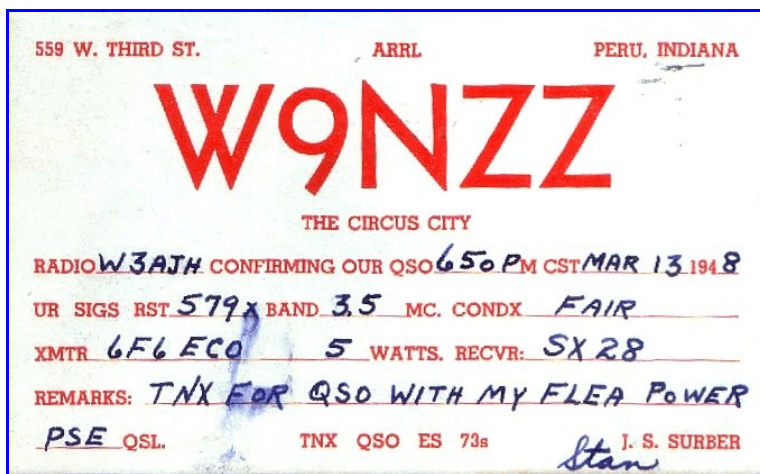
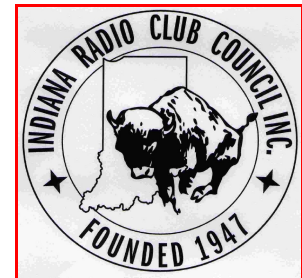


John Stan Surber W9NZZ *1907-1982* Of Peru, Indiana, lifelong railroad man, train dispatcher for Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. It can be observed early on we have a dedicated public service advocate here with comments from admirers such as: “A pillar in ham radio to those that knew him, not in a political sense but in the sense of being an amateurs amateur.

J. Stan served as a radio message link from Indiana for 3,000 miles to the barren Polar regions. One of many newspaper texts honoring this man’s dedication to service men and women over seas starting in 1950. He was affectionately known as the shortwave radio “mailman.”

A 1953 General Electric Edison Amateur Radio Award recipient. - IRCC (Indiana Radio Club Council Inc) award winner 1954, To further the interest of the Ham Radio hobby - DARA Ham of the Year recipient.



There is a written account about Mr. Surber’s dedication as how he kept on the air 8 hours a day for 353 days without a miss for Arctic schedules.

QSL card courtesy of Bob Green W8JYZ. Visit his www.w8jyz.com



Stan pictured at home on the station rig in Peru Indiana, enjoying a chat on C.W. His Edison Award Cup is observed in the top right.

We lost W9NZZ in 1982 and the memory of his message handling and cooperation is still revered today. The Shortwave Mailman is not forgotten.

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