

Carol A. King Lynch *K5CPZ-W6CL* - Originally from Drumright, Okla., Southwest of Tulsa. I've wanted to write about Carol for a long time and a few months ago had the opportunity to say hello again on CW from a long absence. As K5CPZ and now W6CL, Carol has a great fist on CW, steady and professional sounding, knew her business and stood out from the pack. She is the type of operator you enjoy to chat with. Born Carol King, of Drumright, Okla. Carols parents were very receptive to their daughters radio hobby. She attended Univ of Tulsa.



DRUMRIGHT, OKLAHOMA 804 North Smather	
K5CPZ	
Confirming QSO with <u>W6PLD</u> of <u>6/13, 1962</u> at <u>1129</u> hours C.S.T. Ur. <u>12</u> Mc. CW-Fone RST. <u>5-79</u> Xmtr: <u>Eico</u> Rcvr: <u>RME 4350</u> Ant: <u>Yagel</u> Remarks: <u>Hope to work us again</u> Pse QSL Tnx, 73 CAROL KING <small>K5CCO-PRINT</small>	

The popular Hap Holly Rain report Carol told of her roots in ham radio. She is an Oklahoma ham all her life and a fixture on the 40 Meter CW and traffic nets for the OK-TX region. Carol was musically inclined so learning the code was easy for her. In 1960 while attending the Oklahoma School for the Blind, her school chum had a nifty SWL receiver. After school they would listen and learn on the RME 4300 short wave receiver which made a great impression.

Carol passed her Novice class in the summer of 1960 earned KN5CPZ and got on the air with an Eico 720 transmitter and a RME 4350 receiver. Antenna was a trap vertical that worked Ok, but later on the Inverted Vee worked better. She was crystal controlled on 40 Meters, 7180 and 7176 with 15 Meter capability on 21.180 MHZ. Ms King was the only ham in town!

When Carol upgraded to phone she used the Eico 720 with a 730 AM modulator and a D104 microphone. Her parents liked to listen in on A.M. phone and enjoyed what was going on. I have a feeling our subject knew how to use a soldering iron to wire those Eico's. Information is easy to find about Carol; A1 Operator; 7290 QTC Net; YLRL; CFO; QCWA (officer appointment); Finds time to write articles; Women on the Air and many other fraternal groups.

Eventually in 1968 Carol had a rig change and had SSB/CW capability with a Swan 500, 75 Meter Inverted Vee and a tribander on a 70 foot tower. In 1974 there was a bad tornado in Drumright and the beam was pretzels in short order. I could tell a tear in her voice over the loss of the antenna equipment of that terrible weather. She has a sweet Sooner area accent that I heard for the first time on the Rain report and yes CW hides those nice characteristics. QSL courtesy www.w8jyz.com

In 1962 there was a young man Carol enjoyed talking to on C.W., Joe Lynch from Southern California, but the friendship was lost and it took a quarter of a century to rekindle. There is an interesting story how Carol and Joe (N6CL) finally came together and married in 1998. Joe studied to be a pastor and Carol had a new vocation becoming a pastors wife! They pastor at the Sheridan Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Ok. Joe somehow finds time to be the VHF editor for CQ also for CQ VHF Magazine. These are the many radio friends we keep in the memory banks.