

John W. May -SWL- or BCL *1905-1973* - A VIP and Inventor at Westinghouse East Pittsburgh. John of Forest Hills, Pa (Wilksburg area of Pittsburgh) This was a most celebrated location for emerging A/M radio and shortwave broadcasting. Do you recall one Frank Conrad and his garage? Conrad and the emergence of The Westinghouse station KDKA and the broadcasting craze that still engulfs us in 2018. What happened to Conrad's garage???

This colorful QSL card below, lead me on a short path of momentary confusion. John was a BCL or SWL not licensed amateur radio bug. There were two possible matches of his identification in Ancestry. We are finalizing this search on who was the correct gent. The Pittsburgh Press had one article (6 Dec 1936) Last Sunday John W. May of Forest Hills received 14 MHZ band openings around 4 PM, listing a nice group of DX stations. Egypt, South American and Italy. Is this all we will find concerning our OL' Ether Sleuth?? Don't anyone say "I Hope So"

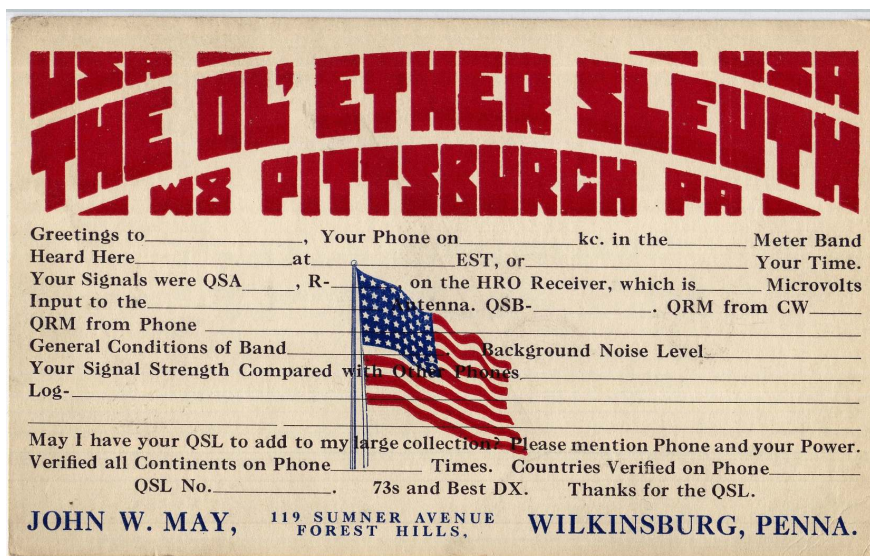
By the design and looks of this unique Quality QSL card, May owned an expensive commercial National HRO receiver, John would be middle class or better to afford that sort of station. He mentioned his large collection of cards, it would have taken probably a decade to collect that assortment of veries (QSL Cards) John's devotion to ISWC (International Short Wave Club) was evident by his collection and published achievement awards in the mid 1930's.

We have settled on John Willard May 1905-1973 Born in NY State, had college and settled for an engineering position with Westinghouse in Wilksburg PA - The May occupation was described as an Engineer, Electric Company. John filled out a WW2 Draft card born March 1905, a wife Edna.

By 1940 John was transferred by Westinghouse to Durham NC had 5 years of college and position Telephone Engineer.

Somewhere along the way the May's made it out to Washington State and both resided in Camas Washington, near Seattle, thus the end of the OL' Ether Sleuth. John died in 1973 and burial at Macabee Cemetery Sprague, Washington. This was one of the more difficult people to trace.

QSL card from the K8CX gigantic collection. **Page two contains John's shock proof device he developed at Westinghouse. W8SU 2018 MF/May John W added 2019**



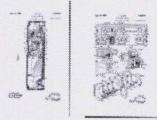
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Greetings to _____, Your Phone on _____ kc. in the _____ Meter Band
Heard Here _____ at _____ EST, or _____ Your Time.
Your Signals were QSA _____, R- _____ on the HRO Receiver, which is _____ Microvolts
Input to the _____ Antenna. QSB- _____ QRM from CW _____
QRM from Phone _____
General Conditions of Band _____ Background Noise Level _____
Your Signal Strength Compared with Other Phones _____
Log- _____

May I have your QSL to add to my large collection? Please mention Phone and your Power.
Verified all Continents on Phone _____ Times. Countries Verified on Phone _____
QSL No. _____ 73s and Best DX. Thanks for the QSL.

**JOHN W. MAY, 119 SUMNER AVENUE
FOREST HILLS, WILKINSBURG, PENNA.**

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Macabee Cemetery, Sprague, Wash. The OL' Ether Sleuth at Rest.

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