




James E. McKim W9MVG - W0MVG - W0CY - *1915-1996* First licensed 1935. Of Salina, Kansas - Jim a grad of Kansas State Teachers, Emporia Kansas. Air Conditioning engineer with Salina Supply Co., of which he headed, designed and installed the systems in the Eisenhower Library and Museum complex in Abilene, KS.

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A U.S. Navy veteran - Joiner of many fraternal groups, Kiwanis; Kansas Engineering Society; Four public service awards. Twice vice director of ARRL Mid West Division. Past president of Central Kansas Radio Club; The Central States VHF Club; a VHF enthusiast with special love for the 6 Meter band. QCWA - ARRL life member. Finally a real pioneer on the VHF/UHF bands.

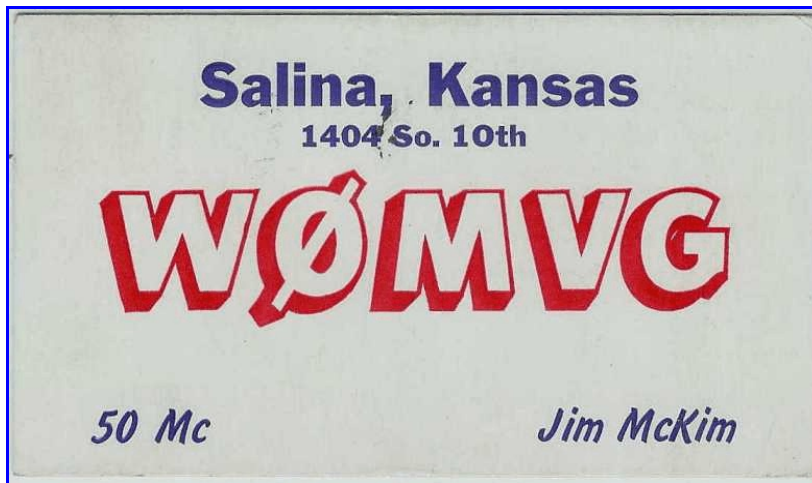
Jim had been involved in satellites since the launch of Sputnik I in 1957. A life member of AMSAT with a membership number of 7. Jim was known as “Mr. Ham Radio” all over central Kansas. He was an ardent supporter of AMSAT. Among his activities for the organization was his stewardship of the Mid America Section of the 75 meter AMSAT Net since its inception in the 70's.

Your author has a extensive memoir book on all kinds of amateur radio subjects and technical issues. I just came across a note in early 1996. (W8CMS) Claire Sutton of Newton Falls Ohio. Claire was the dean of six meters in my region. Claire advised me his long time friend Jim McKim W0CY was breaking off schedules because Jim was in ill health and it was hard to accept for Clair because McKim was such a good friend. The schedules encompassed many years.

McKim over time developed a close friend in Mr. Sutton and had visited here several times going through the area. Claire cared deeply about his friends and advised me how Jim enjoyed staying here in the presence of his pals and the City with ZIP 44444. Claire mentioned how he would place old issues of QST magazine on McKim’s bed stand, all issues in the teens and twenties. McKim loved those old issues and thought it was a special treat to read them before bed time.

Jim KcKim expired shortly after ceasing all of his radio schedules in early 1996. Later on that year in April there was a horrible tragedy in the Salina News about the McKim family. It shook Claire Sutton terribly because knowing the family first hand. A friend notified authorities to check the home because Mrs. McKim was not answering the phone. The Selina Police investigated the scene. The murders of Delores McKim age 80, the widow of Jim W0CY, their daughter and her grand son. The three died on the weekend of July 20-21 1996 at the McKim residence in a upscale neighborhood in Selina. It was an apparent robbery that had horribly gone wrong. Mr. McKim’s car was stolen with the amateur license plate affixed. The car turned up later on in a apartment complex.

The accused was also a ham operator and was found in a half way house in Boston months later and was brought back to Kansas for trial. He had been in the McKim home on several occasions in the usual amateur radio customary visitation. Continued on page two.



Jim's earlier call with his preference of the 6 Meter band. Thanks to W8JYZ Bob Green.



The tribute to Jim McKim lives on today with his call issued to the Central Kansas ARC, Inc. It was said "WØCY's booming voice will be missed by all on the 75 meter AMSAT Net and the hands above 50 MHZ. It was one of Delores McKim's last duties to give Central Kansas ARC permission to use Jim's amateur radio call.

Credit W8JYZ QSL collection. AMSAT News. W8CMS thoughts and memories. The Ham Register 1958 copy by K8CX. (Note) I never met Jim but "Mr. Ham Radio we miss you as if you were in our homes visiting and reading those old issues of QST on the bed stand before turning in! By the way Claire Sutton started Jim's collection of a complete library of ARRL QST magazines starting in 1915. I hope someone is taking good care of that collection today.

Why bad things happen to good people we will never know top side of this earth. One day, so be it. The amateur fraternity is a source of life long friends. I don't regret a second of it all.

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