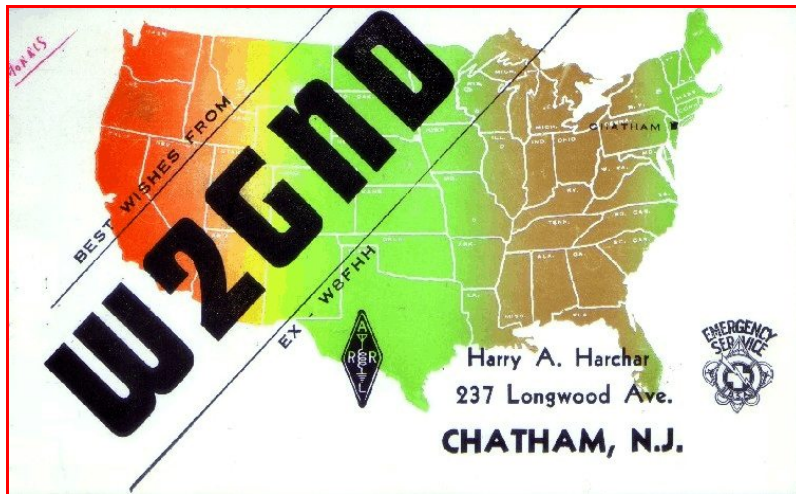


In my early years of 1954 joining the Scouting program, in gratitude I owe most of my early radio & electronic growth to certain individuals. Here are a few of them, especially **W2GND Harry A. Harchar *1912-1985*** Editor, planner and executive, of Boy's Life Journal. Harchar accomplished much to encourage teenagers to take up SWL'g and earn their ham tickets. He enjoyed all phases of ham radio including SSTV, being deeply involved with the Boy's Life Radio Club, U.S. Coordinator for the annual Jamboree on the Air.



In 1951 then Editor and Chief Lex Lucas influenced positive changes. They were made to the journal with full authority and a bigger budget, the magazine was given more variety and scope – assigning projects to free lance writers and illustrators and developing regular departments that became long time fixtures in the magazine.

The next Scouting editor was our subject Harry A. Harchar W2GND, another Eagle Scout and ex Scoutmaster who had been in the national office since 1939 (with time out for war, starting in the infantry and ending as a columnist for Stars and Stripes.) Harchar became editor of Boy's Life in 1952 and oversaw the operations of both magazines until he was succeeded at Scouting in 1969 by Walt Babson.

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There were many amateurs involved in the Scouting movement along with W2GND. They were; Lloyd Everhart K2CVT Publisher; W4YTA Hoisy Hoisington Chairman of Safety and Health Department. Who can forget Hoisy's involvement in super modulation engineering.

Harry Harchar was instrumental in the evolution of HQ station K2BFW. As K2BSA became available then assigned to the club station of BSA Headquarters. As word got around concerning the new call sign, our local scouts and scouters started increasing the BSA visibility by putting in more time on the air and the positive responses proved that recognition as Scouting National HQ increased dramatically.

During the first years of K2BFW, Harry Harchar was trustee of the station. Partially scripted The evolution of Boy Scout Hq station K2BSA. Thanks Harry your efforts that made a big difference in my personal life. QSL thanks to www.w8jyz.com

