

Founded in 1797, the Historic Village of Waynesville, Ohio is a regional favorite and older than the State of Ohio. The village of Waynesville offers a fascinating combination of history and culture as it developed in southwestern Ohio. It is now known as the Antiques Capital of the mid-west.

There is one fellow we desire to honor that came from Waynesville and he is **W8ZCV Walt Burdine *1914-1984*** Walt of a long line of faithful Novice Column Editors. An unassuming guy with a heart of gold, who would mentor anyone who was interested in ham radio and the shortwave hobby.



Who of us can ever forget Walt's column in CQ Magazine from 1955-1957 and 1962-1966. Walt had Elmered thousands of up and coming hams including myself. We would hang on to each CQ issue and devour the pictures of the new Novice stations with those Heath transmitters and Hallicrafter/National receiver creations.

There were a bumper crop of would be hams in those days of the 50's because of the new Novice license regulations encouraging the ranks with new operators.

In Walt's February 1966 CQ issue he featured a regenerative receiver consisting of 6AU6/6AV6 tubes - it was an immediate success and built by a Japanese fellow JA1AEA/K6AEA Hajime (Jim) Suzuki. It was an immediate hit and used to monitor and verify over 200 stations.

Walt had an unusual shack beyond the house that was popular in those days, a hexagonal shaped building that welcomed anyone, part of that good old Buckeye tradition.

Burdine loved operating ham radio and one of his big accomplishments was "All Counties #147 Dated 4-29-76." In the CQ Magazine Awards column December 1978 our subject stated; "I am a 63 year old disability retired U.S. Civil Service employee," a single country boy that is the proudest and happiest ham in the good old U.S.A. "I'm proud because I am a member of the ICHN and MARAC and happy because this membership accepts me as one of the greatest groups of hams in the world." Walt gave his gratitude to all of the many who helped him along the way for Worked All Counties in the U.S.A. Mr. Burdine was inducted into the CQ Hall of fame and still many thousands remember Walt W8ZCV and those nifty articles produced in that periodical. Tnx W8ZCV QSL www.w8jyz.com