



Jacob W. Schott - W8FGX - W8DZ - *1915-1970* Jake Schott born to Mrs. Marguerite Bankhardt Schott in 1915, graduated from Hughes High School in 1933 and entered grocers as a butcher but planned to be a policeman as soon as he was old enough (21) He joined the Cincinnati Police Dept as a patrolman in 1937.

QST Journal Sept 66 had an article on big DX guns and Jake was named one as W8FGX, his twenty meter station was described as beam at 70 feet and a 40 foot boom with 4 elements atop a hill.

W8DZ - JACOB W. SCHOTT, Chief of Police, Cincinnati, Ohio PD. Jake was promoted to Colonel the 26th Police Chief of Cincinnati PD in 1967 until 1970, 3 years 10 months and expired of a heart attack. His death (Nov 1970) saddened everyone who knew him. Silent key article appeared in QST Journal Feb 1971.

Schott noted as an expert CW man and enjoyed DX to the point of going on several Dxpeditions. He was a member of the Navassa Island Dxpedition (KC4AF) in 1958 with our Cambridge Boy, Don Chesser W4KVX, Dale Streiter W8DJN, Frank Koval W8RSW. Red Reece W8EZF and the venerable Wayne Green W2NSD. Jake was using in those days his earlier call of W8FGX.



Greater Cincinnati Radio Club had applied and was issued Jake's Call sign W8DZ. They state on their web page "W8DZ was the call of the late Jake Schott who was an avid Dx'er who led the first Dxpedition to the Galapagos Islands. Jake also was the widely acclaimed Chief of Police of the Cincinnati Police Department. QST Journal states Jake W8FGX gave a talk at the Mike and Key Club in 66 on his ventures to San Felix and San Ambrosio

Cincinnati Police in 1942 established a 2-way radio system and 3 five hundred watt CW transmitters and a 200 ft vertical radiator operating on HF and VHF. Mobile units were RCA 20 watt AM units operating on 30.58 MHZ. This was an addition to the existing 1706 kc AM system they were using on the 160M police broadcast band. I have a feeling Jake was involved with communications from the ground floor, up.

By February 1971 then Chief of Police Col. Carl V. Goodin, communications operations moved from Eden Park to 310 Lincoln Drive. Renaming communications to CINCOM, having 6 channels installed by Motorola in the UHF range and new portable radios replacing car radios.

Jake, in 1949, was a charter member of the Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Assoc. "The Ohio Valley, or more appropriately the Ohio Hills, has long been a breeding ground for Dxers. Continued

The majority of the OVARA members were from the greater Cincinnati area, although some hail from Dayton, Hamilton, Hebron, Piqua and other neighboring towns." The club got its start in 1949 when W8JIN, W4FU, W8BOJ, W8FGX and W8JJW met and formed the Ohio Valley Amateur Radio Association dedicated to the pursuit of DX and contest operation.

The OVARA presently (1967 when written) consists of about 45 members several of whom have obtained DXCC Honor Roll status, while others have placed first in national and worldwide contests. The club has participated in many expeditions to give fellow Dxers a new one.

Some of the spots visited include San Felix, Serrana Bank, Baja Neuvo, Malpalo and Navassa. A monthly news sheet The Ether Waves, was maintained for many years, but was discontinued when the wide variety of weekly bulletins made it obsolete. (CQ Aug 67)

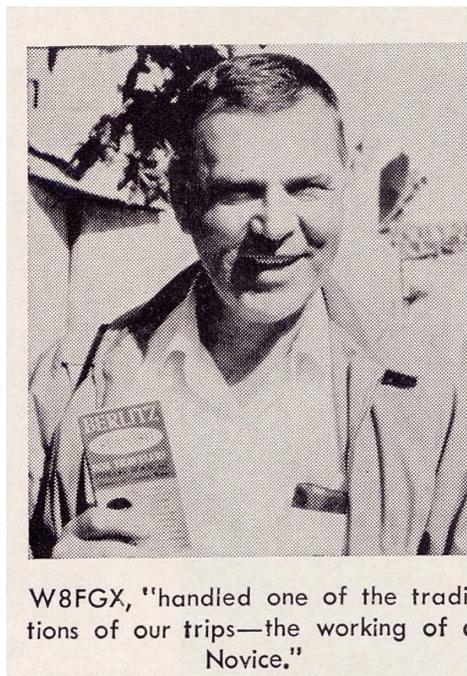
W4FU Bert Brown, Covington KY SK Apr 1961 QST
W4K VX Don Chesser, KY expired 1985
W8JIN - Jim Ringland, Cincy SK Nov 1986 age 69
W8JJW - Chester Spearing, Cincy SK Mar 1986 age 72
W8BOJ - Morris Brown, Cincy SK May 1974 age 68

Nov 1970 Schott expired at age 55 a great loss to the family, city and amateur radio community. He was experiencing heart problems for a good while and expired at Jewish Hospital Cincinnati after a long illness.

A Memorial Fund was announced by Schott's son Michael, indicating a scholarship fund would be established in honor of his father. It would encourage young men to go to college and become policemen and to encourage policemen to further their education. Memorial contributions may be made to the Col. Jacob W. Schott Police Scholarship Fund in care of Col. Henry Sandman, safety director.

Your author had first heard of Jake Schott through the DX news sheet of Don Chesser W8K VX. Don's weekly DX sheet spoke highly of Jake's ability and sound amateur radio practice. They developed a close friendship and both attended several amateur radio DX-peditions together. Chesser would be a long time employee for the City of Cincinnati, assigned to the Police Department under Chief Jake Schott W8DZ.

Don Havlicek N8DE writes 10 Dec 2001 -- I enjoyed climbing towers, having been one of the "toppers" for W8FGX/W8DZ and W8JIN in the Cincinnati area, on their windmill towers with full-sized 40M beams way back then! Ed. Note; Don has a full set of DX magazines printed by Don Chesser, having worked for Don's printing operation of the DX Magazine for one year in Greater Cincinnati area. Editor; Don make those nifty sheets available to the boys, it is wonderful reading!



W8FGX, "handled one of the traditions of our trips—the working of a Novice."

I have a special affinity to the boys in public safety and I was one of them for 25 years and prior active U.S.C.G. I still get an adrenalin rush at midnight when shift change comes about and the graveyard shift begins. I'll take a cup of coffee please, no smokes. W8SU 2007