

George H. Nibbe *1920-1963* W9NUF - W6BES - George Huntley Nibbe born in Chicago - Cook County. Son of a salesman in engineered products, To George W. and Kathryn Huntley Nibbs. Our subject a 1942 graduate of the Univ of Ill. George's boyhood dream was full of ham radio and was with a friendly group of youngsters known as the Rogers Park Triangle radio boys.

The Triangle included Rod Newkirk W9BRD and his future brother-in-law W9VES Phil Simmons. - Newkirk said Nibbe got dozens of Chicago land hams their start in earning their tickets and donating equipment to get on the air. They (RPT) enjoyed entering the amateur operator contests and were very competitive with Morse code operations. .

Shortly after enrolling in Univ of ILL - George was soon doing extracircular work in electrical engineering and credited to inventing the first marketable electronic keyer called the Mon-Key, highly popular in the 1950s and the Mon-Key still shows up on Ebay to this day.

George with a thriving electronic business in the Aero Space Industry (Canoga Park Electronics Corp) died at the early age of 42 in Los Angeles. Learning of the death was hard to accept by everyone back home, George at that young age, Newkirk said "Enjoy your QSO's OM, it may be later than you think." He is at rest in the famous Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Hollywood Hills.

Newspaper article in the Valley News, Van Nuys 27 Aug 1961 "Pres of Canoga Electronics Corp Geo Nibbe announced his companies band tracking radar equipment for long range tracking showed significant radar performance, the equipment was air shipped to Antigua Atlantic missile range, which successfully tracked a National Aeronautics and space administration Ranger space craft fired from Camp Canaveral Fla tracking over 900 miles of its flight path successfully.

Note; Canoga Park Electronics Corp 8966 Comanche Ave., Chatsworth California is still there however it is now a distribution center. Nibbe had electronic patents to his credit. W9NUF card from the Rod Newkirk collection via Amanda Newkirk. - thoughts from the Newkirk family.- Find A Grave Memorial #85921374

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