

Robert W. “Bob” Eckweiler AF6C
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD BIOGRAPHY



Bob was born in Manhattan, NY in the mid-forties. His parents lived in Elmhurst, on Long Island at the time. They moved to Manhasset, L.I. a few years later. Bob’s dad was a former ham - 2CXX around 1925 but left the hobby to follow a career in mathematics and physics.

Bob’s ham career started in Junior High in Manhasset NY in 1959 as WV2GUQ thanks to W2CJY, his Elmer. He upgraded to General in a year receiving a WA2 prefix. He took several years off from radio while attending Penn State.

Bob moved to California in 1965, finished at Cal State Long Beach with a degree in Physics.

The move resulted in a new callsign being issued: WB6QNU.

Bob went to work at Douglas Aircraft in Flight & Laboratory Test in June of 1968 designing specialized instrumentation for structural and wind tunnel testing. He spent his whole career at McDonnell Douglas which later became Boeing.

He upgraded to Advanced Class in July of 1969 due to the incentive licensing changes, and to Extra Class at the FCC office in Long Beach in November of 1977. Bob appreciates the help of Kei, W6NGO and Ted, K6LJA for numerous enjoyable CW QSOs to get his code speed up. In mid-1978 he was assigned his current call AF6C (Not a vanity call!). Bob has been active in OCARC since field day of 1969. Has served nearly continually on the Board since the early 1970’s, and also as President in 1973, 1985 and 1996, and has held every officer position.

Bob runs the 60 Hz station AKA generator at Field Days, and stores and maintains it at his house ever since a fuel supply problem detracted Field Day in 2006. He also operates 20m Phone.

Bob’s been making the laminated club badges (over 525) since 2000. Also, he’s written numerous articles for our RF Newsletter including his Heathkit series that are read by hams around the world, and his “TechTalk” articles (Later “Bob’s TechTalk”). He puts in countless hours on our website, including most of the heavy coding and also digitized many of the old copies of the RF. A few years ago he taught two soldering classes. He has been our QSL manager, and has been Trustee of our W6ZE callsign for 40 years! Bob has been active on our nets for decades, often as net control.

History and Accomplishments Background

- He was first licensed WA2GUQ some time between March 1959 and December 1960.
- He acquired the call WB6QNU some time between June 1965 and March 1966.
- Bob has been an OCARC Member since 1969.
- First Net Record Appearance: January 23, 1970 (as a member)
(<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF197002.pdf>)
- His first roster appearance was in October 1970
- He was assigned his current call AF6C some time between December 1977 and December 1978

Club Achievements

- Good of the Club Award Recipient for: 1986, 2001, 2004
(Plaque 1979 to 1987.jpeg)
(<http://www.w6ze.org/Newsletter/RF-Newsletter-2015-12.pdf>)
- Board Positions: 34 years, President 3 years
 - Activities 1971
 - Vice President 1972
 - President 1973
 - Member at Large 1974
 - TVI 1975
 - Publicity 1976
 - Activities 1977
 - TVI 1981
 - President 1985
 - Member at Large 1986
 - Membership 1987
 - TVI 1989
 - Treasurer 1990
 - Membership 1991
 - Vice President 1992
 - Member at Large 1993
 - President 1996
 - Member at Large 1997
 - Treasurer 2000
 - Secretary 2001
 - Technical 2003
 - Publicity 2005
 - Membership 2006
 - Treasurer 2007
 - Technical 2008
 - Membership 2009
 - Technical 2010

- Technical 2011
- Treasurer 2012
- Technical 2013
- Technical 2014
- Director at Large 2016
- Membership 2017
- Membership 2018

•Appointments:

- W6ZE Trustee from June 6th, 1978, to present day.
- RF Editor 2001

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