

William F. Petty W2HAZ - W3HAZ *1919-2003* Trenton NJ - Bill was W3HAZ in 1937 Pre-war, a dedicated Dx'er and popular man about town in Trenton. Petty lived on Chambers in 1946 and moved to West Trenton. In 1970 his brother Joe was printing business co-partner in Ewing. Bill was a joiner and officer in the early DVRA. OOTC membership -212. He was a good business man and enjoyed designing QSL cards for the fraternity. Ever since I could remember Bill was in the classifieds of QST from the 1950s onward announcing his QSL printing business.

I'd like to expand this to include the other era card printers who deserve being remembered. Roger KØAAB, W3CJI, W8DED, C Fritz and Malgo Press, to name a few. Oh, yes, Victorian Press in Waltham Mass and Constantine Press Bladesburg, MD. Then there were the cards that were regulars in the mail box, WRL Meyerson Prints and Walter Ashe entry cards that were very reasonable glossy stock with large Red/Blue letters. Not to mention the air line and railroad promotional cards.

From DVRA Bulletin Aug 1943 Vol 8- Our Military men, 3HAZ (W2HAZ) Staff Sgt Bill Petty instructor of High Speed Morse and continental telegraphic codes at Signal School, Fort Monmouth.

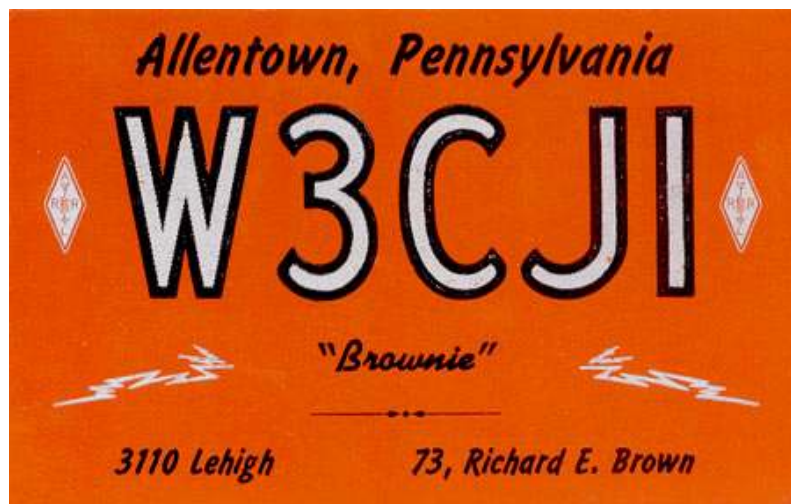


W2FDE Sid said "I knew Bill Petty since 1946 and he was an avid Dxer and had a high standing in the DXCC. He had a QSL business both before and after WW2 and printed cards for W2ZQ as well as many DVRA club members."

He was friendly and took part in many club activities, field day was a favorite. He did commercial printing as well as QSL cards and when I was active Sid said, many cards I received from stations all over the USA were

printed by Bill W2HAZ and Brownie W3CJI located in Allentown, Pa.

Bill Petty retired from his printing business around 1989 or so and I used to see him and his wife at a very good steak sandwich shop in Trenton for another 12 years or such until he became a SK. I think his sons took over the printing business, but didn't continue the QSL cards, Sid said we used to hang out at Freddie's Tavern near Bill's QTH, Freddie's a watering hole near the Reading Railroad

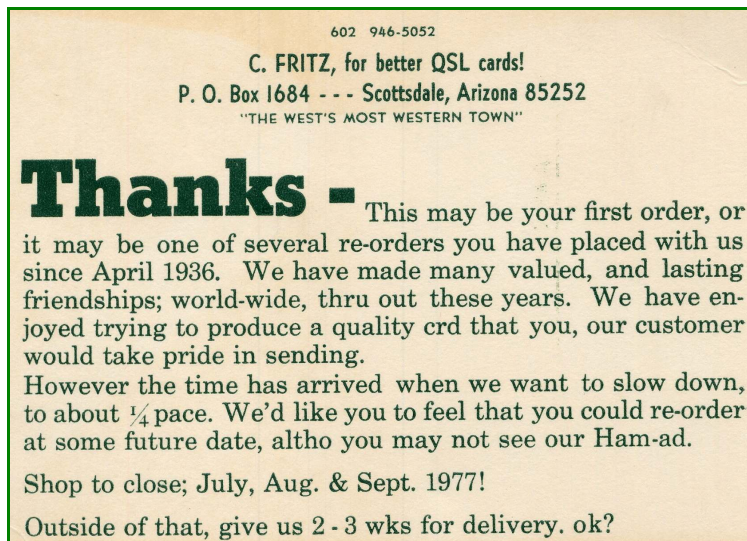


Station in West Trenton and have lunch there with some co workers a few times each month. It is still there and some fine restaurants, Bill lived next door to another ham K2CLD Bob Bates who still resides there.

From the W3HA archive illuminator, on the old paper QSL's "I have black and white on colored stock that I cherish. My original QSL's by Brownie W3CJI were so nice I couldn't keep them in stock! Cont

Sid W2FDE continued -my original cards were blue/black on florescent orange that Brownie designed in Allentown. They went fast and I couldn't afford to keep buying them at the rate I was operating. Petty had a quad for a number of years and before that some good brands of yagi beams. He operated 99 percent cw. W2FDE has a rock solid memory and advised me that Bill W2HAZ had won a "raffle" for a car being given away at what was the New Sears & Roebuck store on east Front Street and Stockton in Trenton which was in 1946 or 47.

The art of QSL-ing was very popular over the years and the period of the 30s - 40s and 50s netted some fine printers and some of them should be recognized. One of the things that made the QSL fad click was the low cost of U.S. postage, and the reasonable priced colorful heavy stock cards. Many of them were DX'ers like Bill Petty and long time operators who used their operating skill.



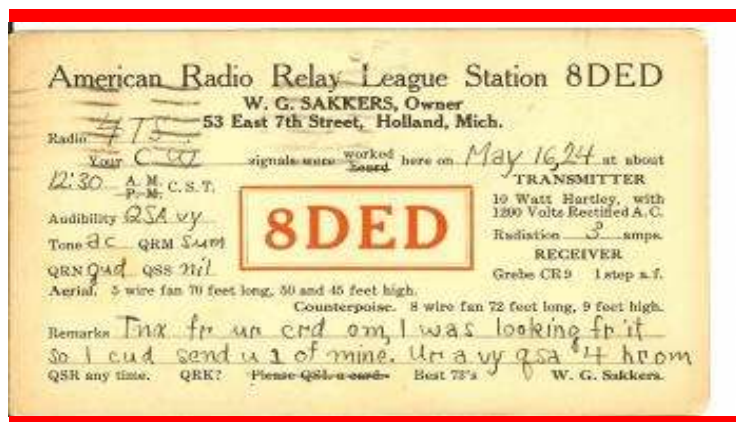
Brownie W3CJI was another good DX'er and went on extended foreign trips and got on the air from some exotic places.

From your author "I made several orders over the years to C Fritz of Joliet Ill and then Fritz moved to Scottsdale AZ. in his latter years."

(Samples only 25c deductible C Fritz Joliet Illinois) -

We are sure you can name other favorites that deserve recognition.

I am constantly trying to make it right. One item I am adding is of the Petty Brothers in Ewing (Trenton) - Joe Petty died age 91 - 21 January 2013, co-partner of the Petty Printing Company. He had been in the printing business for 36 years, an active member of St. Paul's Church in Princeton an usher, volunteer at the Trenton area Soup Kitchen and member of its K of C Council. Avid bowler and enjoyed gardening. There was a mention in the email tributes that touched me concerning Joe's pals and family friends making mention of the fellowship and Porkroll sandwiches at the **Langhorne Hotel they enjoyed so much together.** It reminded me of the K2UTS visit out here in the Ohio hinterlands in 2013 and that delicious Porkroll from Trenton, it was a gigantic hit and seasoned to perfection!



So the QSL fad continues on with less flair and competition.. There was Russ Sakkers W8DED from Holand Mich from day one. Malgo Press in Toledo and who can forget those fine cards Roger KØAAB printed! -30- W8SU 2008 and added 2013