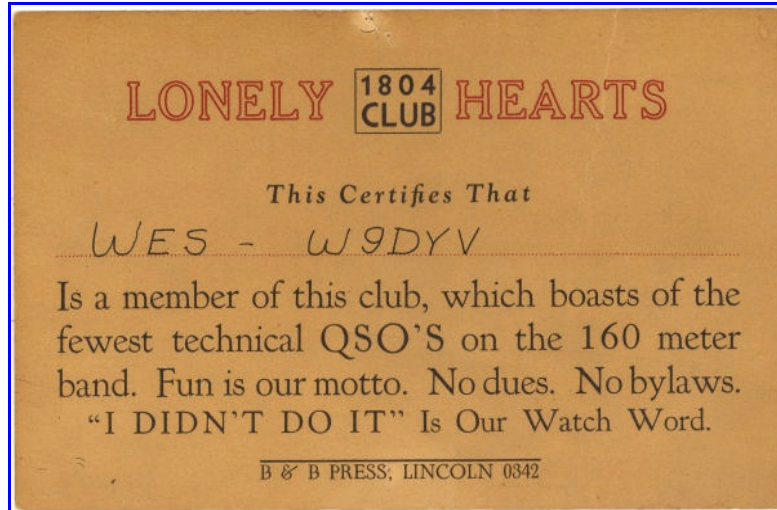


Wesley Robert Schum W9DYV - A pioneer developer, Electronic design engineer and producer of exceptional SSB equipment/ radio accessories. Wes began life through the portal of Chicago in 1921, his parents Leo (cigar manufacturing) and Freda. Not much is known at present of Wes' education but he is synonymous with Central Electronics Inc, being the president and founder until 1962 when CE unexpectedly deactivated.



Of the time Wes' nuance designs along with his head engineer Joe Batchelor were the talk of hamdom and Wes gave a tireless effort in a grueling talk circuit promoting SSB.

Schum was known fondly as Mr. S.S.B. It was also said he once was a FCC employee being Chief Inspector on the Ninth District Call area.

Your author owns a CE 600L amplifier and can vouch for the exceptional design and no tuning grid and tank circuits. All of the Schum equipment to this date is highly collectable and sought after. You can't view a C.E. rig without the second look and appreciation for the styling. It would be a wise statement that W9DYV holds many electronic patents still to this day.

Not much is known about Wes today but as recent as 2009 he was a regular check-in on various technical nets on ham radio. He resides in Tennessee where I noticed in the 1930 Census his father was originally from. I enjoy the memory of these unusually designed jewels.

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