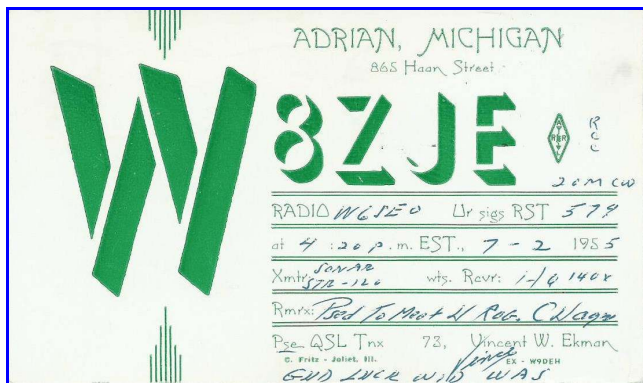




Vincent W. Ekman W9DEH - W8ZJE *1916-2015* - Mr. Ekman born in 1916 of Adrian, Michigan. Long time regional popular ham and very active on the CW mode. He began as W9DEH in 1939, former U.S. Army Signal Corps radio operator. NRI Grad from DC, married 1 daughter and two boys. Factory machine operator vocation.

I worked Vince in 1970 when he was age 54, living in Adrian, Michigan. He was using the old time heavy stock boat anchors, the Valiant II and a Collins 75A4 Receiver. The RF was attached to a very efficient Hy-Gain Hi-Tower vertical - he had a dual SSB position with a Drake Line in that capacity. The Hi-Gain Tower radiated wonderfully well on 40 Meters.



Vince is located out in the county in a rural area. He is an A1 Operator and the ever popular 40 meter W9TO instigated Chicken Fat Operators membership Number 12. A faithful member of AARC. QSL via W8JYZ Bob Green Collection.

I worked our subject again in 2001 Vince is age 85 now and he advised he lost his XYL 7 years ago which was a big blow to him. Rig of choice is the Ten Tec Omni 6 and the Hy-Tower is still in the air. All of the boat anchors are gone. Still is easily heard with a fine fist. He had come a long way from his home brew 20 watts and Hallicrafters S-20R in 1947.

As mentioned my first QSO with Vince was in December of 1970 on 3699 KC-CW, we knew many of the same CW faithful on the HF ham bands.

Vince expired at age 98 - burial Fayette Ohio. The memory is still there of his fine fist and good steady signals on 40 meters.



Ekman card dated February 1947. Rig was a SX-42 and 813 final tube. 7MHZ CW of course. Credit Ham-Register 1958. - Ekman foto via Adrian Amateur Radio Club.

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