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## 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday

I received a certificate from QCWA National Headquarter announcing that Chpater 21 – Canton has be a chapter for 60 years. QCWA 21 received letter of congratulation from Ken Oelke, the Presedent of QVCWA and the 60 Year Longevity Award.

A copy of the letter and the certificate are attached to the end of this newsletter.

## John C Demuth, K8CQA/SK<sup>1</sup>

John Curtis Demuth, 80, of Gnadenhutten, unexpectedly entered into Heaven on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023.

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1    Posted online on 16 April, 2023, published in Times Reporter



*Figure 1: John Curtus  
Demuth - 9 April 2023*

John was born at home in Bowerston on December 13, 1942, to the late Roy and Helen (Zimmerman) Demuth. He graduated from Conotton Valley High School in 1960, then earned a bachelor's degree from Moravian University in Bethlehem, PA. John later earned his master's degree in education from Kent State University. He was an educator throughout his life in all he did. He started his career in education as a teacher for Dover, Conotton Valley, and Claymont schools and then became an elementary school principal at Claymont, where he retired after more than thirty years. Following that, he began working for WTUZ radio station, where he became the chief engineer.

He was also an active member in various clubs and groups. John was in the Tusco Amateur Radio club for more than 60 years, working with and teaching others through a tech forum and club activities. He was a long time member of QCWA 21 – Canton Chapter. He was a member of the Free & Accepted Masons, raised with the Orange Lodge #406, where he also served as Past Master, was a member of the Mystic Tie Lodge #194, was a member of Port Washington Lodge #202, was a York Rite Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason of the 32nd degree, and a Shriner. John was also a member of the Gnadenhutten United Methodist Church and participated in Journey through Faith. He was also very involved with the Boy Scouts of America, from which he received the Silver Beaver Award. In his spare time, John loved to garden and hike in the woods.

Surviving are sons: Karl (Jenny) Demuth of Akron – N8PKB, and Steve (Jennifer) Demuth of New Philadelphia – KC8YBV; grandchildren: Curtis, Nathaniel, Thomas, Heather, and Megan Demuth; sister, Esther (Jim) Leggett, brother-in-law, Jeffery (Cathy) Bernard, numerous nieces and nephews, and his beloved cat, Mittens. Along with his parents, John was preceded in death by his wife of nearly fifty-five years, Jane (Malterer) – KC8IEE/SK who died on August 7, 2021, and a sister Emma Williams.

## **Newsletter Articles**

The newsletter needs a few authors to write a short article to be included in the quarterly newsletters. The article should relate to amateur radio either completely or tangentially. Pictures are encouraged. Email them to [N8PZL@arrl.net](mailto:N8PZL@arrl.net). Grab that keyboard or pen and write away.

## **Upcoming Event**

KDKA and the Pioneers of Broadcasting, 100 Years “On the Air” by Mike Molnar

**Time:** 12 Noon – 27 May 2023

**Place:** Tim’s Tavern, 3323 Parkway Street NW, Canton Ohio 44708

Please RSVP by 25 May via email to [virginislesun@yahoo.com](mailto:virginislesun@yahoo.com), Tom Price. Hope to see you on the 27<sup>th</sup>.



## **Ragchew**

**D**on't forget the monthly ragchew at Tim's Tavern at Noon on the last Wednesday of the month. The address is 3323 Parkway Street NW, Canton Ohio 44708. All are invited. For you information that is 26 April, 31 May, 28 June, and 26 July. Add these dates to your calendar.

## Local Dues

The first of August 2023 was the beginning of the QCWA Chapter 21 fiscal year. If you have not already done so, please pay your local dues at the next meeting or rag-chew. National dues are collected via the QCWA.org web site.



## Treasurer's Report

The cash balance is \$1,037.35 as of 04/25/2023 – Huntington Bank.

## Some Local Hamfests

### **05/13/2023 – RV Radio Network**

Location: Berlin, OH

Type: ARRL Convention

Sponsor: RV Radio Network

### **05/19-21/2023 Dayton Hamvention**

Location: Green County Fairgrounds, OH

Sponsor: Dayton Amateur Radio Association

Website: <https://hamvention.org/>

### **07/15/2023 - NOARSFEST**

**Location:** Elyria OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Northern Ohio Amateur Radio

### **07/22/2023 – Ashtabula County Hamfest 2023**

Location: Pierpoint OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Amigos Radio Club Ashtabula

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/arca-home/>

### **08/20/2023 – WARA Tailgate Swap Meet**

Location: Cortland OH

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Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Warren Amateur Radio Association

Website: <http://w8vtd.com/hamfest/>

### **09/24/2023 – Cleveland Hamfest**

Location: Berea OH, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Hamfest Association of Cleveland

Website: <http://www.hac.org>

### **10/29/2023 – Massillon (OH) Hamfest (& Aution)**

Location: North Canton, OH

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8np.net>

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**April 5, 2023**

## Greetings Chapter 21!

This year represents a significant and auspicious moment for the Canton, Canton, OH Chapter 21 in the celebration of your 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Chapter 21 Executive and Members on this special occasion since your QCWA Chapter Charter on May 03, 1963.

Please convey to all the members best wishes from the QCWA National Board of Directors, and we look forward to working with you over the next 60 years!

*Happy Birthday Chapter 21!*

73,

*K. Oelke, VE6AFO*

**Ken Oelke, VE6AFO**

**President, Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.**



# **The Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.**

Presents the

## **60 Year Longevity Award to QCWA Chapter 21**

**In commemoration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of its Charter, conferred on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1963, for having continued to fulfill its obligations and requirements as set forth in the provisions of Article VI of the By-Laws, and for having maintained a membership of outstanding amateur radio operators who have contributed their services to their communities and to their country.**

**This Award is issued by authority of the Board of Directors of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc. on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2023**

*K. Delke, VEGAFO*

President, QCWA Inc.