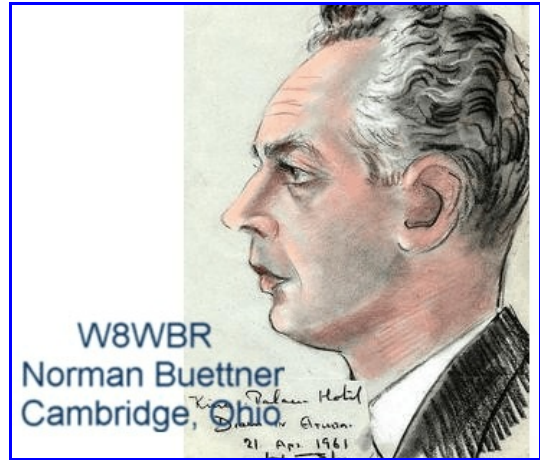


**N**orman George Buettner W8WBR \*1917-2002\* Born 8 May 1917 St. Cloud MN to John and Mary A. Buettner. Norm a former temporary Cambridge and Zanesville Ohio resident serving the FAA, also USAID program and assigned to U.S. Navy during war time. Norm came from a large family in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

Norman earned his amateur radio license in Ohio approximately two years after local operator Clancy Waller W8RVU did in 1938. It should be noted the CAA/FAA Air Facility at the original Cambridge Airport relocated to Zanesville in 1945. The relocation gave better radio conditions and approach to small and larger aircraft alike. This is the kind of engineering our subject was capable of and more.



Buettner appeared in the 40's Cambridge Ohio city directory residing at 1012 Clark Street, an FAA employee. Norm issued the ham radio call of W8WBR in the 1946-47 Ham radio roster. There was no listing

under Buettner in the 1949 call book and we lost track of our subject at that point. Eventually Buettner's W8WBR call was reissued. I happily note Clark Street is where our Ballantine family home was situated and author was partially raised. Note; 1012 Clark is now Dehay's Appraisals.

### Buettner

Norman George, age 84, of Edina, passed away April 13, 2002, from complications of pneumonia. He is survived by wife, Odette; sons, John and Claude; daughter, Chantal; their spouses; grandchildren, Amy, Tracy, and Derek; 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Norman worked for the Federal Aviation Agency before retirement. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday 11AM at the Church of St. Richard, 7540 Penn Ave. S. Richfield. Visitation Wednesday 4-7PM at Gill Brothers Funeral Chapel, 5801 Lyndale Ave. S. Mpls and also 1 hr. prior to mass at church. Prayer service Wed at 7PM. Memorials preferred to American Lung Association. GILL BROTHERS 612-861-6088

I wrote to Mrs. Odette Buettner in Minneapolis 30 Nov 2007 inquiring about Norm and if anyone could advise me as to what became of our one time Cambridge radio man. We will show this has been a long difficult trip through time but due to the generosity of Kate Ketcham from the Central Library in Minneapolis, and many others, we finally identified Mr. Buettner. He was one of the early remaining Cambridge regional wireless radio boys to identify. I should also mention encouragement and help from friend Chuck Johnston in Columbus who enjoys ancestry research. Mr. Buettner's dedicated and interesting life follows, as we were finally in contact with Norm's son Claude in the Minneapolis area.

Minneapolis Star Tribune 4-15-02 obit article. W8SU 2007 Continued.



Norman G. Buettner W8WBR - Of a family of 11 kids and the oldest child reared in St. Cloud MN. His first job in the career path was the Weather Bureau in the small St. Cloud Airport. His dream was to attend college at St. John's not far from St. Cloud. Unfortunately the depression put an end to those plans. Entering the FAA around 1937, known then as Civil Aeronautics Admin., then came the war years and Norm was attached to the U.S. Navy under their jurisdiction. He was stationed stateside as well as the Aleutian Islands. The unfortunate thing about attached to the U.S. Navy as a civilian, being ineligible for G.I. benefits. One of his early air port assignments was South Bend Indiana. Later, Norman applied for USAID position and received it, serving overseas in the foreign service. He excelled in air control navigation aids and traveled the world with his family.



Pictured Norm working on supervisory projects in the Chicago office of FAA 1974. Below left taken at the Wailing Wall 1962, Odette, Chantal, Norm, John and Claude. Below right Norm and Odette in 1994



Claude Buettner son of W8WBR, resides Eden Prairie, Minn., was very helpful with this family history and contributed many outstanding photographs via CD-Rom. His friendly and willing to help attitude made such a difference in our story. There were slight lapses of knowledge of CAA assignments mid 40s where Mr Buettner was temporarily assigned to FSS Cambridge Ohio.

Mr. Buettner re-entered the FAA from his days of service of the USAID program in supervisory status and completed his talented career in Minneapolis. He was able to earn his degree in Electronics Engineering but only after becoming a family man and going to night school in Oklahoma City in the 1950s. Claude describes his father's memorial spot at rest in 2002, Eden Prairie a short distance away from the glide path of Flying Cloud Airport. The daily activity at the airport can be easily heard, befitting to a wonderful father and companion. Claude is truly grateful for his dad's teaching ethic and academic interests.