

Bart Geib W8WE - A Native of Millersburg, having joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 1937. Information QST info Column of May 1936 a note that Bart increases power at the home station under station activities.

QST May 1938 Bart Geib w8we entered SS Contest, enjoyed contesting, traffic and ragchews. It was observed in the 1930's issues of QST magazine that Bart handled message traffic which appeared very frequently. By observing his QSL card he was very active with ARRL functions. This card was



supplied by Don Peters W8HDF. Don was at one time stationed at Findlay before transferring to Warren, Dist. Headquarters.

I have been asked many times on the air if I knew Bart Geib and I reluctantly had to say, no. He was before my time (I joined in 67) however I always heard great things about Bart and his XYL who also was a Ham and was very active in the YLRL activities.

Bart had a difficult function at Findlay Headquarters, it demanded well trained personnel and had CW operations on a 24 hour watch. It was difficult to keep a 24 hour watch on CW and thus, having a lot of turn over in personnel and many temporary assignments there on desk. Most of the patrol cw men your author has known. Many personnel in the Patrol at one time or another stood a CW watch at Findlay. Bart retired in 1960 and expired in 1963 not quite 3 years of retirement. His wife Alice W8OTK *1909-1972* stayed at the homestead until her death.

Don Peters (W8HDF) told me on a visit at his home in Champion, Ohio that Bart had hired him and he was so grateful because at the time Peters was driving a beer truck and had a dim future, he thought it would be a deterrent getting employment with the Patrol. Bart took it in stride and broke Don in well and it was said Bart had a friend for life. Don Peters didn't have a ham ticket then but he worked hard with Bart and eventually it became a reality.

Using a World Wide Web search engine I found the following; Bart and Alice were regular members of the Findlay Radio Club (W8FT) Long standing members and officers. In 1962 Bart was editor of the news paper and Alice headed up the women's page. W8FT club house pictured.

Alice W8OTK was a long time YLRL aid and enjoyed the district and state YL meetings. Continued on page two.



Alice Geib could be found in QST Journal frequently. Bart was also featured in QST Journal as top traffic handler on CW.

Bart was a long time member of the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Assoc) and had made friends all over the region. Geib's call is honored today by the **Mansfield Radio Club**. His station equipment consisted of a surplus BC-342 receiver and a RK-28 final running 400 watts, in 1951 at Findlay where he resided.

One thing that is humorous to me is the fact that I had heard of the "Beef Trust" at Findlay OSP Headquarters and never quite understood what that was all about until I saw a picture of the "Beef Trust." Bart and some his boys at one time were very healthy, looked as if "Beef Trust" was on target for a handle to hang on them. At a later time I will try to find one of those group pictures. Excessive weight doesn't fit in with the Patrol image. Bart could truly be called "Mister Radio." ZUT Bart (CW Forever) he always got the job done, many times under trying circumstances.

W8FT - Findlay Ohio Radio Club was home to many OSP Radio Officers over the years. Including; W8HC Harold Chapman – W8HDF Don Peters – W8FWL Bill Corzatt – W8QC Don Daymon etc etc... **w8su 2007**

