



# Membership Form 2011

This form may be used for any of the following purposes (check all that apply):

- Pay Dues ( New  Renew)
- Change of Mailing Address
- Update personal information (new callsign, upgrade, etc.)

### Personal Information

Callsign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes  No

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Spouse Information (complete only for spouse applying at same time)

Callsign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes  No

### Minor Dependent (complete only for minors applying at the same time)

Callsign \_\_\_\_\_ License Class \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

### Annual Dues

(January thru December)

#### For Club Use Only – DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Member                        | \$20.00 year                                 | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Spouse                | \$ 4.00 year                                 | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accompanying Minor Dependent       | \$ 4.00 year times number of minors renewing | Amount: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Member (full time student) | \$ 8.00 year                                 | Amount: _____ |

Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mail to:

Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club, Inc.  
P.O. Box 24551  
Omaha, NE 68124

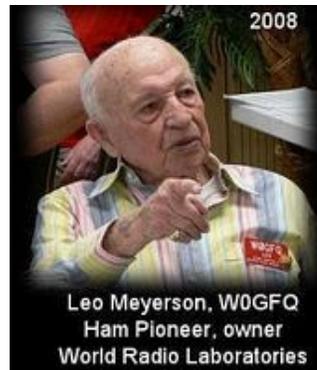
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## Leo Meyerson WØGFQ

by Jim Musgrove K5BZH and Denny Condron KØLGI



*(Editor's Note: AARC Lifetime Member Leo Meyerson has made many contributions to the Amateur community over the years and is celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Jim and Denny have coauthored this short, but informative, biography describing some of his accomplishments. [Pictures provided by them.]*

Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ, got interested in radio in 1920 after hearing a lecture on the subject in Council Bluffs, IA. He and a friend built a one-tube receiver and, in 1924, he built a transmitter from plans in a magazine. This led to his ham radio license in 1928.

Leo originally worked in the grocery business, following his father's footsteps. He had leased a store and turned the business around to the point that, rather than letting him lease again, the owners decided to keep the business; putting Leo out to pasture.

His father had loaned him some money to launch a small electronics store with the stipulation that if he failed, he would go into the grocery operation with his father. Leo did his best to make certain he didn't fail. He had some hard times, but he succeeded.

Leo was an innovator and supplier of amateur equipment for many years in the metro area at Council Bluffs. During the years of his operations there, he produced a substantial number of amateur related products. Even though that time is now past, he is someone who locally created and developed radios; plus supplied parts for many others that were in the electronics field.

In the 1930's Leo started his amateur enterprise as Wholesale Radio Laboratories until later, ending in 1941. After the war it became Wholesale Radio again, followed by WRL Manufacturing in 1953. The result was many transmitters which included the Globe Trotter, Globe scout, Globe Chief, Globe Champion, and Globe King. WRL became Globe Electronics in 1958 and later Galaxy Electronics in 1962. Its primary amateur products were the Galaxy 300, Galaxy III, Galaxy V, and GT-550 single sideband transceivers. Galaxy was sold to the Hy-Gain Antenna Company in 1970. This era of his business was devoted to the continuing of development and production of many designs for amateur use over those years, of which many are still in use worldwide.

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Leo's son, Larry, became president of World Radio, which was converted into a successful consumer products company. Leo retired in 1977.

During the early 1960's he also developed and produced a substantial number of fixed and mobile

transceivers amongst only a handful of other manufacturers for what had been the amateur 11-meter band. Considerable investment in the engineering aspect of the equipment he developed included one if not the first solid-state handheld transceiver for use in the band now known as CB.

One of the deserving acknowledgements that few have known about is that Leo also was involved extensively in producing frequency control units (crystals) for the military during WWII. The company name was Scientific Radio Products. That effort was driven by the military's high demand for quartz crystals for communications equipment that were stable, accurate, and dependable.

Eventually his Scientific Radio Products company manufactured thousands of crystal units in Omaha and in nearby Woodbine, Iowa. For this, he received the coveted Army-Navy "E" Award for achievement in producing materials for the war.



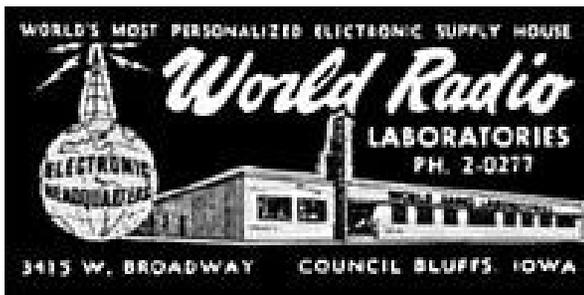
*(Left: Army-Navy "E" Award Oct. 2, 1943. Pictured are representatives of the Army and Navy. Accepting the award are Rose Paluka [editor of the company newsletter Crystal Gazer] and Leo I. Meyerson.)*

Leo is a life member of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, serving as a National Director from 1977 to 1987. In 1991 he was named the QCWA Amateur Member of the year and in 1994 he was inducted into the QCWA Hall of Fame. He is also a life member of the American Radio Relay

League, Society of Wireless Pioneers, and International Mission Radio Association among other associations. In 1980 Leo was elected a Fellow of the Radio Club of America, one of the most prestigious radio clubs in America.

A comment from Jim K5BZH, the author of the *In Tune with Leo* biography: "Leo was one of my heroes when I was a kid; I got licensed at the age of 11. I never dreamed of meeting him and certainly never dreamed of writing his bio. He called me on the phone one day to ask me to do it. I still admire Leo. His wife Helen was a super person too."

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Leo also had a list of rules that he demanded of himself and his employees. He treated people with respect. He explained to his sales force that he didn't care if someone walked into the store wearing overalls and had a piece of hay hanging out his ear, always treat him very respectfully.

*Jim K5BZH and Denny KØLGI*



*(Editor's Note: Variations of the following message have been going around in email and appearing on various amateur radio web sites. It's my understanding that the address isn't Leo's, but Gene Pentecost's—who's taken on the task of collecting the QSL cards.)*

On Feb 24th QCWA Chapter 154 in West Palm Springs is celebrating Leo's 100th birthday. For those that don't remember, Leo owned and operated World Radio Laboratories in Council Bluffs, IA for many years. So here's the plan, take a QSL card, write 'Happy 100th Birthday Leo' on it and send it to:

Leo Meyerson, WØGFQ  
19 Park Lane  
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270

Gene Pentecost, President of Chapter 154 will make sure they get to the party so everyone that attends can enjoy them.

One last thing, tell every ham you know to do the same thing, QCWA member or not. Spread the word, at every radio club meeting you attend, at every net you check into.

I want Leo to get hundreds, maybe even thousands of cards.

tnx es 73,  
Bob Roske, NØUF  
QCWA President