Do You Remember?

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Every once-in-a-while, many amateurs like to take time to reflect, a time to remember. About 20 years ago I wrote a similar article which Wayne published in 73 which met with a favorable response from the readers. This one has been updated somewhat, but is still aimed at the over 25 crowd. Over 25 years as an amateur, that is, the QCWA crowd. However, newer amateurs might just get a "kick" out of trying to make sense of the following list. But, if you have to ask any questions, then you really don't remember.

So, without further ado: Do you remember?

The "Sixer", "Twoer", and "Tener"?

ARC5s?

The "Dream Receiver" (the one I owned was more like a "nightmare"!)?

The BC779?

The "My QTH" QSL cards?

When VO was a separate country from VE?

When the "ideal" novice rig was a DX40 and an SX99?

Controlled carrier modulation?

DSB?

The SX101A?

The VF-1 VFO?

The DX20, DX35, and DX60?

The 30L1 transmitter (not the 30L1 linear!) by Collins?

The KWM1?

The original "Bandit"?

The TBS50D (160 through 2!)?

The HRO series?

When an 807 was tube, not a drink?

The 814?

The G66 and G77?

The one-eyed "Gooney Bird"?

The second generation "Gooney Bird"?

When Novices could operate 2 meter phone but not the Technicians?

Crystal control and 75 watts?

When the "Adventurer" and "Challenger" were not space vehicles?

The Drake TV300HP?

Using a BC459 or BC457 as a VFO?

"Rice boxes" and "Japtracs"?

The 16V and 30D?

8th MOs (and even earlier!)?

The 41V and 80D?

The 75A1?

The AF67 (or even earlier, the A54H)?

When a "Tribander" was a converter, not an antenna?

The NC-2-40D?

The NC183D (or even earlier, the NC173)?

The "Sky Buddy"?

The S40B?

The S77?

Globe Chiefs and Globe Scouts?

The Apache, Mohawk, and Seneca?

The Mohician?

The KWS1?

Leo?

When Leo had hair?

The orange QSL cards from Walter Ashe?

The logbook QSLs from GE?

HI HI HI HI from space on CW?

The Invader and Invader 2000?

Pedestals?

The Quad at HCJB?

The Central Electronics 10B and 20A?

The CE 100V?

Modifying a BC458 to use with a CE 10B or 20A?

The Techcraft coverters?

International Crystal six meter rigs?

The Lincoln?

Knight Kits?

The R100A?

The Swan 120 (or 175, or 140)?

The Swan 240?

Heath monobanders?

The HQ129X (or, even earlier, the HQ120X)?

The SP600?

Your first QSO?

"Bugs", not keyers?

The Vibroplex Champion and Standard?

Astatic?

When W9IOP (also W8IOP, W2IOP, etc.) won the Sweepstakes every year?

W9VW (hint, look at W9IOP DX contest scores)?

The 75A4?

The S85?

The HQ105TR?

When Johnson built only ham gear?

The AT-1 and AR-1 (I owned an AR-3)?

6AG7-807 (or even 6V6-6L6)?

The 2E26 and 6146?

When the 829B was the "cats meow" on 2 meters?

The SCR522?

ROWH (Royal Order of the Woulf Hong)?

ROHO (Royal Order of the Hoot Owls)?

"No lids, no kids, no space cadets......"?

W2OY (I got on his "reserved" frequency once!)?

W5IO ("I know this guy, he bought a donkey......")?

ZL2BE (and his 20 wavelengths on a side rhombics)?

The rhombic?

100 North Western in Chicago?

When Lafayette was across the street from Allied?

When Radio Shack bought Allied?

Olson?

"California Kilowatts"?

AGL Electronics?

6 Up Magazine?

Western Radio Amateur?

When W2NSD ran CQ, not 73?

Cowan Publishing?

Zepp Antennas?

The T2FD?

"Radiates equally as poor in all directions"?

The DX100?

The SB-10?

The quad versus yagi debate?

AR22 rotors?

Prop pitch motors?

Selsyns?

The Communicator III?

WR calls?

When an "X" call meant experimental?

QBE?

The 310B?

Any Hunter rig?

The Drake 1A?

Hammurlund, Hallicrafters, and National?

ICE?

Varitronics?

Sideband Engineers, Gonset, and Central Electronics?

Heathkit, Johnson, and Collins?

The Swan 500?

Twin Vs (not "Twin Peaks")?

The "Outercom"?

The 200V?

When all major companies had QSL cards for their employees?

The Warrior?

The 2B (or was it "not to be")?

The SW3?

The Ocean Hopper?

I could go on for hours. But, all the "oldtimers" will get the point, and all the "newcomers" will scratch their heads. However, it is nice to take a look at nostalgia and just remember.