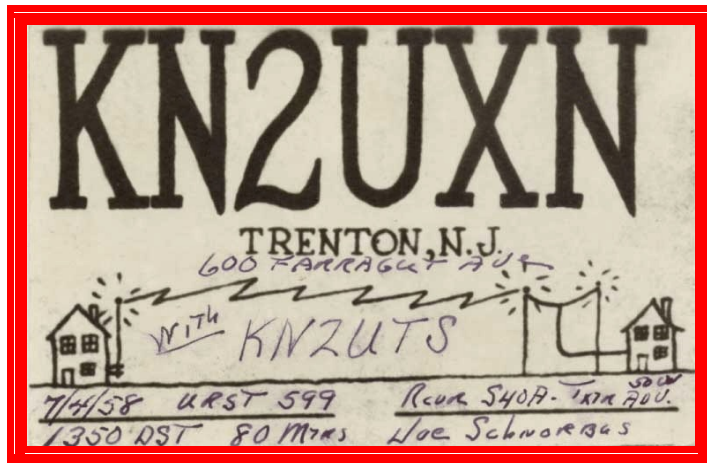


Joseph Adam Schnorbus -K2UXN- *1915-1993* - To Joseph J (Grocer) and Elizabeth Schnorbus of South Clinton Ave. Trenton, N.J. Joe's dad was born in Germany. He had a brother Albert and 4 sisters, Elvira, Abbie, Loretta and Virginia; from the 1930 Census. Joe was known as a religious man attending retreats and patriotic. A grad of Trenton Parochial School, Immaculate Conception class of 1934. A career Trenton Police officer hired December of 1940, starting salary was (\$1,950.00 per year) and above all a family man. It was noted Joe paid his dues in his early career as a patrolman on the State and Broad Street beat in the Capitol City of Trenton, New Jersey.

Joe served in the armed forces in 1943, taking military leave and served in the U.S. Navy. In December of 1945 he returned to his Trenton PD duties. Trenton Police officers have a proud history and gave themselves to the citizens by Six Fallen Members. Many today don't remember the cop on the beat. It really gives incentive for a man to learn and upgrade his stature on the force.



Our subject would continue on and earn the rank Captain during his career. He was one of the founders and one of the administrators of the Trenton Police Training School. He also earned his amateur radio license. Someone influenced Joe to become a ham and we are attempting to ascertain who and when. Again he was willing to start off at the first rung earning his Novice license being KN2UXN in the mid 50's.

We have a report Joe being a detective plus crime scene photographer and eventually headed up the cities training academy in his years with the force. At one point Officer Schnorbus met a radio friend one Bob Singer K2LEM of Quaker Bridge Road, Trenton. They had a friendship and Joe visited the home and family of the Singers. Of course Joe brought his camera along and took pictures of the Singer amateur radio station and another shot of Bob's daughter Margie KN2UTS at the controls. Regretfully Bob Singer didn't get in the pictures but we are grateful to have at least two photographs of that visit.

Joe retired from TPD in 1970 rank of Captain. He and wife Dorothy would relocate to Little Egg Harbor in 1978. It was noted that Schnorbus would keep general class K2UXN call up until he expired. We believe Paul Woolverton W2AEI ex Trenton Cop and Mercer County Detective could have influenced our subject in ham radio.



In the 1920 Trenton City Directory we find one Edward W. Schnorbus of 223 Rusling Street occupation police officer. Undoubtedly an influence. The Schnorbus' were not without tragedy in their life, son Joseph M., expired in 1964 at age 16. Joe and Dorothy were communicants of St. Mary's Barnegat Township.

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