

Thus the Ringland long association with WRKC radio and Channel 12 in Cincinnati Ohio. Cincinnati was a regional power in radio electronic sales in the emerging broadcasting field. I believe W8JIN would have many fascinating stories of the evolution of radio into TV which arrived on the modern scene, making good paying opportunities to those qualified in the technical ranks.

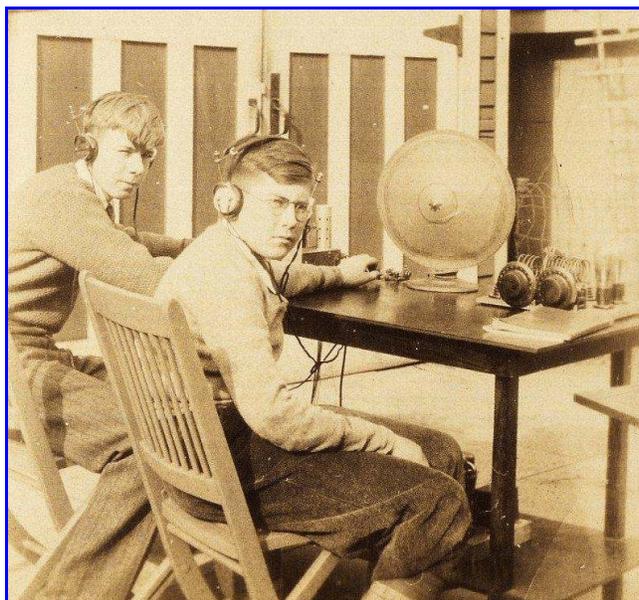
The thing that pops out to me about Jim's competitive life are the story lines of the "*CQ Journal May 1961 - W8JIN Makes History on the Ham Bands.*"

I'm sure if Mr. Ringland were with us today he would tell us the real joy of his life and accomplishment was raising two successful children with his wife Dorothy.

Our "Radio Mans" hunt for achievement certificates and awards was spurred on in 1958 while attending the famed Dayton "Hamvention" visiting and observing the awards display by W2SAW. Jim was a rapid competitor and eventually recognized by his operating achievements with over 200 awards and diplomas. Arne Trossman Editor of CQ made the decision to heap still another honor on the famous Ohio DX-er. He did so with a special plaque at the annual Dayton Hamvention April 29th 1961 - In the presence of Trossman, Urb LeJeune DX Editor, plus many other well wishers and admirers from miles around, Jim Ringland modestly accepted his High Honors award - engraved with Jim's station call letters.

Radio Man W8JIN was a possessor of a lot of wisdom and in the last year of our subjects life, Jim's son Robert advised us, "Dad became engrossed in early computers and DOS language, it was the wave of the future but to me, Bob said, it seemed like a complicated toy and fad." So goes modern technology. My Dad, Robert said, was perhaps not a famous man who happened to be a ham but he was a famous Ham! He touched and influenced many also in the foreign field and I hope that his efforts will be recognized.

Mr. Ringland left us unexpectedly in 1986 of a stroke and rests with his wife Dorothy who expired 20 March 2012 at age 91; Union Cemetery Batavia Ohio Clermont County. -30-



With appreciation to Judge Robert Ringland, Tom Roscoe K8CX, (Special note Tom operates in Aruba P40CX this coming week, we wish W8JIN could be in the pileups during the contest. Somehow I believe Jim Ringland knows.)

CQ magazine preps. Note the Trossman High Honors Plaque which required not only the CHC-200 but also required contributing in a major part of Hamdom, no numbers were assigned and it is likely only ten of those High Honors were issued. (Notes from CHC Editor 1 Feb 2007) Its been a joy to write this one! Thanks, W8SU 17 November 2012

To the left, Young Jim operating portable closest to us pictured with his pal on his left Harold Goodrich. Taken at Jim's parents home on Marsh Avenue Norwood, Oh. A Ringland picture.