

Elmo R. Laucks - W9III - W8III *1917-1984* Got Elmo? Born in Northern Michigan at the Sault. Licensed in 1936 as W9III. Chief Radio Operator Capital Air Lines, operations and maintenance. Service, USMC, Warrant Officer USMCR. A long electronic career with the CAA and then FAA.

I didn't have the pleasure to meet Elmo but had heard others chatting about this talented guy who was with the FAA at the Sault when I was stationed there with the Coast Guard in the 60's. – He had a remote metal building on Rural Route II, on a plateau overlooking the St. Mary's River Upper peninsula.



He had antennas including HF wires and a short tower. Harvey Ball W8FYX would have known Elmo better than anyone else, in town.

In a visit to the Sault during one of our Wickman reunions I took a ride southeast towards the river and saw Elmo's old metal building that I recall hearing CW and QRN from while driving around the area many years prior while there serving Coast Guard radio. –

Elmo had disappeared in the 80's and someone else had purchased the land and building. They made a nice looking homestead out of the place. Lots of flowers and the area was nicely modernized.

July 9th 2007 we made a Sault trip and I was able to check the library resources. There was very little about Elmo – He was retired from the FAA in 1980 after long service, resided in the Sault with his wife Bernice.

Still evidence of Got Elmo? Sure enough is, about the Sault of one observes it. There is a Little League complex on 8th Avenue off of Meridian – one of the fields for 14 year olds and under division, is dedicated and cared for in the name of



Elmo Laucks our subject. "Laucks Field." Continued page two.

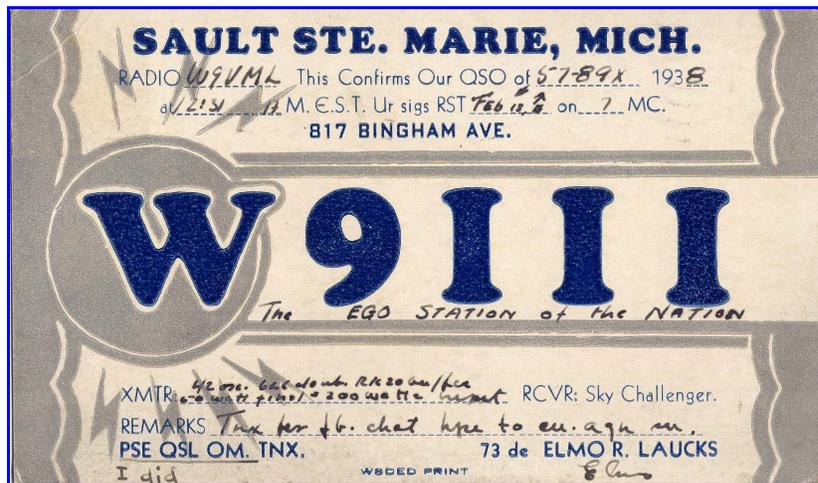
I've checked with search engines and found "The Elmo Laucks Award" has to do with local Soo High Sports recognition. I sent email to Jo Ann Collins Principals secretary at Sault Area H.S. Mr. Laucks was a dedicated Sault Michigan area baseball coach who was involved in many student activities. Criteria for the award include; Improvement in either academic, athletic or service; Good sportsmanship; courtesy in dealings with others; cheerful service to school and community; promotion of goodwill especially between school and community; high academic standing; selection is made by the faculty honors committee.

According to the 1980 City directory Elmo & Bernice reside 1311 Kimball Street. - He is a retiree, a government electronics technician since the mid 1940s. I love that name Elmo.

Another QSL card by our subject we feature on this page found on Internet W9III 1938 from the Sault - 7 MHZ CW running 200 watts input.

There is a Richard Laucks I am attempting to communicate with who is teaching at NMU in the Criminal Justice field. Then, Richard T. Laucks stated in Email 4 January 2010; Elmo was my Dad. He passed away in 1984, but he is still remembered by many that he helped, coached, or just had some time for. It has been years since I thought about W8III! That was one of his many means for reaching out and helping others. - Best Regards, Richard Laucks

Ed. note; Elmo a coach and sports expert expired at age 66 burial at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens Sault. His telegraph key silent but leaves us great memories.



Ham Register publication 1958 included some Elmo family information and hobbies; Married; children Richard age 12 and Linda Faye age 9. Hobbies; Wood working and scouting.

Little League of the Sault Area Michigan, District 13 is the Love of the Laucks' - May it continue on in his name. Yes, "We Got Elmo!" Thanks Elmo Richard Laucks W8III.

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