



Greetings Fellow Amateur Radio Operators!!

I am pleased you are reading my letter of invitation to all eligible Amateur Radio Operators who wish to become one of our newest members in this very proud International organization, the Quarter Century Wireless Association, (QCWA).

You may be one of those who earned their very first license when the FCC announced the introduction of a new Code Free Amateur Radio License in February 1991. At that time other administrations worldwide, including Canada, decided to offer aspiring Amateur Radio operators an entry into Ham Radio without having to learn the Morse code. At QCWA we welcome each and everyone one of you to join with us in celebrating this milestone in your Amateur Radio avocation!

Was that 25 years ago?

Do you remember the thrill of learning that you passed that first exam to begin operating your own Ham Radio station? I certainly do, and I've never looked back since! The hobby has paid me back in spades, many times over.

The reason I am writing now is to let you know that the QCWA Board of Directors realizes this is a very special year for you in Amateur Radio. They also realize that over the past 25 years, or perhaps more, you have found other Amateur Radio Organizations to join. If you are now celebrating at least 25 years in Amateur Radio, we ask for your friendship, fellowship and qualifying membership in this great Amateur Radio organization, the QCWA! You will be welcomed by many other QCWA Members worldwide, including those belonging to the many QCWA Chapters that have Chartered since the very first one in Cleveland, OH on June 1, 1951. As a Member, you will be able to join with countless other Chapters and their members to share your experiences. You will gain access to a wealth of archived QCWA history on the Members Only web page. I would also encourage you to read the message <https://www.qcwa.org/new-members-om.pdf> from our Office Manager, Roberta Cohen, WA2FRW to learn more of the many benefits you will find when joining QCWA.

I personally look forward to welcoming you as a new QCWA Member, and if the opportunity ever arises, I would love to personally introduce myself to you at the many Ham Conventions I attend.

You may always contact me at president@qcwa.org

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In friendship and fellowship.

Ken Oelke, VE6AFO

President, Quarter Century Wireless Association, Inc.