



Edward A Sanders WA6VJP - *1924-1996* Oxnard CA born June 1924 died 15 Oct 1996. Ed was a great CW operator and sightless ham, with some great accomplishments in ham radio.

He held down the County Hunters frequency net control 14.056. Occasionally Ed's family would take him out mobile county hunting and I was able to obtain several rare California counties from Ed. Those were long summer days, shortly after I retired from the Patrol. Working around the house painting or doing yard work and would come in to QSO counties. Ed was always there Net Control rain and shine. Ed's familiar fist was methodical and timely.

I learned that Ed expired 15 Oct 1996 at Oxnard and the county hunting hobby has not been quite the same. May his memory live on and more like him come to humanity and serve. Ed was a moderator and taught cw to the local High School radio club. Many made it in ham radio because of Ed and his friend WB6TNL was presented Ed's prized key.

Ed was a 7 time winner of annual Best Net CW Award, as well as winner of CW County Hunter of the Year Award. Ed also worked all counties on CW 5 times around. Many people never work all 3076 counties, Ed worked every U.S.A County (including Hawaii and Alaska) 5 times over. There is an annual Saunders Memorial Award presented each year.

Upon my retirement early in 1987, the worked all counties possibility became a reality, I enjoyed the daily hunt and between chores and even speaker on the back porch while trimming or working on the aerator pump system. Ed was always there, day after day.

We still have the log's for proof and the special memories of WA6VJP, a new county and completion of an entire state. Those memories also include kind remarks of the gang and their competent and generous service to our hobby.

One final memory, my last county for worked all states was a small county right here in Ohio, Auglaize where Astronaut Dr. Neil Armstrong was born. Thanks Ed!