Tracing *W6DIZ W6VR* Gonset Amateur Radio Equipment and how it all evolved, an enjoyable project. Initial founder Robert Gonsett came from The Ukraine - Born 1891 in Russia & emigrated to Eastern Canada in 1907. No typo in spelling Gonsett! The last *T* was dropped so it could fit properly on the logo, his grandson would later go on to explain.

Robert married in 1914 and settled in Edmonton where set up his lab to work on his numerous inventions. The family moved to California in 1916 and Gonsett established the Gonset Company in Burbank. Faust Gonsett was born in 1916 - Time passed and Faust R. Gonsett joined his father in manufacturing various inventions. Faust was an early ham operator obtaining W6DIZ. Senior Gonsett died in 1951.

The Gonset Company didn't survive the transition to solid state but Faust Gonsett did! Wonderful radio's were built at his new plant Side Band Enginers, that most anyone could afford! Nice clean design and much of it earlier for Civil Defense.

Faust's son Robert F. born in 1947 became WA6QQQ and is in the RF tradition today with CGC Company. Robert lives in Fallbrook CA and the present holder of that famous call sign "W6VR." Your author has owned a score of Gonset equipment, the GSB201 Linear with 4 each 811's - the Gonset VHF monitor, 2 Meter communicators but really wishes he could have obtained the GSB-100 HF exciter pictured. The GSB-100 HF exciter shown, was a real creation! 80M thru 10M SSB-AM and CW with a 9Mhz phase type side band generator. The set would match with any Collins 75A4 with the slide rule dial! They're difficult to find. In 2001 Faust Gonsett W6VR was among the inaugural group of 50 inductees into the "CQ" Hall of Fame.

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