



But on what basis? In May of 1942, with Ed Handy's departure imminent, the matter was taken up by the ARRL Board of Directors, and again I was bypassed. John Huntoon, W1LVQ, was made acting Communications Manager, I to be his subordinate. John was an assistant secretary, and much admired by almost everybody.

This time my humiliation was spiced with anger, and I decided to seek other employment, one of draft exemption if possible, or else just wait for the draft to catch up to me. My brother Ed, W3NF, was working as a code instructor at a naval school in Bedford, PA. I visited him and was introduced to the school supervisor. The school was set up for the purpose, but it was run by civilians on behalf of the Navy. They needed code instructors and seemed to feel I would fill the bill very nicely, so I made application. They told me the Navy needed CW operators so badly they were opening a school in Hollidaysburg PA. The super said chances were good that I would be draft-deferred, but there was no guarantee; it would be up to my local draft board. I left my application on file and then returned to Hartford. The day after I returned, John Hunton came to me and explained that the ACM job had been wished on him, that he hadn't sought it, that he wasn't getting any increase in pay, that he was still an assistant secretary and as acting Communications Manager he would only be a figurehead; that I would actually be running what was left of the department. He also said that there would be no more weasel-worded title, that I would be the assistant Communications Manager and he would try to get me a raise. John, then as now, had a winning personality - I felt considerably mollified.

I didn't want to leave ARRL headquarters, or my little house on Highland Street, but I was still seething with anger and humiliation. I told John I had applied for a job to teach code for the Navy and, if accepted, intended taking it. John was as good as his word, about a week later two things happened. John was classified 1-A by his draft board and I received word from Keystone Schools that I was hired and was to report to the new school in Hollidaysburg PA in three weeks. Still no promise of draft deferment. I told John of this development. He told me he was joining the Coast Guard, now part of the Navy, as chief petty officer stationed at Coast Guard training school in Atlantic City. The next day I was summoned into the office of the Great Man himself, Kenneth B. Warner, W1EH, ARRL Secretary and General Manager of the headquarters.

I had spoken with KB only once before, at the 1938 HQ Christmas party in the basement at 38 La

Salle Road. On that occasion he had sought me out, shook my hand, and expressed regret that we hadn't met before, wished me a Merry Christmas and handed me an envelope, then returned to the festivities. In the envelope I found a crisp new ten-dollar bill. It was a custom to give every employee a bonus at the Christmas time, and mine was the minimum. Far from being disappointed, I was delighted. Of course I had seen KB around the office many times but never before had any reason to engage him in conversation. It would not be an exaggeration to say I held him in great awe, and in this instance I approached his sanctum sanctorum in "fear and trembling."

*Coming in Chapter 33 - George settles in to his new position with the ARRL.*

Treasurer's Report		
Ole, N4ABM, Treasurer		
Balance 1/1/2010		\$374.47
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**New HBN QNI: W8OLO, Robert, OH**

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## **THE DAY AUSTRALIA CALLED**

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Dave Phillips, WB7VSN, [at his station above] a native of Southern California, learned American Morse as a youngster. As soon as he learned how to reach the Los Angeles Southern Pacific Train Depot by city bus he was often found there awaiting an opportunity to operate an idle telegraph wire. By the time he'd graduated from high school, he was a station agent.

World War II interrupted his train career where he was General Douglas MacArthur's personal telegrapher. After the war he became a Southern Pacific train dispatcher. After forty years he retired and became an amateur radio operator, as did many others who had spent their lives directing trains hither and yon by means of telegraph. But Marks and Spaces ran deeply in their veins and it wasn't long before they discovered that by using discarded 8-bit computers and modems their telephone lines would emulate Western Union wires. Soon, they were dialing one another and rehashing days of old while using American Morse.

In 1990 Phillips responded to the American Morse Club's urging and formed a Eugene, Oregon Chapter. A host of retired railroad and Western Union telegraphers quickly became charter members, including several women.

When Morse first came into use there were two codes—American and International. The United States chose American because of its many special characters that supported the livestock and grain markets, Wall Street and Baseball, not to mention railroads, Western Union, Associated Press, and the U.S. Postal Telegraph while the rest of the world selected International.

Both systems share many characters. However, C, F, J, L, O, P, Q, R X, Y, Z, all numbers, and all punctuations are different.

Dave, a master of both, never gave much thought to the differences. International was heard through the radio headphones while American was copied over the phone line. And he responded accordingly.

On 2 April 1991 the world celebrated Samuel Finley Breeze Morse's 200th Birthday. In keeping with the spirit of that festivity, Australia's counterpart to America's AT&T, as it was in 1991, provided 24 hours of free landline service to the Alice Springs Radio Club. After contacting everyone they knew on the continent, it seemed fitting to join the celebration at the Hotel Blackstone in Chicago, Illinois. Unfortunately, the only United States phone number they could find belonged to Dave Phillips in Eugene, Oregon.

Dave, having already enjoyed a dozen American Morse contacts that morning, was prepared when the phone rang. But after copying the initial message, he discovered that the fellow on the other end was sending him garbage. The A was okay, but after that he couldn't read enough characters to make one single word. Who was this guy, he wondered? When the fellow turned the wire back, Dave sent an American Morse question mark, asking him to send everything again. But in International Morse the Australian read a DN. Alice Springs, totally confused, sent an International Morse question mark, which in American Morse was a period.

Sometimes, when old landline telegraphers, turned amateur radio operators, become excited they start mixing American and International characters, an incident commonly called "Box Car-ing." Dave, who had been involved in this confusion a time or two, recognized the problem and responded in International Morse.

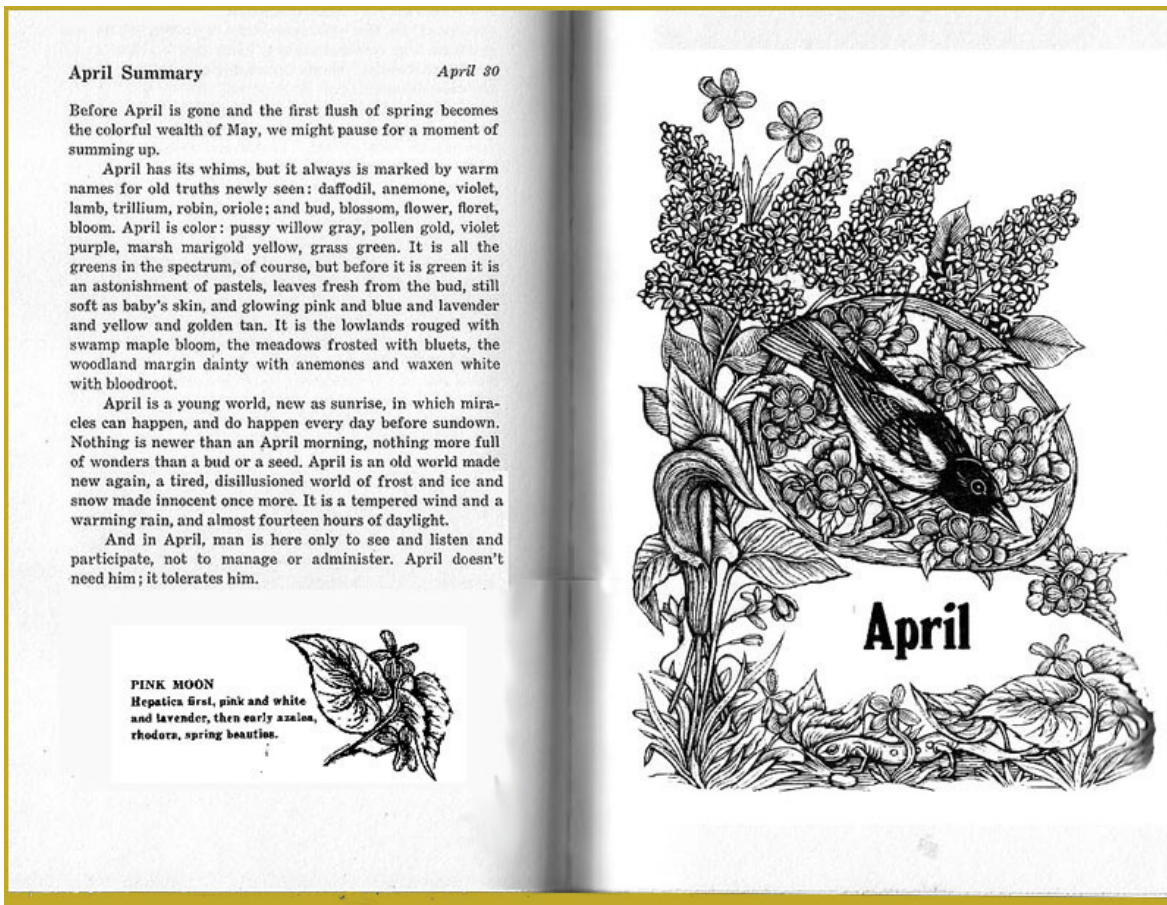
The Hotel Blackstone phone number was sent to Australia and then Morse code laughter was exchanged over the wire, which is the same for both languages. HI HI. HI HI.

Thank you, Scott, for an interesting tale. Floyd, N5EL, upon reading this story, passed along the following: I recommend and encourage any who likes the rhythm of the code learn American Morse and find the pleasure of real rhythm. !!! The hardest part for me was catching onto the make and break of the sounder. It's so easy once you begin

to hear it. Once you learn it use it to get proficient !!! Those of us who love it will keep it going... lets promote !!

.....A good place to do it is on any freq we can find clear and if necessary learn 3 or 4 characters, etc. at a time. Same rules apply and the only rule to be watched, as far as I know, is ID in International Morse, just like we do now. Pass this around to anyone who might be interested working with me on the air. If so, make contact. I'm not a pro but love the stuff as you well know. []

## From Hal Borland's *Twelve Moons of the Year*



### HBN TOP QNI/QTC January - March

Jan		QNI		QTC	Feb		QNI		QTC	Mar		QNI		QTC
W1KX	30	N1OTC	195	N4DY	28	N1OTC	142	KA8WNO	30	N1OTC	225			
K4IWW	30	K8LJG	133	KA8WNO	28	KW1U	101	W2MTA	29	K8LJG	112			
K8LJG	29	KW1U	101	W1KX	25	K8LJG	53	N4DY	28	KW1U	64			
KA8WNO	29	K3MIY	56	K4IWW	25	VE3GNA	42	W1WCG	26	KA8WNO	38			
W2EAG	28	VE3GNA	53	W1WCG	24	K3MIY	35	K8KV	26	N4ABM	30			
N4DY	28	WB8RFB	23	K8KV	24	KA8WNO	28	W1KX	24	VE3GNA	30			
W2MTA	27	KA8WNO	21	K2TV	20	N4ABM	16	WA4BAM	24	K3MIY	27			
K8KV	27	K8KV	21	WA4BAM	20	W2EAG	14	W2EAG	23	WD8Q	16			
WA4BAM	25	W2EAG	15	K3MIY	19	K4IWW	9	K2TV	23	W1WCG	14			
W1WCG	24	WD8Q	12	KA5NNG	19	WB8WKQ	9	K8LJG	23	W2EAG	13			
WB8RFB	24	WB8WKQ	10	KW1U	18	W4WXA	9	K4OSO	21	W4WXA	13			
KA5NNG	21	W2MTA	8	WD8DIN	18	WB8RFB	8	WD8DIN	21	W2MTA	9			
KW1U	20	N4ABM	8	WA2CUW	16	WA3JXW	8	WA2CUW	20	KT2D	9			
KK3F	20	W8RTN	7	N1OTC	15	N4DY	6	N4ABM	20	K8KV	8			
N4ABM	20	W1WCG	4	VE3GNA	15	WD8Q	6	K4IWW	20	WD4DNC	8			
N1OTC	19	W4WXA	4	W2EAG	14	W8IM	6	N1OTC	18	K3RC	7			
K3MIY	18	KK3F	3	WD8Q	14	W1WCG	5	KW1U	18	WB8WKQ	7			
WD8Q	18	W8IM	3	WB8RFB	14	K8KV	4	WD8Q	18	WA3JXW	6			
VE3GNA	15	K3RC	3	N4ABM	12	K3RC	4	KA5NNG	14	K2TV	5			
K4OSO	14	W1KX	2	K3RC	11	W1KX	3	W8IM	14	K4IWW	5			
WD8DIN	14	WA4BAM	2	K8LJG	11	K4MSG	3	WB8RFB	14	N4DY	4			
W8IM	13	WA3JXW	2	WA3JXW	10	K2TV	2	KK3F	12	W1KX	3			
KT2D	12	K4IWW	1	W8IM	10	KA5NNG	1	VE3GNA	12	WA2CUW	3			
WB8WKQ	12	KA5NNG	1	WB8WKQ	9	WD8DIN	1	K3RC	12	WB8RFB	3			
N0SPY	9	WD8DIN	1	N0SPY	8	KT2D	1	WA3JXW	10	K9PUI	3			
WA2CUW	9	KT2D	1	KT2D	8	KK3F	1	K3MIY	9	WA4BAM	2			
WA3JXW	9	N0SPY	1	KK3F	8	N3SW	1	WB8WKQ	9	W8IM	2			
K2TV	8	WA2CUW	1	K7IFG	8	K9PUI	1	K7IFG	8	KK3F	2			
K7IFG	7	K2TV	1	WD8DHC	8	WB9JSR	1	N0SPY	6	K4OSO	1			
N3COR	5	N4DY	0	N3SW	6	WA4BAM	0	KT2D	6	WD8DIN	0			
K3RC	4	K4OSO	0	K4MSG	5	WA2CUW	0	W4WXA	6	KA5NNG	0			
W4VFJ	4	K7IFG	0	K4OSO	5	N0SPY	0	WD4DNC	5	K7IFG	0			
K9PUI	4	N3COR	0	W4VFJ	3	K7IFG	0	N3SW	4	N0SPY	0			
N3SW	2	W4VFJ	0	K9PUI	3	WD8DHC	0	W4VFJ	4	N3SW	0			
K4MSG	2	K9PUI	0	W2MTA	2	K4OSO	0	WD8DHC	4	W4VFJ	0			
WD8DHC	2	N3SW	0	W4WXA	2	W4VFJ	0	WB9JSR	4	WD8DHC	0			
W8RTN	2	K4MSG	0	WB9JSR	2	W2MTA	0	K9PUI	3	WB9JSR	0			
WB9JSR	2	WD8DHC	0	N1CKE	1	N1CKE	0	KC1DI	2	KC1DI	0			
W2PL	1	WB9JSR	0	K4BG	1	K4BG	0	K4MSG	2	K4MSG	0			
K2VCO	1	W2PL	0	WD4DNC	1	WD4DNC	0	KO1E	1	KO1E	0			
WD4DNC	1	K2VCO	0	AB5TY	1	AB5TY	0	KO1T	1	KO1T	0			
W4WXA	1	WD4DNC	0	AB5TY	1	AB5TY	0	W2PL	1	W2PL	0			
W8OLO	1	W8OLO	0	WB8KPE	1	WB8KPE	0	KB8ZYY	1	KB8ZYY	0			
WB8SIW	1	WB8SIW	0	W8OLO	1	W8OLO	0							
WB9FIU	1	WB9FIU	0											

			HBN Totals							
JAN	2010	2009	FEB	2010	2009	2008	MAR	2010	2009	2008
QNI	593	557	QNI	494	566	568	QNI	576	568	617
QTC	693	578	QTC	520	791	924	QTC	669	750	744
QSP	681	538	QSP	510	778	877	QSP	643	721	635
QND	1091	1083	QND	859	1103	1211	QND	1042	1049	1128
Sess	31	31	Sess	28	28	29	Sess	31	31	31

### HBSN QNS January - March

January			February			March		
HBSN QNS	QNI	QTC		QNI	QTC		QNI	QTC
K2TV	11	0	K1BTD	2	0	K2TV	18	5
K3IN	26	0	K2TV	19	0	K3IN	12	1
K7IFG	7	0	K3IN	16	3	K3RC	1	0
K8KV	1	0	K7IFG	3	0	K7IFG	2	0
KA5NNG	2	0	K8KV	1	0	KB2ETO	21	0
KB2ETO	25	0	KB2ETO	26	0	KG2HA	6	0
KG2HA	28	0	KG2HA	9	0	KK3F	7	0
KK3F	15	5	KK3F	5	1	KT2D	7	4
KT2D	12	10	KT2D	11	5	N1JX	22	1
KW1U	1	2	N1AE	1	0	N3ABM	4	0
N1JX	24	0	N1JX	23	1	N9KHD	16	0
N3COR	10	2	N3SW	1	2	NØSPY	1	0
N4ABM	3	0	N4ABM	1	0	VE3GNA	15	43
N9KHD	22	0	N9KHD	19	0	W1KX	22	1
VE3GNA	14	45	VE3GNA	9	40	W2EAG	14	0
W1KX	28	0	W1KX	25	1	WA2CUW	7	3
W2EAG	16	0	W2EAG	7	2	WA3JXW	17	13
W4VFJ	1	0	WA2CUW	8	1	WB2GTG	24	19
WA2CUW	10	5	WA3JXW	24	18	WB8WKQ	6	0
WA3JXW	22	22	WB2GTG	27	13	WD8DHC	8	0
WB2GTG	26	13	WB8WKQ	6	1	WD8Q	22	7
WB4ZDU	1	0	WD8DHC	8	0			
WB8WKQ	7	0	WD8Q	17	7			
WD8DHC	3	0						
WD8Q	21	8						

HBSN	January	February	March
Sessions	31	28	31
Total QNI	336	268	252
Total QTC	116	105	97
Total QTR	888	760 mins	802
Avg tfc time	3.75	0.138	.12 min
Avg time session	28.6 min	27.1 min	27.1 min

### HBN QNS January - March

HBN Jan			QNI QTC			Feb			QNI QTC			Mar			QNI QTC		
W	1KX	30	2	N	1CKE	1	0	KC	1DI	2	0						
N	1OTC	19	195	W	1KX	25	3	KO	1E	1	0						
KW	1U	20	101	N	1OTC	15	142	W	1KX	24	3						
W	1WCG	24	4	KW	1U	18	101	N	1OTC	18	225						
WA	2CUW	9	1	W	1WCG	24	5	KO	1T	1	0						
KT	2D	12	1	WA	2CUW	16	0	KW	1U	18	64						
W	2EAG	28	15	KT	2D	8	1	W	1WCG	26	14						
W	2MTA	27	8	W	2EAG	14	14	WA	2CUW	20	3						
W	2PL	1	0	W	2MTA	2	0	KT	2D	6	9						
K	2TV	8	1	K	2TV	20	2	W	2EAG	23	13						
K	2VCO	1	0	KK	3F	8	1	W	2MTA	29	9						
N	3COR	5	0	VE	3GNA	15	42	W	2PL	1	0						
KK	3F	20	3	WA	3JXW	10	8	K	2TV	23	5						
VE	3GNA	15	53	K	3MIY	19	35	KK	3F	12	2						
WA	3JXW	9	2	K	3RC	11	4	VE	3GNA	12	30						
K	3MIY	18	56	N	3SW	6	1	WA	3JXW	10	6						
K	3RC	4	3	N	4ABM	12	16	K	3MIY	9	27						
N	3SW	2	0	WA	4BAM	20	0	K	3RC	12	7						
N	4ABM	20	8	K	4BG	1	0	N	3SW	4	0						
WA	4BAM	25	2	WD	4DNC	1	0	N	4ABM	20	30						
WD	4DNC	1	0	N	4DY	28	6	WA	4BAM	24	2						
N	4DY	28	0	K	4IWW	25	9	WD	4DNC	5	8						
K	4IWW	30	1	K	4MSG	5	3	N	4DY	28	4						
K	4MSG	2	0	K	4OSO	5	0	K	4IWW	20	5						
K	4OSO	14	0	W	4VFJ	3	0	K	4MSG	2	0						
W	4VFJ	4	0	W	4WXA	2	9	K	4OSO	21	1						
W	4WXA	1	4	KA	5NNG	19	1	W	4VFJ	4	0						
KA	5NNG	21	1	AB	5TY	1	0	W	4WXA	6	13						
K	7IFG	7	0	AB	5TY	1	0	KA	5NNG	14	0						
WD	8DHC	2	0	K	7IFG	8	0	K	7IFG	8	0						
WD	8DIN	14	1	WD	8DHC	8	0	WD	8DHC	4	0						
W	8IM	13	3	WD	8DIN	18	1	WD	8DIN	21	0						
K	8KV	27	21	W	8IM	10	6	W	8IM	14	2						
K	8LJG	29	133	WB	8KPE	1	0	K	8KV	26	8						
W	8OLO	1	0	K	8KV	24	4	K	8LJG	23	112						
WD	8Q	18	12	K	8LJG	11	53	WD	8Q	18	16						
WB	8RFB	24	23	W	8OLO	1	0	WB	8RFB	14	3						
W	8RTN	2	7	WD	8Q	14	6	WB	8WKQ	9	7						
WB	8SIW	1	0	WB	8RFB	14	8	KA	8WNO	30	38						
WB	8WKQ	12	10	WB	8WKQ	9	9	KB	8ZYY	1	0						
KA	8WNO	29	21	KA	8WNO	28	28	WB	9JSR	4	0						
WB	9FIU	1	0	WB	9JSR	2	1	K	9PUI	3	3						
WB	9JSR	2	0	K	9PUI	3	1	N	ØSPY	6	0						
K	9PUI	4	0	N	ØSPY	8	0										
N	ØSPY	9	1														

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Wednesday Ole N4ABM  
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Friday Glenn VE3GNA  
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