

Lawrence (Larry) LeKashman **W8IOP - W9IOP - W2IOP - W2AB - *1921-1978*** Born in NYC, LeKashman developed a passion for electronics during his childhood which led to a life-long involvement. Businessman, writer, editor, manager - those that knew him would talk about Larry's great operating skill in ham radio. I recently found a South Bend Indiana Temple Beth-El affiliation. After all those years a recital in 29 September 2006 in memory of past members including Lawrence LeKashman. - We found our subject connected with Olson Radio & Electronics of the 70s era. Who can forget the old W9IOP Second Op, a DX aid wheel that did a lot of calculations.



Somewhere along the way LeKashman found time to be an early editor with CQ Magazine. Our subject enlisted the popular QSL artist Ed Coyngnam for those nifty veries. "Through the years I've had a cartoon-type card drawn for me by friend W7ESJ. They're clever and have been much in demand. You can readily see why." It gives the gang another reason to contact me, said Larry.

We found early evidence of Larry's presence at RCA, Lafayette & Bogen Electronics. Then in 1953 comments from ElectroVoice President Al Kahn about his vice president of sales, Larry LeKashman W8IOP there in Buchanan, Michigan with the RME program. Who can forget that RME 6900 receiver! In 1976 Larry was interviewed in Time Magazine, commenting about the popularity of CB Radio. There is a CQ DX memorial plaque trophy in Larry's name in the single operator all band entry. Our subject was inducted into the CQ Hall of Fame in 2001 comprised of those whose membership significantly affected the course of amateur radio.

The South Bend Indiana Tribune 9-25-78 printed Larry's obit expiring at age 57 at Granger Indiana, vice president of Marketing for Electro-Voice Inc. Expired after a brief illness. Author of more than



100 published technical articles, editor of two technical handbooks, holder of various patents and copyrights on three navigation calculators and radio direction finding aids. A member of various industry committees and president of Braille technical Press., director of High Fidelity Institute and past board chairman. He was consultant to the Boy Scouts of America on radio and editorial consultant to Electronics Distribution.

Surviving are wife Priscilla; two daughters; two grand children and a brother Raymond of West Port CT. W2IOP/W2AB is still mentioned today. QSL's from the www.w8jyz.com collection. W8SU rewrite 2009

Added 2009 - W9VW took K8JOE to Larry's for a visit and comments on Larry "I was reading an old NCJ yesterday with articles by W9IOP that were originally published in 1960. Article "How to beat the winners." Full of unusual tips. As I understand it W9IOP and W4KFC were the kingpins of SS in those days and into the early 70's - - Two radio operating, I'm quite sure that they both had at least two radios (Stations) so that wasn't the limiting factor.

Larry had two side by side setups of 75A4's and 32S3's and individual amplifiers on each band. He could listen to either receiver or both and would switch between them. With memory tapes/keyers and such they could CQ with one radio while searching for new meat on a different band. (K8JOE)

Concerning Larry's operating skills; Out of the book "CQ DX" SS Legend W2IOP had a perfect fist and a snappy operating style that was years ahead of everyone else in the late 40s and 50s