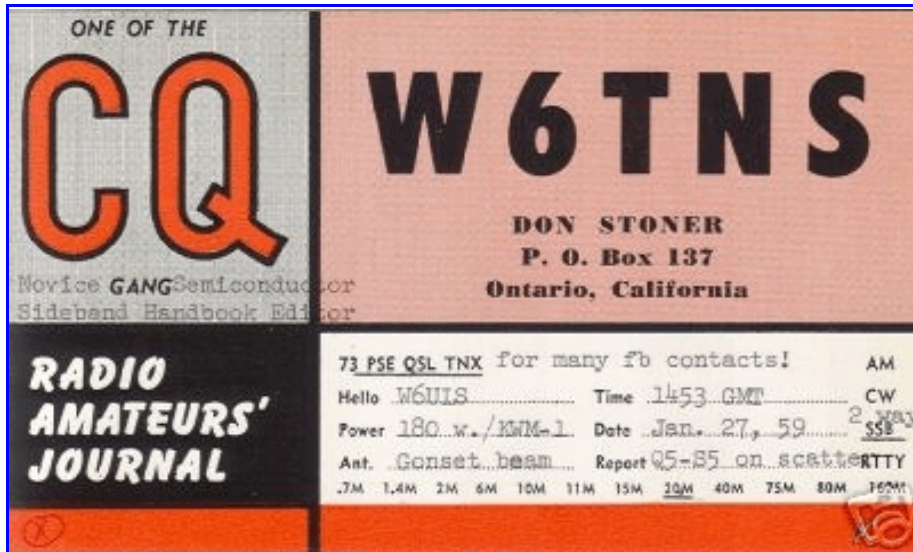


Donald L. Stoner W6TNS of Clearwater, Fla expired 4 May 1999...He was 67. Stoner reportedly had been in ill health for some time.

In 1960, Stoner then living in Alta Loma, Calif was the idea man behind Project Oscar. Stoner continued his concepts for an Amateur Radio space program in the 61 issue of QST called "Project Oscar..something of the Future" In his prophetic article, Stoner envisioned

a two phase project, the first to launch an orbiting VHF beacon transmitter into space, the second to launch an "orbital repeater." OSCAR 1 was launched in December of 1961.



More recently, Stoner had become a guru for amateurs battling restrictive covenants to install antennas.

A Flint Michigan native, Stoner developed an early interest in electronics, according to long time friend Merle Parten K6DC. Stoner went on to enjoy financial success in the commercial world manufacturing transceivers and later founded a company that developed systems to back up bank records and to telephone overdue accounts. He retired in 1989.

An ARRL member, Don will also be remembered as a CQ columnist - he served in several editorial capacities, including VHF editor, Novice editor, surplus columnist and semiconductor columnish and as founder of the unsuccessful National Amateur Radio Association. Stoner also wrote the "In Theory" column in CQ VHF magazine in 1996 and 1997.

Stoners wife, Lucy and two sons are among his survivors. Excerpted from www.arrl.org