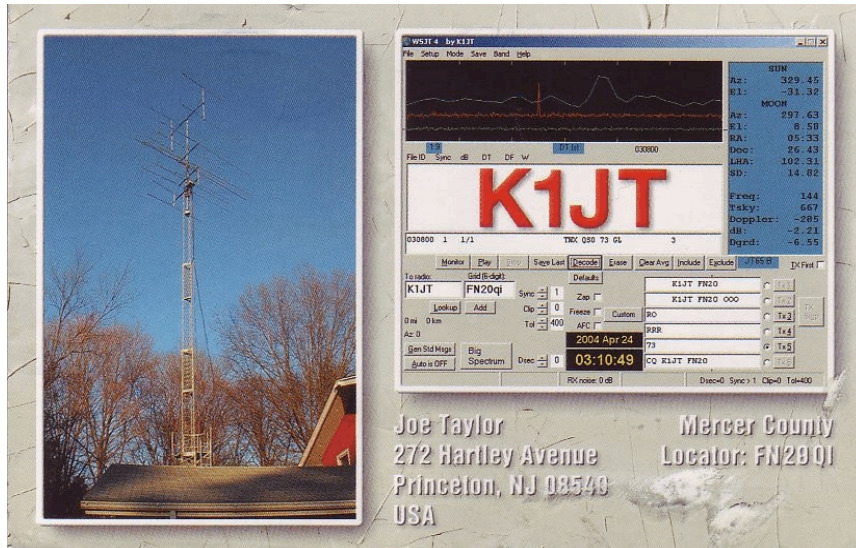


Joseph H. Taylor Jr. K1JT - Our 1993 Nobel Laureate in Physics & American Astrophysicist
 -Born Joseph Hooton Taylor Jr 29 March 1941 in Philadelphia, Pa. The second son of Joseph Hooton Taylor and Sylvia Evans Taylor. When Joe was age 7 the family moved back to the family farm in Cinnaminson township, NJ, with relatives. We were three children joined by three more. We all grew in a healthy carefree environment. Among my fondest boyhood memories were gathering stone arrowheads left on the land by its much earlier inhabitants and erecting, with my brother Hal, numerous large, rotating ham radio antennas.



Our home was large, open and friendly, to my knowledge it has never been (nor indeed can be) locked. In our school years, Hal and I filled most of the third floor with working ham radio transmitters and receivers.

Our rigs were mostly built from a mixture of post war surplus equipment and junk TV sets. We learned by experience that when you need high voltage, the power

company's 6K to 120 Volt pole pegs work admirably in reverse; and that most amplifiers will oscillate, especially if you don't want them to.

Joe was educated in mostly Quaker institutions, mathematics was his first academic love. Yet he had been hoping to find a desirable field of physics in which to pursue graduate studies. His academic work in the Harvard departments of Astronomy, Physics and Applied Mathematics were the hardest he could remember working, at least during his first year there.

Taylor said he has worked in two extremely stimulating intellectual environments, first at the University of Massachusetts and more recently at Princeton. He has earned the following awards; Heineman Prize; Henry Draper Medal; Tomalla Foundation Prize; Magellanic Premium; Carty Award; Albert Einstein Medal. There are more, The Karl Schwarzschild Medal; Wolf Prize and of course the 1993 Nobel Prize in association with colleague Russell Hulse.

Joe has come a long way since the farm days when he and his brother Hal erected antennas high above the three story Victorian farm house. (Managing to shear off the brick chimney, flush with the roof, much to the consternation of dad and mother)

Doctor Taylor gives a list to credit friends and the uniquely gifted people associated around him. Compatible co-seekers as he called them. My guess is Joe and Hal were no strangers to Manhattan's Radio Row for surplus parts! Partially scripted nobelprize.org W8SU 2006