

Warren E. Sladky - W8CTZ - WØZYX - *1928-2005* To Frank (credit agent retail store) and Elgena Sladky of Cleveland, Ohio. Warren Ellsworth Sladky somehow was influenced to excellence with his blind state, it was amazing what he accomplished. Sladky would eventually move in his later years to Akron, Ohio.

Warren, blind since birth has been a ham operator since 1948 - A graduate of Kenyon College, a masters from Iowa State and Ohio State University. Our subject held a weekly discussion group Thursdays at 9-30 PM - "The Apricot's held session on the 51 Meg band or if you will 6 Meters." The Old nemesis of TVI land.

Mr. Sladky had his own company "Wessian Specialties" which stocked ham gear and tape recorders. "Consult him for special adaptations." -said K8ABP in his summary.

Not much more is known about Warren, he expired at age 77 in the Akron City Hospital, he was widowed and disposition wished to be cremated. Warren left his DNA with us, per K8CX Ham Gallery Dot Com and my good friend Ealon Lamphier K8ABP furnishing his file data thru his memoirs written in the Toomy J Gazette fall winter 1962 issue.



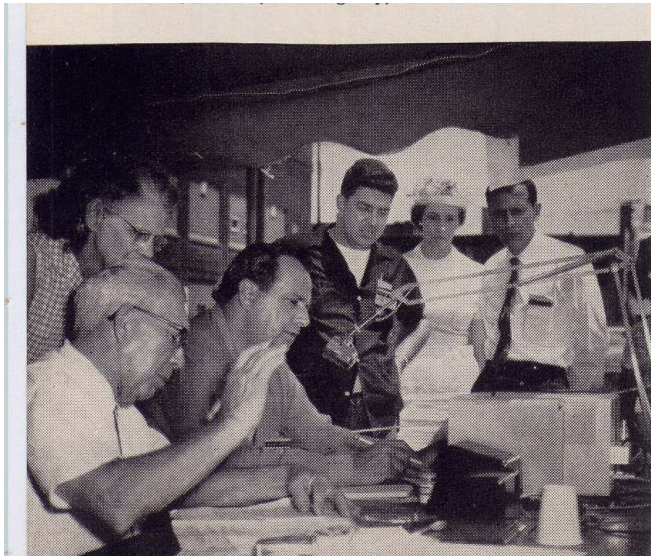
Ealon also enjoyed 6 Meters and lives again to add his unique memory. Lets plant the Apricot tree for the Sladky's! And one too for Ealon Lamphier. See Field Day picture June 1964.

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 WARREN SLADKY 11519 PARKVIEW AVE.
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W8CTZ

RADIO W8ZYX CONFIRMING QSO OF 7/15/49
 AT 2310-2338 EST UR SIGS RST 5/9(+?)
 TRANS MSS-HT9 PWR INPUT 125 RCVR SP400-HF10.20
 REMARKS 10 Ph in Fal. Dip in Attic. Conv.
Here's mine. Where's yours
 PSE-QSL-~~TX~~ 73 Warren



The Apricot Net operated W8CTZ/8 3A in downtown Cleveland with tremendous pre- and post- FD publicity giving a wonderful boost to public relations. Some particularly cogent operating tips offered their members prior to the stint: Thou shalt not come expecting to operate unless thou hast thy amateur operator's license on thy person. Thou shalt not use the terms fixed portable, slant nor thine own call sign in lieu of W8CTZ portable Cleveland. Honor thy adversary and deal with him courteously. Thou shalt not waggle thy tongue excessively.

QST for

Ye Editor had received word from an old neighbor of Warren Sladky's one Ray Kudlak - In 1955 "Warren Lived across the street from me" Warren and myself were members of the local radio club Six meters was a wonderful band in those days and Warren ran modified rigs including an audio tone generator for resonating the final of his transmitter. He used touch sensory input to tune the grid and other functions. Ray said, I didn't know Warren well however I knew he was an absolutely amazing person. Thanks for sharing W8ISK Columbus Ohio.

Sladky was credited by transcribing volumes of fundamental radio and electronics into Braille to allow students at the Ohio State School for the Blind to pass FCC licensing examinations.

Note the Sladky QSL card from College at Ames Iowa in 1949. K8CX QSL.

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Now
WØZYX
Friley Hall
Ames, Iowa

W8CTZ

RADIO WILSK CONFIRMING QSO OF 10-29-49
AT 0137-0202 EST UR SIGS RST 588 X
TRANS Sig Shifter PWR INPUT 10 watts RCVR ARB
REMARKS Fd. Dip. Ant. 40 cw.
Hope u got to sleep on time, xouse delay on QSL

PSE-QSL-TNX 73