

While I was stationed in Duluth Minnesota the early 60s, US Coast Guard, aboard the Cutter Woodrush as Radioman in Charge - There was a local Ham Radio Store I visited on First Street, Duluth - Northwest Radio. I recall too, I hung out at The Carburetor shop up on the hill, they were friendly and worked on my two barrel carburetor many times. I also attended the Nazarene Church when the ship was in port and didn't have the duty.

Northwest Radio had quite a collection of gear and was a big parts jobber. I found a NW Parts Catalog on Ebay dated 1953. Truly brings back memories. I had a Heath Tener transceiver in my green Chev wagon and worked some Ten Meter A.M. DX when the band was in.

I checked recently and Northwest Radio is long gone, the lot is vacant and now a municipal parking lot. 123 East First - I have a memory of purchasing a Hallicrafters HA1 TO Keyer at Northwest Radio, it was reasonable under 75 bucks. I used it on my Johnson Viking Ranger and on the ships HF transmitter on 4337 kc.

I still have the TO keyer today! Fond memories however the ship was a cramped disappointment for me, had been on one in Alaska for two years prior, so I got a mutual transfer out of there to Sault Ste Marie which I met MS Pat the love of my life.

Ham Gallery posted an amazing QSL card W9DOQ - A recent factoid about Northwest Radio, one of the co owners was a paralytic ham W9DOQ one Palmer Andersen who I was not aware of when I was in Duluth. Palmer has quite a history and is still remembered to this day in the Arrowhead Ham Radio Club Duluth There is a video describing early radio of Duluth and part of the story details Palmer Andersen and his debilitating injury making him a Handiham. See my HA1 Hallicrafters Auto Key machine below. W8SU 2020 MF/While I was stationed

