He claims that his HP3586C is also in fact a Premium_Rx (excellent especially for LF and VLF). Anyone want to argue this point..... try him at: Robert Kelley cpasha@kali.com

Welcome to the group_ and by the way Bob, we happen to have a number of 6790 operators on this List, perhaps they could help with that Racal.

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Date: Thu, 17 May 2001 16:48:23 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Dave Ross

Gentlemen_

David Ross, N7EPI, ross@hypertools.com, has joined our List. Dave claims home is a very quiet rural area (Ed: I can only assume he means RFI quiet) in southwest Washington state. In fact, it is about 15 miles inland and a couple of miles north of the Columbia River.

He has been interested in high_performance receivers since the mid_'70s and has held a license since the mid_'60s. Our newest member is self_employed in the areas of hardware & software design .

Current interests include SWLing, vintage RTTY, and repair of HF_80 gear..."lately out of necessity"... he admits. Dave has a Collins/Rockwell 1KW HF_80 setup including an HF_8054A and a GRiD PC control setup running Rockwell's ACMEXEC.EXE. There is also a Intermarine EN_R2 LF_MF_HF receiver and a Sunair RT_9000 transceiver.

If you are interested in contacting Dave . . . ross@hypertools.com $\,$

Welcome Dave_
Greg

Date: Sat, 19 May 2001 07:36:11 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Kurt Holbrook

Gentlemen:

Checking in from the 'Valley of the Sun', Kurt Holbrook is our newest subscriber. For those who have not had the pleasure, 'the valley of the sun' is Phoenix, Arizona. Where today's temperature will be in the 100's +F (38 C)

Kurt has been involved with radios since he was fourteen. This passion was the motivation to become an Electrical Engineer and followed him into retirement where there is more time to pursue this activity. Professionally, Kurt was involved in Microwave Communication Circuit design for the military in Western Europe, Industrial Automation design for both private industry and the military and Robotics. His last position was at Kachina Communications as a Test and Quality Engineer. This provided a first hand look at DSP in communication receivers and what it can and can not do.

For the past nine years he has been collecting, restoring, using and evaluating just about all types of receivers. He has or had most of the "high end" consumer receivers made in the last ten or so years plus the usual R_390A, 51J_4 and 51S_1.

Three of the more notable receivers that he has owned and used at length are: NRD 93, 851S_1 and WJ 8888.

Currently he is looking for a 6790/GM, RA 1792 and a RF 590/A.

Kurt can be reached at <radiouser@qwest.net Welcome to our List Kurt_

Greg

P.S. Do not think I was disrespectful to Kurt for living in the valley of the sun. I camped there for ten years, so I speak from experience. It is a great place to be from.

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Date: Sat, 19 May 2001 13:01:15 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Rolf Folkesson

Gentlemen:

Greg

From Sweden, our newest member is Rolf Folkesson. Rolf operates under the call sign of SMOHP. He heard about the List via a friend. At present he is a Senior System Researcher in mobile communications.

He operates an ITT (SRT) CR_90 and CR_91. Both of these are microprocessor based receivers which (if I understand his message to me correctly) he personally designed or was a part of the design team. Both are listed in Fred Osterman's Shortwave Receiver book (Fred is a List member). Approximately 500 units were produced, the last being made in 1991.

Check out the the receivers in Fred's book, AND contact Rolf at rolf.folkesson@allgon.se

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Date: Sat, 19 May 2001 13:01:25 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Bob Geiste

Gentlemen:

Another receiver buff has joined our group. Bob Geiste (rjgeiste@email.msn.com) is a mechanical engineer that works in the R & D of surgical instruments. Home is in Milford, CT, a coastal town. Electronics, especially radio equipment are his interest, however, he has been know to enjoy art and photography.

When using his radio gear he typically can be found monitoring aircraft comms both military and commercial as well as Maritime activity.

Equipment includes: ITT Mackey Marine 3031A, Harris RF_550, Watkins Johnson 977_1 (30_300 mhz), and ACL made R_1368/GR (250_1000 mhz). Decoders: MFJ_1278, HAL2100, Universal M_7000

Welcome aboard Bob.

Date: Tue, 29 May 2001 14:30:42 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Christoph Ratzer

Gentlemen:

May I introduce Christoph Ratzer, our first member from Salzburg, Austria. Chris operates a WJ HF1000 with Sherwood SE3 (Ed note: Robert Sherwood is a member of the Premium List) and an I com R9000 and other (fine but not premium rx) like 51S_1, AOR7030, NRD 515. He is in the market for a 340 DSP Rx at the present time.

Chris is the founder of a mail reflector, the A_DX mailing list. It is a German speaking reflector specifically for BC_DX (tropical bands). The list has 420 members. You may want to take a look at the list (or practice your Deutsch) at: http://www.ratzer.at

I know we have a pot full of Tropical Band operators on the Premium_Rx List and I trust you will drop a note to Chris and welcome him to the list. christoph@ratzer.at

Chris also operates under the call sign; OE2CRM

Date: Thu, 31 May 2001 13:32:15 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Gary Martek, antenna design

Gentlemen:

Gary Martek in Redmond, WA has become our latest member. Gary is a Engineer for a wireless OEM and designs "wireless smart antenna systems". He presently holds 20 patents on antenna design including point to point microwave, RF, IF, and base band processing systems.

Gary is another one of those individuals interested in diversity reception using spatial and cross polarized antenna systems in the HF spectrum.

His call letters are WI DOW, email at Gary.Martek@metawave.com

We have SWL types, digital geeks, amplifier designers, and whatever. . . but unless my professor brain has failed, I think this is our first skyhook designer.

Welcome aboard Gary_

Greg

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Date: Thu, 31 May 2001 14:05:05 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: John Hoopes, LOWFER

Gentlemen:

John Hoopes form Bonaire, Georgia (near Macon) has joined our List. After retiring from the Air Force, John became a test program developer for a company that builds testers based around the VXI chassis. The company also manufacture a RF tester that provides stimulus and measurement up to 18GHZ.

John received his first license a few years back and presently operates AB4MS. One of his real passions is Dxing in the VLF/LF portion of the radio spectrum. He also transmits a signal on 184.5kHz with the call "JDH". Thus his nickname: LOWFER. Michael Brown (List member) has copied his beacon from his QTH in North Carolina.

John presently operates a pair of RA_6790, R1401 A/G VLF/LF, and a Sunair GSR 920

For you LOWFERS out there, John can be reached at jdhatti@hom.net

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Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2001 15:46:03 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Allan Jones

Gentlemen:

Allan Jones joins us from Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, UK.

Al has been into SWLing for the past 33 years. His first SWL receiver was a RA17L. Recently he purchased a RA 6790/GM which he will soon be taking delivery.

Our newest member appreciates well engineered/designed equipment, and when given leisure time, enjoys investigating circuits and systems. Being able to ask a question, and maybe later exchanging information with like minded people, is one of the reasons he is joining the List.

You can contact Al at: al.jones5@ntlworld.com or by listening for G4UGA (his amateur call).

Welcome to the group-

Greg

P.S. FYI, AI found the Premium_Rx List when he pinged google.com looking for receivers. In fact, our List came up as the second hit on the search engine's findings.

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Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2001 11:45:49 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Matt Parkinson

Gentlemen:

Our newest member is a Californian by the name of Matt Parkinson. He is employed by JVC Service of America, specifically . . on professional broadcast equipment.

Matt has recently taken delivery of a Harris RF 590. In addition he has a R_5000, RS EK_07, and a National FRR_59a (plus others) in his collection of receivers. In the past he has owned a Racal 6790GM as well as a Harris 550.

While it is not a List topic, it is interesting to note that Matt has been known to restore a few 390a. Presently he has a few dozen in the wings a waiting his magic touch.

Welcome aboard Matt

Greg

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Date: Mon, 25 Jun 2001 12:41:53 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Thomas Roth

Gentlemen:

Greg

Thomas Roth is our newest member. Tom lives in Hannover, North Germany where he works as a network technician setting up UNIX and LINUX networks and clusters. He has been SWLing for the past 38 years and got his ham ticket 16 years ago (DL1CQ).

His "true love" lies in his professional grade RXs. He operates two RACAL RA_1792, in addition to; one Motorola R_390/URR, one Hammarlund SP_600JX, two Siemens E_311e and two Rohde&Schwarz EK_07/D2. Tom states, "I freely admit "my Premium_RX" are clearly the two EK_07". Tom's 07s often operate for months at a time and he is impressed that over the past 10 years he hasn't had any technical problems.

He is looking for a RA_6793A for which he states he would swap TWO 1792s for....? Hopefully, he will score a 6793 at the South German Hamfest taking place this weekend.

You can e_mail Tom at: Thomas Roth [th.roth@knuut.de] or catch him on the band as: DL1CQ (FISTS #6402, CC #1036, AGCW_DL #2943); OR check out his WEB page at: http://www.qsl.net/dl4obn

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Date: Tue, 26 Jun 2001 08:22:57 -0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Arthur Shulman

Gentlemen:

From a small village of Waterford, about 80m west of Toronto, comes our newest member, Arthur Shulman. Art's e_mail is: dentist@nornet.on.ca, which just about sums up what he does when NOT working on radios. However, I should add his background also included some electrical engineering work.

Art's interest in electronics, and specifically radio communications, dates back to the late 40's, and began intensively when he obtained his amateur license in 1954. (Presently VE3ZV). However, his real interest is in listening, rather than talking. Although his primary activity area is VHF/UHF monitoring, he has taken an interest in LF/HF services as well. Sadly, he states, "......because it is largely a passive activity, the former keeps me amused with local activity but steals time that could be devoted to the latter. This has tended to concentrate around receiving WEFAX, NAVTEX, and RTTY transmissions whenever they present. This I do with a Universal M1200 decoder, and sometimes with various software decoders."

Art operates an HF_1000 as well as lists a number of other pieces of hardware. Planned projects in process include I NMARSAT and MI LSAT receiving capability, and improving antenna facilities for all installed receivers.

Our newest member "stumbled" upon our List while researching FET preamp circuits for a 137mhz weather station. He was impressed by the posts, and has read the archives from the beginning to week number #133 (ed note: it is obvious that Art has a great deal of free time!). He mentions the "quality of the commentary and the distinguished credentials of many of our List members. (Some of whom I recognized by reputation!)"

You can contact Art via his e_	_mail: dentist@nornet.on.ca

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Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2001 13:51:04 -0700

From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Scott McDonald

Gentlemen:

Scott McDonald is our newest member_

Scott checks in from the western suburbs of Chicago. By day he is a corporate attorney dealing with intellectual property, but by night and weekends . . . he enjoys operating his RA 6790/GM (recent acquisition).

Scott started his premium radio career with a Drake MSR2, a receiver he enjoyed for over 10 years. Like many of our members he has owned a good share of hardware over the years, both restoring as will as operating same. Presently, he has reduced the time he spends on receiver restoration and repair and increased the time he enjoys "sitting back and listening to a great radio".

Our newest member learned about our List while surfing the Web. Scott can be reached at KA9P@AOL.COM

Counsel, welcome to the List, I hope some of our members living near the Windy City will drop you an e_mail?

Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2001 15:41:16 -0700

From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Les Locklear

Gentlemen:

Les Locklear has joined our List.

I have to apologize to Les, he has waited a long time to be introduced as will as added to our server. In fact, according to my e_mail calendar, it has been the better part of two months. Things in this office get a little crazy around final examination and commencement time, and I simply dropped the ball.

Our newest member lives in Gulfport, Mississippi and works as a Controls Technician for the U.S. Government. He has enjoyed operating and restoring receivers all his life. This includes (are you sitting down Rippel???) 1 R_390; 33 R_390A's; and 18 SP_600's. He has authored articles in Electric Radio, Hollow State Newsletter, The Collins Journal, as well as others. Les is a contributor to List member Fred Osterman's "Receivers Past and Present" 3rd Edition. The topic of his contribution was the variants of the Hammarlund SP_600 series.

Presently, Les is "thinning out his BA collection" as mandated by his "lower back" problems (Ed. note: I can't imagine picking up 33 R_390A's in one lifetime). He presently is working at Keesler A.F.B and will be retiring in the new future.

Drop Les a	n e_mail	at: Llgp	ot@aol.com

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Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2001 12:48:14 -0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: France Antelme

Gentlemen:

Greg

Mr. France Antelme, of Petaluma, CA is our newest member. Petaluma, for those not from the Golden State, is slightly north of San Francisco. Our newest member is employed by Cisco Systems in the area of System Test of High Speed Fiber Optic transport systems. In addition, he holds the call sign of K6QO and ZS6GO.

Prior to moving to Petaluma, France worked for Grinaker Electronics in South Africa, focusing in the area of military communications and the design of elements of frequency_hopped HF systems including receiver and power amplifier design.

France operates a RA 1792 and plans to both extend his collection of premium receivers, as well as re_establish his activities in homebrewed RF projects.

For those of you wishing to e_mail France, I would suggest you try him at: fantelme@ncal.verio.com

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Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2001 22:24:11 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Dave Robinson

Gentlemen:

Greg

Dave Robinson, located in Midland, Michigan is our newest member.

Dave's interest in mil_spec receivers goes back a good 25 years and = includes a Collins R_389 and an RCA AN/SRR_11 among others. Currently = he owns a Harris RF_590 and a R2368B (RF_590A). Dave is another one of = those VLF/LF spectrum buffs, and in fact, is a member of the Longwave = Club of America. He is an EE with an extensive background in analog circuit design, however, for the past 15 years he has worked in the factory automation area.

I assume your VLF/LF types will want to welcome our newest member? His address is : AG8B@aol.com

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Date: Wed, 1 Aug 2001 12:36:44 _0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Tracy Gardner (Racal LEEE)

Gentlemen:

Greg

Tracy Gardner, who learned of our List while searching Google, is our newest member. He operates a Racal RA 1792, which he purchased last year. Unfortunately, his operating time has been limited because he is "self_building" a new home.

Tracy's main interest is in listening for Non Directional Beacons (NDBs) in the LF band, in fact his 1792 has the optional 100Hz CW filter and a 1Hz readout. Operating his 1792 via the IEEE bus is a primary goal of our new member. If you have information on this form of operation, please contact Tracey at: tracey.gardner@ntlworld.com

Our newest member has been a ham operator (G5VU a re_issue) for the past 33 years.

Welcome to the group_ always nice to have another UK member.

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Date: Fri, 24 Aug 2001 16:59:09 _0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Paul Kluwe

Gentlemen:

Paul Kluwe, W8ZO, from Ann Arbor, home of the U of M, has joined our List. Paul learned about our group from Mac Macullough, a signature often noted on posts to this List.

Paul has a Paragon R_A_10 receiver with D_A_2 detector_amplifier. Before you start to scan your memory you should understand that this device was built by Adams_Morgan Company in 1922. Paul points out that it must have been a "premium receiver" of its day, because after nearly 80 years, it still produces good armchair copy.

In addition, he also has a few other receivers such as: Rockwell Collins 95S_1A, Rockwell Collins 851S_1 & HF_8095, a Rockwell Collins HF_8054A, and a Squires_Sanders SS_1R & SS_1V.

You can contact Paul directly at: Pkluwe@aol.com

Welcome to the List Paul

Greg

Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2001 15:48:05 _0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Mark Donaldson

Our newest member is Mark Donaldson_

Mark was first licensed in 1975 as WA1QHQ. He is presently employed at ThirdRail Wireless Systems as electrical engineer specializing in RF and microwave circuit and systems design. ThirdRail has a contract with the federal government to build a wireless broadband data network that will be used for federal, state and local government agencies for day to day use as well as FEMA and the Office of Emergency Management for emergency services.

For our members in Australia, it should be noted that Mark is often traveling on business to your part of the world on business. Perhaps a meeting can be arranged?

His hobby interests range from collecting and restoring boat anchors to microwave radio links. This has developed into an interest in constructing and modifying high performance short_wave receivers. Presently he has two RA6830s and a Watkins Johnson 8718A as well as large collection of boatanchor receivers.

The QTH of our newest member is Groton, MA

Give him a welcome at: mark.donaldson@third_rail.net

Greg

Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2001 16:07:10 _0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <qbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Brian Comer (DR333)

Gentlemen:

Our newest member is Brian Comer, a fellow Californian, living in San Marcos which is 25 miles north of San Diego. Brian "transferred" to the US from the United Kingdom in 1967. Our newest member came across our List while looking for some information on using the IEEE_488 interface to drive his Racal 6830 JD.

His call while living in the UK was G3ZVC which may be recognized for its association with the design of the SSB transceiver using Plessey I C's back in the 1970s'. In addition, Brian was the hardware designer of the DR_333. Many of our members have, or have owned, a McKay_Dymek DR_333 (http://www.dxing.com/sample53.pdf) and will recognize the receiver which is listed in Fred's bible on receivers. He states he does "not have a complete DR333 although I do have a special DF version of this receiver used for military purposes".

I must also add that Brian has a second family consisting of three adopted children aged 1, 2 and 4 years and one foster child 6 months.

You can contact Brian at : Brian D. Comer [bcomer@lsil.com], or on the air as KF6C.

Welcome to the group Brian_

Greg

Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2001 11:13:14 _0700

From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Steve Burney

Gentlemen:

Checking in from San Jose, Steve Burney is our 158th member. He found out about the List while doing a search for information on his WJ_8716.

Steve works under the call of KD6QPQ and has been interested in radios since a teenager. In addition to his WJ, he has a Racal 6790/GM which is need of some TLC.

Presently he is using his EE background in the area of designing medical devices.

Steve can be reached at: Steve Burney [burneysm@earthlink.net]

Welcome to the group_ there are plenty 6790 members who I am sure will assist.

Greg

Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2001 11:02:18 _0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: David Ringold

Gentlemen:

Checking in from New Haven, Connecticut, is David Ringold, our newest member. Dave is a member of the bar and uses radio as an escape from the daily challenge of his practice.

He has been a SWL type since 1969 starting with a GE World Monitor Ten, which he says, probably "doesn't make the premium receiver list" of today. Presently he owns a Racal Racal RA6790/GM (very recently acquired) and a Drake R8. His main interest in SWLing is World Music, some sports that aren't very popular in the US, and news that hasn't been filtered. Perhaps some of our SWL DXing members like Dave Clarke, John Bryant, or the "Rippel" kid could talk to this new member?

You can drop Dave a welcome at; David Ringold [dar@gowebway.com]

Greg

Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2001 12:24:24 _0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Ted Walker

Gentlemen:

Another citizen of the Empire joins our List. Test Walker lives in Vauxhall, a suburb of London, England. His QTH enjoys a clear 360 degree horizon with a number of antennas (aerials) at an effective height of 100 Ft above ground level.

His favorite receiver is an RA1792 for which he has a full comprehensive technical manual. Presently, he is reading the manual and claims to be half way to the end?

Ted collects old BAs including a couple of SP_600s, HRO_60, Eddystone 1837/2 (marine radio), and an AR 88. There are a few others including some NRD and AORs, but the 1792 is the joy of his life at present.

Our newest member's radio spectrum interests are wide ranging and include computer control, data and broadcast transmissions, and a particular interest in tropical band Dx. This should light the interest of a number of our members including David Clarke, John Bryant, the Rippel youth, and Dr. Walt to name just a few.....:_)

Drop Ted an e_mail at: TedW10600@aol.com

Greg

Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2001 17:09:25 _0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Ken Maltz

Gentlemen:

Only on one occasion have I ever used the bio of a new member without some editing to shorten, or lengthen, or.... The only person to escape the editors scissors was Steve Stutman_ and only because his writing skills are typically off_the_wall funny.

I am going to break the rule for a second time, not because this submission is funny, but simply to share with you first hand the diversity of our membership. We are an interesting group. We are composed of a few digital programmers, lawyers, marketing people, bankers, retired folk, writers, doctors, engineers, and a few of us university types, and so on.

The bio of Ken Maltz:

Thanks for considering my application to join the premium_rx list. I hope that the following will serve as an introduction:

I am located in Syosset, Long I sland, New York; which is about 20 miles East of NY City. I am a professional musician (clarinetist) and music educator, concertizing regularly throughout Europe and North America. My work can be found on numerous commercial CDs, feature films, documentaries, television and radio. In addition to my work as a performer, I create musical tracks and sound effects for a variety of media, including audiobooks and radio productions. In this vein, I employ a variety of MIDI and digital audio technologies.

I have been a short_wave radio enthusiast since my teen years, somehow managing to get in a few hours here and there while pursuing my education and musical career. Now, some 40 years since stringing my first long_wire antenna, I find that my interest in our hobby has increased many fold, and I look forward to the time spent in front of the dials (or, shall we say "displays")! The majority of my listening is concentrated on the utility frequencies; particularly aero, military and the digital modes. Yet, I still enjoy listening to SWBC stations as a change_of_pace.

My HF monitoring station consists of the following equipment:

RACAL RA6790/GM w/lo_freq. option JRC NRD_535/D I COM R71A Collins R_388/51J_3

Hoka Code3Gold_Professional digital decoder	
66' long_wire, MLB Balun	
VHF_UHF equipment includes:	
I COM R7100 AOR AR_8000 Optolinx interface Diamond Discone	
In addition, a variety of high_end digital audio equipment and software is employed for signanalysis and editing.	nal
I hope that this proves to be helpful. Thanks for the opportunity to participate in list relat discussions.	:ed
73s, Ken Maltz	
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Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2001 11:42:53 _0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Al Tipsword (Racal PC control)

Gentlemen:

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Al Tipsword joins us from Camino, California. Al "drives" a 6790/GM and has been an amateur radio operator (W6GER) for a number of years. At present he is developing a Windows 98 control program for the receiver and would like some volunteers to beta test his efforts. He also needs to contact others who could offer assistance on waterfall displays and sound card programming using Visual Basic.

His software is currently operational in its Version 1.0 state with the following features: Virtual Front Panel with all programmable controls operational. Frequency and BFO Readout. LED display of modes and bandwidth readout. He reports the screen display looks exactly like the actual receiver front panel. I ncluding: Frequency Scan Mode, Continuous Frequency Scan Mode, Selective Frequency Scan Mode, Timed Frequency Change Mode. and Record signal to .way file.

With some assistance he hopes to add Spectrum Displays and Waterfall displays with the ability to click on a display point and have the receiver be set to that frequency.

Any good receiver man has a few BAs, and AI is no exception. These include: Three _ R390A's; one R392; one R_388 and one R808. His present interest is Mechanical Teletype equipment and Hell Schreiber.

If you are into software driving a Racal.... give Al a blast at; atipsword@gotnet.net

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Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2001 12:32:43 _0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Jerry Kincade

Gentlemen:

From Mustang, Oklahoma, Jerry Kincade, W5KP, joins our List.

Jerry, like many of us, started years ago with BA receivers and has restored many. In fact he claims that there are a pair of 390As holding down the floor of his lab which he directly attributes (actually 'blames" is a better word) to the Rippel Kid. Jerry's background consists of 42 years as a military and commercial RF communications and electronics tech and systems engineer, 25 years in cryptographic (secure) military communications, and 36 years as a ham, currently with an Extra. (Ed note: extra is 20 WPM, which sounds like a blur to me).

At present Jerry is looking to add a 590A to his collection. It is interesting to note that our newest member is so motivation that he has been purchasing spare 590 modules for the day that Santa brings him the 590A.

Perhaps a List member can contact Jerry and tell him where an extra 590 is living???

As a note of interest, Jerry is a antenna man and has a number of Web posting regarding his past antenna activities.

You can reach Jerry at: w5kp@swbell.net
Greg

Date: Mon, 10 Dec 2001 07:30:38 _0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Stuart Lamb

Gentlemen:

Joining us from central England, Stuart Lamb is our newest member. Stuart obtained his amateur license in 1982, and over the years has focused on military HF receiving equipment. He started with a Murphy B40D some 20 years ago, then he inherited a pair of non_functioning RA 117s which turned into one operating unit. Recently he purchased a RA 1792.

Stuart is a mechanical engineer by profession and is the first to acknowledge that he feels more comfortable with a spanner and some 40W under his fingernails than a VOM and scope (sounds like a future R_390 hobbyist to me). As is the case with about 50% of our members, Stuart enjoys the SWL side of the hobby with the HF Oceanic and military traffic being of major interest.

Oh yes, between SWLing and his job, our newest member finds time rebuilding a Mercedes 300 (www.mercedes300.co.uk)

Say hello to Stuart at: swlstu@blueyonder.co.uk

Greg

Date: Wed, 19 Dec 2001 09:13:48 _0800 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Chuck Dietz (Rockwell 2050)

Gentlemen:

Greg

Inching toward the 180 member number, Chuck Dietz of Houston, TX is our newest member.

Chuck is a member of the bar (criminal lawyer) and enjoys the sounds of his Rockwell_Collins 2050 which he recently added to his receiver list. He also operates a ICOM 756Pro II. His actual QTH is approximately 20 miles south of Houston so it is relatively (RF wise) quiet.

He admits his first love is contesting with the call W5PR. While 10 M is his band of choice during contests (like last weekend) he is also known to listen to broadcast band DX with his 160M antenna (ed: being a Texan, I assume this is a 1/4 wave vertical?).

Those members of the List that "drive" 2050s may want to give Chuck an E_Mail (Logan Dietz [cdietz@swbell.net]) and tell him about the solutions to the 2050 heater problems.

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Date: Tue, 14 May 2002 13:18:41 _0700 From: "Greg Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Ahmet Gundes

Gentlemen:

Ahmet Gundes joins us (are you ready for this) while on vacation in Spain. His actual QTH is in the "northern part of New Jersey". His second QTH is far more interesting, he owns a home on Gran Canaria I sland (part of the Canary I slands) where he is establishing the SWL's ideal location: low QRM, plenty of antenna space, and situated in the middle of three continents.

Ahmet principle interest is SWLing, which he has been doing since childhood. He is a self employed EE working in the area of modeling antennas as well as design of circuits (design and production of RF & Microwave circuits and systems mainly for aerospace / military). In addition, an area of interest and present work is the demodulation as it is associated with front end circuitry and receiving antennas.

He presently operates equipment by NRD, WJ, as well as Collins.

For those wanted to E_mail our newest member: Ahmet Gundes

[ahmetg@eltronik.com]

Greg

Date: Sun, 17 Feb 2002 09:26:51 _0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Peter Shilton, VE3AX ... EME, WAS 220MHz

Gentlemen:

Peter Shilton, VE3AX, has joined the list from Cayuga, ON. Canada.

Peter learned about our list via two other charter members, Tony Ward and David Clark. As is tradition on this List, whenever the names of David and/or Tony are mentioned, I address them as the "Oak Leafers" which causes great consternation for these fine outstanding Maple Leaf neighbors of mine. :_)

Back to the important things: Our newest member has a diverse background in amateur radio. He has constructed some excellent examples of high powered amplifiers (http://www.angenent.org/W7IUV/ve3ax/ve3ax.htm), in the DX department he earned the #7 WAS award on 220 MHz, and he is recognized as one of the earlier EME operators starting in 1973 (working 150 stations on one moon pass). As he joins us he is adding a 200W 1296 MHz transmitter to his EME efforts. Look out moon!

Recently his interest in HF receivers, Drake specifically, was re_kindled. Although he had a fully loaded R_7, he just "found" a Drake DSR_12 at a local flea market. The receiver operated but required a little tweaking to bring it up to standards. He is presently looking for the following: R_4245, RR_3, or MSR_1/2/FM_P. Perhaps someone on the list has a few extra pieces of hardware looking for a new home?

Peter can be contacted at: ve3ax@sympatico.ca

Greg

FYI: I am behind in my "introduction" activities. We have about five new members I still need to welcome. We have passed the 180 member mark.

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Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2002 18:38:42 _0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Hans de Zeeuw (Netherlands)

Gentlemen:

Greg

Hans de Zeeuw, joins us from Amsterdam, Holland. He has been an active SWL type since 1974. His area of specific interest is the tropical bands and AM in the area of 5.8 and 6.3 MHz. Hans lives in a fourth floor flat which allows him to use the roof of his building to experiment with various antenna (what is the plural of antenna anyway, antennae?).

Over the years he has used a number of receivers, including the JRC_NRD 92, RFT_EKD500, and the Racal RA_6973A. For those of you who operate the EDK_500, Hans has recently amassed a complete set of documents.

If you would like to e_mail our newest member, you can reach him at: nl11346@amsat.org.

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Date: Sun, 17 Mar 2002 08:02:29 _0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>
Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Peter A Schroeter

Gentlemen:

Adam McDonald, presently a member of our List, recommended Pete join our group. Thus, after checking the archives of our past posts, Pete decided to drop me a line. We are glad to have him join.

Our newest engineer is an RF design engineer by trade, who openly admits a love affair with radio receivers for as long as he can remember. His first receiver, was a one_tube battery operated regenerative design, built when he was only seven years old. He says the thrill of hearing music through the headphones of this contraption is what hooked him on electronics, and receivers in general.

Since that day he has become refined in his taste of receivers, presently owning a couple of Watkins Johnson receivers: WJ_8615D VHF/UHF (with all options) and a WJ_8712A HF receiver.

Welcome to the List, Pete_

To contact our newest member: ka5fun@juno.com

Greg

Date: Tue, 26 Mar 2002 20:11:24 _0800

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Steve Corey (DSR_2)

Gentlemen:

Steve Corey joins our List. Steve is a citizen of Austin, MN and happened across our List "whilst" looking for material for his Racal 1792. He was licensed as KBOMEX in 1994, but confesses that his main interest is AM Broadcast and SWL.

His first receiver was a AM portable radio given to him when a teenager by his parents. Since then, and a whole bunch of radios later, Steve operates a Racal 1792 and a Drake DSR_2.

You can contact Steve at: sdcorey1@charter.net

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Date: Fri, 5 Jul 2002 20:22:54 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Darko Cikac, (Croatia)

Fellow Members:

Greg

Darko Cikac, 9A3LI, joins us from Krizevci, a small town 60 Km NE from Zagreb, in the Republic of Croatia.

His major interest is monitoring all frequencies, but lately he is been listening to the HF bands. He is a licensed operator, and is active on the UHF frequencies with his data_radio for PR.

Presently, Darko is operating a Collins 851S_1 which is having problems with the tuning encoder. In addition, he has a Telefunken E_1501 as a second receiver.

Perhaps another member can offer Darko some suggestion on the 851S?

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Date: Mon, 22 Jul 2002 11:16:24 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Chip Brown

Fellow Members:

Chip Brown (wbrown@mitre.org) joins our List from the Boston area. His life in radio started when he missed his first day of school in the sixth grade because his mother took him to the Hartford FCC office for his novice exam. That was 50 years ago, and he has been playing in radio ever since. He admits to always having a "receiver bug". His thesis in school was on the topic, later his vocation was in the area of high performance radar receivers.

He has a collection of BAs, including, _ "several 75A4s that I have worked over through the years. When you work with software/firmware/DPS receivers all day long the beauty of the 'boats' is an easy way to relax in the evening" _ .

At present he is working on a limited production military version of the = Ten Tec 340.

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Date: Sun, 11 Aug 2002 03:10:51 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu> Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Barry Hauser

Fellow List Members:

One of our newest members is Barry Hauser_ current editor of the Hollow State Newsletter. Barry lives in East Meadow, but has an office in Hicksville, NY (25 miles east of Manhattan). He has been involved in electronics __ radio, audio and computer __ since the mid 60's, even a bit in the late 50's as his following list demonstrates.

I am sure many of our readers will enjoy this little 'technical hike down memory lane as much as I did. Starting with the RAK/RAL military TRF types, then the BC_312, 314, 348, then a few commercial sets like the Hallicrafters SX_28, 42, 62, 71, add the SP_600, 200s, and a HQ_180AC, and don't forget the Racal RA_17C_12.

He has had a few portables such as one of John Bryant's (List member) Zenith Transoceanic, a Grundig, and a Sony. Ooops, forgot the two R_1051smake those plain, 2X B versions, and a single G type.

Boat anchors, yup.... 8X 390A, a pair of 390non_As, one 391, and a few 392 samples collected over the years. There are a few "green radios" including TBY, AN/GRR_5/R_174, R_808, GRC_106A, etc.

But the qualifiers of interest are: a pair of Racal 6790GM both on serial interface and updated firmware, a couple of WJ 8718As, an LTT Mackay 3021A, and a presently ***silent*** Debeg 2000.

At the moment, he is obsessed with the Debeg 2000 and has been in touch with the remnant of the manufacturer in Hamburg, who recently informed him that the technician who was most familiar with the 2000 retired a few months ago. Barry states that Debeg was bought by Siemens, then Telefunken, and then something else happened. The something else is the problem!

In his words; "At the moment, (...the Debeg 2000)...it's performing like a cross between a premium_rx and an electronic slot machine ___ something is going on, but I haven't even come up with two cherries and my quarter back. Each time you power up, something else comes up on the frequency display and white noise sometimes with something very faint in the background. It's loaded with CMOS and Schottkey IC's and an 8080 processor which seems to be running hot.

I trust someone on the List will help Barry get his quarter back???? He can be reached at_

barry@hausernet.com

Welcome to the List_

Greg

Date: Fri, 30 Aug 2002 08:42:54 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Sergio Sigala (I taly)

Fellow List Members:

Sergio Sigala, from Brescia, in the northern part of I taly near Milano, has become our newest member. Sergio is an Electrical Engineering student in the process of completing his Thesis.

Like so many foreign applicants, finding a receiver is a challenge, and thus Sergio is in the 'search' mode for a Premium_Rx device.

Using his words:

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"Here in I taly the HF market is losing customers and the surplus sector doesn't make an exception; vendors are resizing their stocks and it's difficult to find vintage equipment like these receivers (sorry for the word "vintage", I simply could not find a better definition). I'm looking for a premium rx (preferably Racal or Collins) from September of last year but I didn't found anything interesting in I taly (prices too high, equipment in poor conditions or sellers not much honestly), and I don't feel safe ordering these items in foreign countries".

It has been the policy of this List (this is the second time so it isn't much of a policy yet!) to allow individuals into the membership if they are in the 'search' mode. Perhaps one of our members could e_mail Sergio and pass along some words of welcome and information on a receiver.

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Date: Tue, 10 Sep 2002 11:05:15 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Morris Odell, MD (Australia)

Fellow Members:

Please welcome Morris Odell to our List. Morris started his vocational life as an electrical engineer but later switched to medicine. Presently, he is a forensic physician in Melbourne, Australia. BUT, even though a deft hand with a scalpel, he also knows how to use a soldering iron.

He reports he received his ham license, VK3DOC, in 1965 at the age of 16 (unlike other countries, Australia requires a person to be 16 before being licensed). He has always enjoyed owning, restoring, and operating quality communications receivers. Some of the radios he has restored (and are in his collection) are:

EAC R390A with CV_157 ISB converter & Singer panadaptor, Military R392, Collins 51J4 with Singer panadaptor, Murphy B40, Racal RA_17 with RA_66 panadaptor and RA98 & RA121 ISB adaptors, Eddystone 680X, 770U and 770R (the last with matching panadaptor), AWA CR_6B (Australian), TCA ACAS 16303 (elaborate Australian naval boatanchor), TCA R5223 (Australian military radio with some similarities to 51J4), AR7 (Australian copy of HRO), plus other.

It should also be noted that Morris belongs to a unique group that builds electronic clocks based on microprocessor/controllers and unusual displays. A recent project uses 50 year old incandescent displays. Each one is about the size of a matchbox and has 10 lamps which edge light glass sheets with engraved numbers. The display is multiplexed and the whole thing is run by a microcontroller. A separate crystal oscillator on the chip runs the clock function, and is also used to generate various alarm tones.

You can drop Morris an e_mail at: MorrisO@vifp.monash.edu.au
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Date: Wed, 11 Sep 2002 20:37:33 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Gilles Masson, (Canada)

Fellow Members:

Gilles Masson, licensed since 1964 as VE2AMN, joins our List. Our newest member lives in Beloeil, Qu=E9bec, 15 miles south_east of Montr=E9al. He admits that he is a "receiver nut" since the early 1950's (ed: sounds normal to me, what's say gang?).

Typically he listens more than sends, and when doing so he uses: RA6790/GM, RA6778C, Drake R8, R_4B, R_4C, Racal RA_17C12, Rycom VLF, WJ_8730 VHF, Nems_Clarke 1907 VHF. He confesses there is a Collins KWM_2 within arms reach.

In the past he has operated a 2050, but he rates his 6790 and 6778 his favorites!

You can drop Gilles an e_mail at: VE2AMNgilmasson@sympatico.ca

Greg

Date: Wed, 18 Sep 2002 11:37:36 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Warren Ziegler (USA)

Fellow Members:

Warren Ziegler, NY2H, has joined our List. He first obtained his novice in 1974 using the calls WN2QQR.

At present he operates a Drake RR_3, a Racal 6830JD and an Eddystone 1650/6. One radio in his collection is a Rohde & Schwarz (EK_07/D2) which incorporated a vacuum tube PLL.

Our newest member is active in HF and VHF working mostly in the AM mode of operation. When off the air, he is Vice President of Technology for Acumentrics, a fuel cell company near Boston.

You can e_mail our newest member at: wziegler@ix.netcom.com

Greg

Date: Tue, 24 Sep 2002 21:14:17 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: I an O'Toole (Australia)

Fellow Members:

I an O'Toole, VK2ZIO is our newest member. I an lives 50kms west of Sydney.

He started collecting receivers, which he calls 'stuff', when he was 11. Over the next 46 years his collection has increased until it numbers 400, and required 2,400 sq.ft. of roof space.

During the past 20 years I an has restored and exhibited his collection, and in fact, is planning on opening a radio museum (assuming the local government gives the green light).

His past efforts have included Oscar 6_10, as well as 6 and 2 meter DX.

I an can be reached at: vk2zio@yahoo.com.au

Greg

Date: Wed, 25 Sep 2002 05:43:07 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Gilbert Harris (USA)

Fellow Members:

Gilbert Harris has been a reader of our archives for the past two years and has FINALLY decided to take a risk and join the List.

His interest in receivers started at the age of 12 when he swapped an 'all American 5' for another..... known as a S_38D. As he states, "That was the "Premium" receiver of my world and introduced me, and probably several of your members, to the world of short_wave".

Over the years his interest in receivers continued to the present day. His 'premium_rx' of today is a: Harris RF_590's, WJ_8718's, WJ_8716's, Racal RA6790/GM's, and one S_38.=20

Gilbert is now retired and has been a licensed amateur radio operator (W4JDA) for thirty years. He presently calls a small island off the SW Florida his home where he volunteers his talents in providing emergency communications for the island. (Editor: I'll bet his is one busy person during this time of the year? :_))

Please give Gilbert a few words of welcome_gilbertharris@earthlink.net

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Date: Wed, 25 Sep 2002 10:19:00 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Bertrand Velle (France)

Fellow Members:

Bertrand Velle has joined our membership. Let the record show that Bertrand is our first member in France.

Bertrand informs me that buying or using a receiver which isn't limited to the broadcast bands is not legal in his country. More accurately, ownership requires the Prime minister's authorization. This difficulty is even extended to amateur radio operators. Thus, while he is interested in the design and operation of receivers, ownership is out of the question.

He notes that he has been reading the achieves of our List for some time. It is for this reason that I have taken the liberty to extend membership to the List, specifically, so he can continue to be a part of the List and enjoy posting if he desires.

Bertrand can be contacted at: Bertrand.Velle@apogee_com.fr

Bertrand represents our 212 member, and we are very happy that he has joined us......

Greg
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Date: Wed, 2 Oct 2002 07:46:54 _0700

From: "Greg W. Bailey" <gbailey@mail.sdsu.edu>

Subject: Prem-Rx: New Member: Kurt Bandstetter (Vienna, AUSTRIA)

Fellow Members:

Kurt Bbandstetter has join the List. Kurt works in the Ministry for Environment in Vienna Austria. His interest in radio, SWL (presently has 343 DXCC countries confirmed), started with a home_brew 3 tube receiver in 1963.

Over the years he has collected receivers such as the Drake R4, R4A, R4B, R4C or Collins 51S_1. 51J_4, R_390A/URR, 75S_2 etc.

In addition, there are some unique and special receivers like_RFT EKD_315 with EZ_100 preselector and KAA Active Antenna and RFT antennas splitter, Collins 651S_1, JRC NRD 61 A, Rhode & Schwarz EK 56/4 (the one with the preselector), I COM R_9000, Telefunken E 1501 with the VS_1500 preselector card (quite a rare one), Plessey PR_155, and a Racal 6790.

Kurt has a webpage that includes his receivers, QSL cards, as will as many photographs of BA radios. The address is: http://www.swl.net/oe1002419

You can contact Kurt via his home page.

Kurt is our first member in Austria if my memory is correct? Welcome to the group, we are glad to have you join!

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