

Evangelo (Ange) Diamantoni *W8ERN* Of Brighton, Mich. Those of you that prowled the bands have heard or worked Ange many times on all modes. Ange got interested in electronics at the tender age of 12 and by age 15 in 1949 He said; "I acquired my call W8ERN and then later acquired my extra class ticket." I can attest to his steady efficient fist on CW.

While attending senior High School at Redford Mich, Ange started the ham radio club there with the call W8FQP. Ange is described as inspiration to many new hams and is a top Dx'er and worked all designated modes.



As an active ham operator, I enjoy all facets of the hobby which includes the Digital modes, however I spend most of my time on CW & SSB. Operate most of the bands 80 thru 70 cmeters and currently with the low sunspot cycle I can be found mostly on 40/20/17/15 Meters.

Ange's first major job was at ELMAC as a project engineer in 1953 developing commercial and consumer products which included ham gear. You can view one of his

pride and joy design projects called the Multi-Elmac ATR-4 Ham transceiver that was designed back in 1959 in his photo album. The ATR-4 was never officially released but a few units found their way into the hands of the faithful by 1963.

He acquired his FCC commercial ticket - First Class Radio telephone License with a Radar endorsement to be used with the engineering work he was doing.

In 1968, W8ERN left the Elmac Company and went into Sales and marketing, selling electronic components dealing with the automotive industry, both commercial and military. He sold his business after 32 years, now retired and enjoying ham radio activities and his second hobby which is playing jazz piano and keyboard. He ended his page by saying "Thanks for stopping by and look forward to future contacts with old and new friends."



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