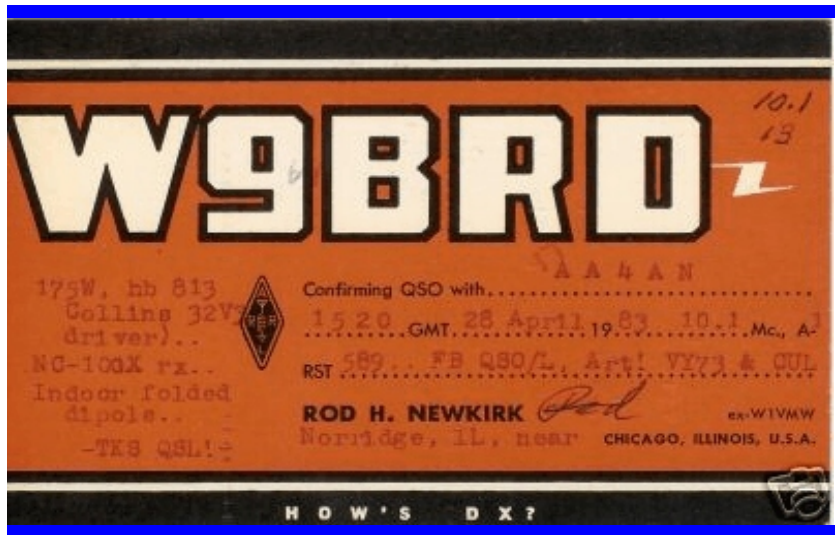


Rod H. Newkirk W9BRD/VA3ZBB Born in Chicago 1922 - Can poetry, Limericks, dry wit and DX mix? For sure, absolutely and Rod was the best! The How's DX annual May issue was awaited anxiously with "DX Hoggery and Poetry Depreciation Society" for our edification. Those old limericks still go down on a good wintry night, whilst reading in the shack!

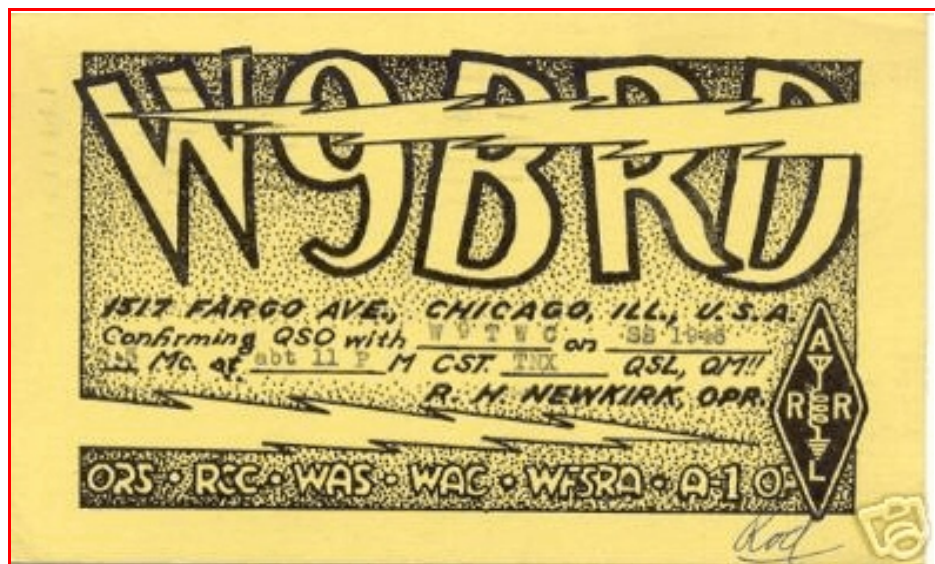


Rod was the able conductor of "How's DX" A column in the ARRL Publication QST from 1948 until 1978. It has been sorely missed since. Names such as Danny Weil, Gus Browning and The Colvins were heard from regularly.

At one point Rod took a position with the Illinois State Police and I with the Ohio Highway Patrol, once in a while we would QSO on 40 Meters and trade secrets. I shall never forget when Rod retired he said "My back couldn't take installing those Motrac's in the rear of those police cruisers." I said, RCA disowned the old 500 Car Fone series and yet we still had to keep them going! Talk about pressure!

W9BRD is all about Amateur Radio! He many times used verse in his columns to make his point in a way not many could. He continues to write short stories and is the best and most interesting of all writers on amateur radio subjects. Newkirk has many awards including "CQ Hall of Fame."

Rod will always be known for his term "ELMER" a ham who helps others or unsung fathers of ham radio. It is a "Grand Day" in the neighborhood when there is a article to be read, written by Rod Newkirk! Old friend, thanks for serving in the U.S. Army and your faithful service to



State of Illinois and to the Amateur Service at large. Do you remember the lemonade Mrs. Simmons made around the ole hood in Chicago? GL OM Jeeves!