

Ealon R. Lamphier - K8ABP - *1928-1985* Born to Vernon(truck driver) and Edna Lamphier 31 May 1928 Chippewa Lake Village, Median County Ohio. Our subject Ealon was one of the kids, the youngest. He accomplished more in this life than most, myself included. It appears his home as a boy was Chippewa Lake-Lafayette.

I first saw Ealon at a ham radio convention in the early 1970s at Findlay, Ohio. Findlay is a modest city, quiet but somewhat industrial town in western Ohio south of Toledo on the interstate highway. Ealon was out in the September heat one sunny weekend, wheel chair bound and painting amateur radio scenes in oil. He was also offering for sale many of his paintings at the meet. He suffered Polio and was making the best of his life. I didn't know at the time he was living in the Akron area.



Later on I found the picture posted here in a radio publication, keeping it all these years in my files. I'm glad there is still information on the internet about him left behind for austerity. Lamp's personal drive and ambition to support himself is an amazing story.

When Lamp lived over here in eastern Ohio at Seville (Akron area) he was staying in a rest home which allowed him plenty of room for his ham radio equipment and painting hobby. He enjoyed SSB and Six Meters as viewed from the photos I have.



K8ABP, Ealon R. Lamphier, Stow, Ohio, because of physical reasons, is relegated to a wheel chair. However, he has a great talent of being able to paint, holding the brush with his mouth. He is shown at the recent Findlay Ham Fest. He has just recently decided to sell some of his fine works.

Lamp had friends everywhere and I am currently attempting to ascertain more information about this talented man through some of them posted on the internet.

Pictured at Findlay, Ohio in the early 80s just a few years before he expired.

The Leohr family in Seville O were caretakers of Lamp at the nursing home. Lamp was a powerful painter for 30 years before his death.

Info@acceleratedschools.org seems to have extra data and trying. Majority of Lamphier's are in NY, CT & MA. Plus Pockets in OH-MI-MN & IA.

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From the internet we find Lamp suffered Polio at age 21 while he was in Colorado, which was in 1949. He would later receive a full fellowship art course scholarship via mail. Was a member of International Association of Handicapped Artists, a select group of about 70 men throughout the world whose work is good enough to be saleable.

Lamp had gone another step, at one time, his first one-man show of 24 paintings, hung at Parma's Center Gallery. Prize winning artist at Lodi, Franklin Bates, worked with Ealon for 5 years with his watercolors to oils.

Mr. Ealon (Lamp) K8ABP made this statement in the Beacon Journal "I want my work to say something – to be more than pretty pictures. I want to do things that will make people think. That's what's on my agenda for tomorrow, for next week, forever."

Your author never had the opportunity to chat with Ealon on the mike or key but somehow doing this research makes me feel I know him and one day will meet him face to face. Should you have a Lamphier oil or color painting, I would love to purchase one.



Lamp expired 24 Jun 1985 in Virginia, to this very day I remember this talented guy painting with the brush in his teeth. Dutifully in the hot sun at the Findlay Hamfest years ago, I only wish I had made his acquaintance and could have purchased a painting from him. It is my desire to meet someone who knew Lamp that could fill in the blanks and might share his QSL card. He is not forgotten. W8SU 2008