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Profiles in Amateur Radio

Monitoring Times Features Editor, Ken Reitz KS4ZR, has just released his second Kindle e-book titled *Profiles in Amateur Radio*.

Profiles in Amateur Radio is a collection of nineteen articles taken from the *First Person Radio* series that appeared over the last three years in the pages of *Monitoring Times*. It's a three part look at the inspirational life stories as told in the words of those on whom shortwave and amateur radio has had a lifelong impact.

Reitz has been a freelance writer since 1988, and in addition to his duties as Features Editor for *Monitoring Times*, he authors the *Communications* and *Beginner's Corner* columns which appear monthly in pages of this magazine.

Articles that appear in this *Profiles in Amateur Radio* Kindle e-book include:

- *The Uncommon Life of Charlie Gyenes W6HIQ* by Ken Reitz, KS4ZR
- *In the Right Place at the Right Time* by Bob Heil, K9EID
- *Life's Been Good to WB6ACU* by Ken Reitz, KS4ZR
- *How I Survived Self-Electrocution, Fame, Congress and the Publishing Industry* by Bob Grove, W8JHD
- *Reading, 'Riting and Radio* by Carole Perry, WB2MGP
- *CQ at 51,000 Feet and Mach .85* by Rick Dougherty, NQ4I
- *If You're Old Enough to Read, You're Old Enough to Get Your License* by Mattie Clauson, AE7MC
- *A Life of Service in Amateur Radio* by Harry Dannels, W2HD
- *My Half-Century in Radio* by Ron Walsh, VE3GO
- *A Love of Listening* by Thomas Witherspoon, K4SWL
- *My Lifelong Fight for Free Speech Radio* by Allan Weiner
- *Obsessed by Time and Shortwave Radio* by Myke Dodge Weiskopf
- *Crystal Set Leads to Lifelong Hobby and Career* by Maury Midlo
- *Shortwave from Both Sides of the Microphone* by Jeff White
- *A Most Unlikely Radio Career* by Keith Perron
- *Radio Dreams of a Lifetime* by Jack K. Neal, W8AQ
- *Amateur Radio and Education in America* by Ken Reitz, KS4ZR
- *The LBJ High School Experience* by Ronny Risinger, KC5EES
- *CQ DX from KC7OEK* by Nick Casner, K7CAS, Cole Smith, KF7FXW and Rayann Brown, KF7KEZ

PROFILES IN AMATEUR RADIO

By Ken Reitz, KS4ZR



This new Kindle e-book sells for \$2.99 from Amazon and it is available from this Internet URL link – <http://tinyurl.com/78xozq7>.

Profiles in Amateur Radio follows closely on the heels of Ken's first successful Kindle e-book missive, *How to Listen to the World* available at <http://tinyurl.com/7w82qw5>. Both books sell for \$2.99 via the Amazon Kindle book store.

Air Show Issue in Kindle Format

No other issue of *Monitoring Times* magazine is more popular than our annual air show issue that is released in March of each year.

As a leader in the radio hobby publishing world, Grove Enterprises and the *Monitoring Times* magazine staff are pleased to announce that the March 2012 air show issue is now available in the Kindle reader format from Amazon.com at a price you just cannot beat – \$0.99. Now you can take our most popular issue of *MT* with you to the air show as a ready reference.

No need to worry if you do not own a Kindle reader. You can still read our new Kindle electronic reader edition or any Kindle books such as those published by Ken Reitz above anywhere with Amazon's free reading apps.

There are free Kindle reading apps for Smartphones (iPhone & iTouch, Android, Windows Phone 7, and Blackberry); Computer platforms (Windows and Mac); Tablets (iPad and Android Tablet), and of course the Kindle readers, including the new Kindle Fire as reviewed in this issue of *Monitoring Times*. You can get more detail on these apps by checking out this link to the Amazon website at <http://tinyurl.com/84wodbx>.

With the release of this Kindle edition of the magazine, MT Art Director Bill Grove provided the following product description:

"*Monitoring Times Xpress* digital edition, March 2012. *Monitoring Times* magazine is the leader in radio communications for the world of radio. Each issue is packed with shortwave, scanner and other radio reviews, features and columns. Now in our 31st year, *MT* is better than ever offering a print edition, PDF version (full color and graphics) and now the *MT* Digital Reader edition. This is our test of the digital version of the magazine for e-readers. It contains no graphics and no ads. We want to see your response as the reader whether this is worth pursuing as a monthly subscription.



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So, if you are a big time air show enthusiast and want to monitor all the action at these special events, then this is an offer too good to pass up. You can purchase your 99 cent *MT* Annual Air Show edition in Kindle format by visiting this link <http://tinyurl.com/7ol4drq> to the *MT* Kindle Amazon web page.

Images of America-Bay Area Radio

New from Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series is *Bay Area Radio* by John F. Schneider, in association with the California Historical Radio Society and its Bay Area Radio Museum. This pictorial history boasts a vast collection of vintage images and provides readers with a unique opportunity to reconnect with the history that shaped their community.

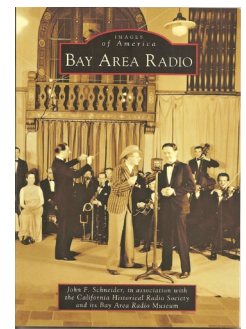
The San Francisco Bay Area was a key national radio-broadcasting center during the first three decades of commercial radio. In 1909, it was home to the very beginnings of the art and science of broadcasting, when Charles "Doc" Herrold began sending out weekly voice and music programs from his radio school in San Jose. Dozens of other radio pioneers soon followed.

In 1926, big broadcasting came to San Francisco when the newly formed National Broadcasting Company (NBC) established its West Coast headquarters on Sutter Street. Other national and regional networks soon set up their own broadcast production centers, and for the next 20 years, thousands of actors, musicians, announcers, and engineers were creating important programs that were heard on the West Coast and nationwide.

During World War II, San Francisco became the key collection center for Pacific war news, and bulletins received in San Francisco were quickly relayed to an anxious nation. Conversely, powerful shortwave stations broadcast war news and propaganda back to the Pacific and entertained American troops overseas.

Some of the highlights from *Bay Radio* include:

- The first radio broadcast station in the world was on the air in San Francisco in 1912.
- The first shortwave radio station on the West Coast broadcast from Treasure Island during the 1939 Golden Gate Exposition.
- During World War II the forerunner of the



Voice of America (VOA) broadcast to the Pacific from studios in the parking garage of the Mark Hopkins Hotel.

Bay Area Radio retails for \$ 21.99 from Arcadia Publishing and is available at local retailers, online bookstores, or through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com or call (888) 313-2665. – *Gayle Van Horn*

DX Engineering Clamps

DX Engineering is now your radio hobby Clamp Central, providing a wide variety of saddle, block and band clamps for dozens of radio applications.

Unlike typical hardware store clamps, DXE U-bolt saddle clamps are designed to fit tubing. All U-bolts are formed from premium 18-8 stainless, and all saddles are cast from 535 aluminum.

DXE's V-Bolt Saddle clamps are long enough to fit a range of tubing sizes. Saddle material is cast 535 or 319 aluminum, depending on size. U-bolts are fabricated using premium 18-8 stainless.

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sulation. Optional stainless steel reinforcing plates provide additional stiffness and act as hole-drilling templates.

Marine-grade stainless band clamps secure telescoping tubing in place for antenna applications. The ECLS series adds threaded studs for electrical connections, mechanical assembly of components, or attachment of brackets.

Prices range from \$2.65 to \$49.90 depending on size, composition and configuration. For more information or to order, visit DX Engineering's website at www.dxengineering.com.

Utility DXing - A Primer

Beside ham radio and broadcasts, many more stations can be found on shortwave: Maritime, Aero, Non-government and Ministries of Foreign Affairs among these. Most of them are transmitting in digital modes, and many of them can be received and read with the help of software decoders. A new *free* 50-page iBook titled *Utility DXing - A Primer* delivers

a multimedia introduction into this fascinating world.

It shows how to receive these often brief transmissions, how to recognize their modes and how to decode them. Focusing on a brand new professional decoder, the Krypto500, this iBook shows hands-on examples on how to receive and decode professional communications from New Caledonia to Iraq, from Barbados to South Africa.

The iBook follows up this introduction with a comparison of equipment, showing the performance of decoders ranging from "free of charge" to \$10,000 decoders like the Wavecom W-Code, Rohde & Schwarz' GX430 and Hoka's Code3-32P.

This unique book – both an introduction into the interesting field of shortwave listening and a detailed test of decoders – comes in two versions:

- The multimedia iBook will give you full access to videos, photo galleries and interactive graphics on an iPad.
- If you don't have an iPad, you can download the PDF version of this book with many screen shots, but lacking multimedia content.

You can download both versions free of charge at <http://tinyurl.com/6lvsfrq>.

Books and equipment for announcement or review should be sent to What's New, c/o Monitoring Times, 7540 Highway 64 West, Brasstown, NC 28902. Press releases may be faxed to 828-837-2216 or emailed to Larry Van Horn, larryvanhorn@monitoringtimes.com.

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