

It is Saturday June 16, 2007 - I just reviewed some active ham station lists I made in 1995 and one operator stands out from the rest; **K4SGQ Gilbert F. (Sonny) Comstock \*1929-2004\*** of Owens, Virginia. From a small unincorporated crossroads community, Owens was the home of our friend Sonny Comstock. From my radio and SWL notes in 95, Sonny enjoyed 80 and 40 Meters with a Ten Tec Paragon and antenna of choice an 80 meter dipole.



Gil was a fixture on the 40 meter band and had a wonderful fist. Ever since I can remember from the early 60's, Gil had been a regular on the key and always had a QSO going. His sending was masterful and a source of good code practice.

In our many QSO's on the 40 Meter band, Gil usually mentioned his American made equipment and fishing out on the Chesapeake. In one particular QSO I still have notes from January 1974 Gil was running those great Drake twins the T4XB and R4B receiver and a note that he was retired.

Gil was voted into the Area Four A-1 Operators Club roster sponsored by the ARRL

That familiar fist and easily recognizable call "K4SGQ" is history as the following was found on the Internet. Dated May 21, 2004 Gilbert F. (Sonny) Comstock, 75, of Owens in King George County Virginia; expired Wednesday May 19, 2004 at the Veterans Affairs medical Center in Richmond, Va.

Mr. Comstock was a radio operator in the U.S. Army and an avid ham operator, call **K4SGQ**.

Survivors include four sisters, a brother, Rudolph Comstock of Hemphill, Tx. And many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Gloria LeDoux.

Services held 22 May 2004 with Rev. Guy Mattox Jr. officiating. Burial at Oakland Baptist Church cemetery, Owens. Memorial donations to Dahlgren rescue Squad, Box 1375, Dahlgren, Va 22448

The flag pictured, of King George County VA in the Tidewater region, along the Potomac River. It features the shield from the coat of arms of King George I of Great Britain, for whom the county is named and under whose reign it was established, by atlasgeo.net - Obituary courtesy of fredericksburg.com - RIP Gil. - W8SU 2007