

Byron H. “BY” Goodman W1DX - W1JPE -W6CAL *1911-2004* Scripted from ARRL Letter and material. By a San Francisco native, was a member of the ARRL HQ Staff for more than three decades, most of that time serving as a technical editor. Goodman authored and edited literally hundreds of QST articles and columns as well as other league publications, including Antenna Design and The Handbook for Radio Amateurs.



Former ARRL colleague and retired ARRL General Manager Dick Baldwin, W1RU, best remembers Goodman for the pioneering efforts in SSB and for technical expertise. First licensed in 1930, Goodman joined the ARRL HQ staff a few years later. “He was a man of many talents,” Baldwin said. “He was in the forefront technically - antennas, single sideband, and receivers.” He said the technical challenge spurred Goodman’s strong interest in SSB. Goodman initiated a series of columns about single sideband in QST in 1948 – a decade or more before the mode eventually eclipsed AM.

Over the years By wrote numerous reviews of new equipment in QST, served as the first “How’s DX” editor from 1936 until 1947 and edited a column of IARU News. Goodman wrote a series of QST April Fool parodies under the pseudonym Larson E. Rapp W1OU.

In my own mind By’s gutsy 50’s QST articles “What’s Wrong With our Present Receivers?” Byron pointed out before his time double and triple conversion receivers were not necessarily of better design than the uncomplicated single conversion types, Elecraft has proven that for a good while now.

By Goodman had a very great sense of humor, along with a very dry sense of humor, said former colleague George Hart W1NJM. In 1989 Goodman received the Dayton Ham-vention Technical Excellence Award. Being a ARRL Staffer, then enjoyed the QCWA Presidential Award in 1988 along with notables John Kraus and H.H. Beverage. He was a outstanding member of IEEE and the A1 Operator’s Club. Goodman had not been active on the air in recent years.

How’s DX column brings back happy memories being carried on through the years successfully and then by Jeeve’s himself, W9BRD. Come on back Rod!

Byron expired at age 93, of East Hartford, CT., after a period of declining health. Survivor’s include wife Barbara, a daughter and a sister. The family invites memorial donations to the American Heart Association 2550 US Hwy 1 N-.Brunswick, N.J. 08902-4301

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