

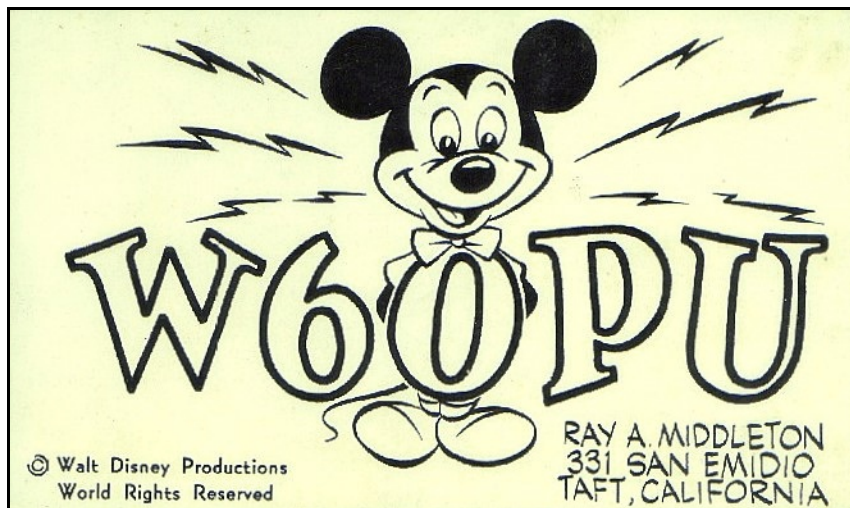
**M**ickey Mouse \*W6OPU\* - Also known as Steamboat Willie, born in Los Angeles, to Walt Disney in 1928. Mickey is one of the most recognizable symbols in the world. When people laugh at Mickey Mouse, it's because he is so human and that is the secret of his popularity.



Mickey was a wireless operator from day one and the dots and dashes were just second nature to him. He passed with flying colors earning his class "B" ticket in the mid 1930's -

Later on the kids enjoyed the antics of Mickey in the Comic Books such as book #30 which was issued by Dell May of 1953. In the third story in that comic book, Mickey Mouse was a ham operator and the story started out with Mickey working on his Yagi on top of his tower and talking to Goofy on the ground. (Author, I had a pal nicknamed Goofy back in Jersey named R.F. Burns) The story was 15 pages long and Mickey Mouses' call letters were W6OPU which were referred to several times in the story.

Note; the original holder of W6OPU Mr. Middleton - became a silent key in the 1960's. He was Mickey's official QSL manager. The call sign was reissued to J.F. McGovern of Salem, Oregon who held the special call and let it expire around 1997.



Don W6SBE is now trustee of Mickey's ham call under the vanity program.

W6OPU comes alive once again there in California for radio club activities.

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