

## 75 Meter Interstate Sideband Net The Great White Father Award

The following is excerpted from the net history from 1952 to 1972 written in 1972 by Jim Hall, WA8SED / KC8JV.

*As one reflects back over the years of Net Operation, certain Operators stand out in the crowd so to speak because of their extra effort in behalf of the Net. The first, of course, being the original "GREAT WHITE FATHER", Ken Smith, (W9KOY/W8AZL) currently living in Clyde, Ohio and still active on the Ham bands. Ken was honored last year at the Annual Banquet of the 75 meter Interstate Sideband Net, which has been held in conjunction with the Dayton Hamvention in Dayton, Ohio. The title of "GREAT WHITE FATHER" just sort of appeared about three years ago and was jokingly used whenever mention was made of some of the "OLD TIMERS" of the Net. The name has stuck and is now reverently become the official means by which overdue respect can be shown to those who have "Carried the Ball" over the years. This title is reserved for those net controls and net managers who have guided the daily operations of the net for at least five years and have through their own choice decided to stand on the sidelines and give somebody else a chance to "Carry the Ball".*

*In addition to W9KOY, "EV" Hanna W9NWK/W7HUB has also been officially honored with the title of "GREAT WHITE FATHER". "EV" joined the Net during it's early years and through his unselfish dedicated devotion and expert performance as Net control and three times past Net Manager has been instrumental in providing the "GLUE" that has held the Net together. "EV", of course, did not accomplish this duty without some assistance and many other equally qualified and duly deserving Net members will in time be so honored and will forevermore be known as "GREAT WHITE FATHERS".*

Besides being granted the title of "Great White Father", the recipient of the award was given a 4" x 8" plaque, an example of which is shown below. The award was given out at the annual banquet which was held in Dayton Ohio during the Dayton Hamfest. Over the years past about 1988 the attendance of the banquet began to drop off. Unfortunately, the issuance of the award dropped off too. The last known awards were given to WB2IJH in 1994 and to W3EGK and KA7YYR in 1995. Since then there have been many individuals who have "carried the ball" over the years and are well deserving of the Great White Father award.



# 75 Meter Interstate Sideband Net Great White Fathers 1952 - 1987

1971	<b>W9KOY / W8AZL</b> Ken Clyde Oh	1978	<b>WB8DKQ/WD4NYY</b> Ken Chipley Fla
1972	<b>W9NWK / W7HUB</b> Ev Glenn Ellen Il Sun City Az	1978	<b>WA0AUX</b> Marlin Earham Ia
	<b>1973 thru 1977</b> V	1979	<b>W9KHK</b> Ted Fort Wayne In
	<b>W9JXV / W9OK</b> Don Decatur Il Horseshoe Bend Ar	1979	<b>W4FOE</b> Wes College Park Ga
	<b>K9WGN / W0USL</b> John Sandwich Il	1980	?
	<b>W9GOX</b> Dick Wheaton Il	1981	<b>WB0HOX *</b> Helen Rochester Mn
	<b>K9BQQ</b> Ralph Dundee Il	1982	<b>W5REC</b> Ray Enid Ok
	<b>K8NCV</b> Bill Akron Oh	1982	<b>W9KR</b> Chuck Hudson Il
	<b>W8QZK</b> Paul Weston Oh	1983	<b>WD9ESZ / KT9I</b> Dale Pence Wi
	<b>WA8SED / KC8JV</b> Jim Miamisburg Oh	1984	?
	<b>W9AES</b> Marty Decatur Il	1985	?
	<b>W8MO</b> Ted Grosse Pt.Woods Mi	1986	<b>W9HOT</b> Zack Greenville Il
	<b>W0CGE</b> Lou Des Moines Ia	1987	<b>N4PL</b> Clyde Holly Hill Fl
	<b>WA4FYO</b> Leonard Moulten Al	1987	<b>K9ZMI</b> Dennis Arlington Hts Il
	<b>W5OBD / W9IDA</b> Shorty Mountain Home Ar	1987	<b>WD0BSZ</b> Don Colorado Springs Co

\* WB0HOX ( 1981) is the first Great White Mother

## 75 Meter Interstate Sideband Net Great White Fathers 1988 -

1988	?		
1989	?		
1990	?		
1991	?		
1992	?		
1993	?		
1994	<b>WB2IJH</b> Fred Pavilion NY	2008	<b>WD9HII</b> Bill Fort Wayne Ind
1995	<b>W3EGK *</b> Betty Jeannette Pa	2008	<b>N8IXF</b> Lew Columbia Station Oh
1995	<b>KA7YYR</b> Herb Savage Mt	2009	<b>W8CXU</b> Frank Suwanee Geo
	??1996 – 2006 ??	2010	No Issue
		2011	No Issue

\* **W3EGK (1995)** is the second Great White Mother

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Due to a set of unfortunate circumstances in July 2004 when Net Manager WD9HII suddenly became a Silent Key, the “official” record of all the Great White Father award recipients from 1972 forward was lost along with significant other net records. The above listing was generated from bits and pieces of existing information. If you can fill in any of the ??? spaces, please contact K9ZMI.