

Each year the week of June 14th is designated National Flag Week. In 1916 President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing each June 14th Flag Day, even though it is not an official Federal Holiday.



Flag Day reminds me of a story Ms. Ruth Bowman shared with us on Flag Day in 2007 and it struck home as her father J. Homer McMunn was one of the original Cambridge Ohio Radio Bugs. I received her email on June 14th 2007 and she explained; It was 40 years ago today, Flag Day, my Dad passed away. "It seemed like yesterday. Daddy loved the American Flag and I remember when we were returning home from the hospital where he expired, looking down Wheeling Avenue which was lined with flags and I mentioned to my husband, it was a tribute to my Dad.

Ruth Bowman has been a long time Cambridge resident, friend and fellow early radio history researcher. Her father J. Homer McMunn was licensed prior to 1917 (8NQ and after WW1 issued 8AK) Homer had the distinction of building the first sending and receiving apparatus in the region in 1912.

Material from Ruth Bowman and 140th Flag Day poster from U.S. Library of Congress poster collection. J. Homer McMunn 1886-1967.