

THE EDISON RADIO AMATEUR AWARD

... was established in 1952 by the General Electric Company to provide for public recognition of the many outstanding public services performed by radio amateurs. Many such commemorable events go unnoticed each year which otherwise could raise the stature and prestige of all radio amateurs.

The Award is presented annually to a licensed radio amateur who, while pursuing his or her hobby within the limits of the United States, has performed an outstanding meritorious service in behalf of an individual, group, or the general public.

These services range from providing vital emergency communications during emergencies, often in dangerous situations, to organizing complex communications systems, and unique services to an individual.

Candidates for the Award are nominated by letter from individuals, or clubs, associations and other groups familiar with the public service performed by their candidate.

The recipient is selected at the end of January by a panel of distinguished and impartial judges from among candidates nominated by persons familiar with the service each candidate has rendered.

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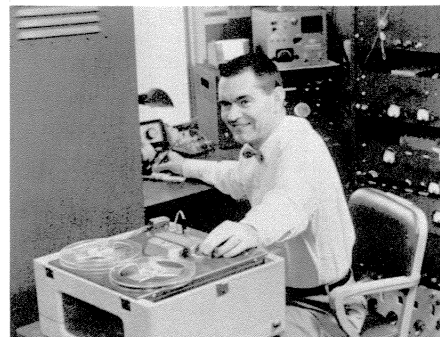
Ralph E. Thomas, KH6UK

... whose trans-Pacific experiments have set distance records and opened new horizons in UHF communications, have been chosen jointly by the Judges to share the 1960 Edison Radio Amateur Award for outstanding service.

This year marks the first time the award has been granted for scientific achievement. Messrs. Thomas and Chambers have devoted four long years to patient and often fruitless experimentation with tropospheric ducting radio propagation phenomena, culminating in a one-

Judging centers on the greatest benefit to an individual, group, or community, and the amount of ingenuity, devotedness and sacrifice the candidates display in performing their services.

The presentation of the Edison Radio Amateur Award trophy and a check for \$500 to the recipient is made several weeks later at a ceremony in Washington, D. C., before prominent figures in military, government and civilian communications.



John T. Chambers, W6NLZ

way communications distance record of 2,540 miles on the 432 megacycle amateur band.

This and earlier two-way records set over the same California-to-Hawaii path on 220 and 144 megacycles confirmed the theory that UHF radio communications were not limited to line of sight. Their work has stimulated commercial and military interest and experimentation in communication via this phenomena.

The judging panel, in comparing their accomplishments to the first trans-Atlantic radio communications in the 1920's, noted that the work of Messrs. Thomas and Chambers further enhances the standing of amateur radio operators in the scientific world.

Judging the 1960 Edison Award —

E. ROLAND HARRIMAN
Chairman, American National Red Cross.

ROSEL H. HYDE
Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission.

GOODWIN L. DOSLAND
President, American Radio Relay League.



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