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Imagine romancing a girl and marring her and starting a family. During the time we dated, I found her father had worked at the Egg Harbor Boat Works for 32 years, and could relate because I had worked at the Pacemaker Boat Works near by, earlier for 2 years. We had much in common and talked boats and fishing many times.



Then one day he showed me a display board he had just constructed. It was an old Morse key and his QSL card from 1932. Questioning him I found he had been very active in the early 1930s, but gave up ham radio when he married my mother in law. It was the depression and he was lucky to have a job and needed every penny and all his time for his family. So now we were talking ham radio. And get this, he knew my father back then from the Atlantic Radio Club, W3KY, in Pleasantville, NJ. This was news to me. I knew my father was 'almost' a ham and belonged to that club, but dad never mentioned Bud was also a member. Bud gifted me that key and this QSL card. The things you don't know!

Bud and my father never returned to ham radio. Both are SKs.



## Bud's Family: Leslie, Lisa, Karen, Sherry (my wife), Ronnie, Norma

Bud, Hattie (mother in law) and Thelma