

Uncle Dave L. Marks W2APF *1903-1992*
Founder of Operation Goodwill, Uncle Dave's Obit in QST April 1992 page 64. He was a OOTC member 517, starting out in pioneer radio as 2APF in 1923. Honorary Life member of Albany Amateur Radio Club, NY K2CT - also the Schenectady Amateur radio Assn. Active on 2 and 10 Meter mobile operations.



Dave's life long pursuit, the radio communications business. Long time owner of Ft. Orange Radio - well known Albany area radio distributor. Large mail order business as he advertised in most radio/tv publications. His familiar cigar and cartoon character probably done by Otto Eppers W2EA.

Another Boat Anchor haunt was in Pittsburgh, PA. There was one notorious surplus place called **Paul's Surplus**. The proprietor was Paul Warhola 1927-1993 - Who was the Pop artist Andy Warhol's brother! Paul's business was in an old house which is still there on busy route 88.



There was a decrepit Nash Rambler automobile permanently parked outside, beside the entrance. Bare light bulbs hung overhead over rows of dime store style counters loaded with parts and subassemblies of every kind of discernable surplus goody.

There was an assortment of Commercial mobile radio gear and ham gear.

Paul had a assortment of old 3-dialers and horn speakers on display. Don Merz said "They were presumed for sale but no one ever bought one." I hung out at Paul's in the 60s and eventually hired me to clean out the estates that he was buying. We'd pull up in a flat bed truck with tall wooden sides and "carefully" stack all of the gear and boxes of parts on the truck.

Sometimes the estate would include Hi-Fi gear and we'd stop at Paul's house to drop that off instead of taking it to the store. Paul's did a booming business while I was around and was a gathering place for hams, Merz said. Metz graduated H.S. and moved away. When he returned Paul's was gone and never knew what happened to the business. We're not giving up on this interesting gent.

Thru the Web we've found a few items about what became of Paul Warhola thru the Tribune-Review Our subject got into the Scrap Metals Industry on Penn Avenue in which his son took over in 1984. Paul retired to poultry farming. Continued

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In 1989 Paul began painting in the family tradition of silk-screen painting. Like Andy, Paul painted baked bean and tomato sauce cans among other items but they were not the quality of his famous brother. To sell them Paul was happy to sign them "Andy Warhol's brother."

Another Pittsburgh Tribune-Review article "Warhol gets more than 15-minute span." Paul Warhola believes that in some odd way, Friday's renaming of the Seventh Street Bridge and the location of the museum dedicated to his brother Andy Warhol were somehow foretold when Andy was age 8.

"One day in 1936, when the trolleys weren't running because of the big floods we had here, our mother decided we would walk from Oakland to visit our Aunt Mary in Fineview," said Warhola 82, of West Homestead. We walked to downtown, then crossed the (Seventh Street) bridge. All of the sudden, Andy stopped and said he wasn't walking anymore and sat down on the steps of this building to take a rest. I don't know if he sensed that there would be a connection someday, but after all these years, here we are, Warhola said.

The world famous pop artist was born Andrew Warhola in Pittsburgh in 1928. The bridge renaming ceremony yesterday morning on the North Shore side of the span - on Sandusky Street, home of the Andy Warhol Museum - drew several hundred people who were treated to displays by local performance artists and a show by students studying musical theater at the Pittsburgh High School for the Creative and Performing Arts. Pictured is our subject, Paul Warhol just before his death. Credit AF4K for Don Merz material. Pittsburghlive.com W8JYZ for Uncle Dave material from his 1933 Amateur Call Book.



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