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Terry White, K7TAU(sk)

We lost a good friend in the spring of 2022. I met Terry when I first joined Tektronix in 1968. He was in the company ham club, TERAC (Tektronix Employee's Radio Amateur Club) and we found a common interest in low power, battery operated gear that could be taken to the field. Our specific reasons for going afield differed; Terry was a devoted hunter while I was a backpacker. We eventually built a portable rig that was widely duplicated within TERAC. We coauthored a QST paper about the rig. Terry left Tektronix in the mid 1970s, having been bitten by the lure of the north to move to Fairbanks, Alaska where he became KL7IAK. While there he worked with satellite tracking and over the horizon radar. He also became an accomplished DXer. He built a new Heathkit station (SB-104A and SB-220), put up a tower with a triband Yagi, and proceeded to work the world. By the time he returned to Oregon, he had amassed almost 300 countries. Terry was not new to DXing, having spent two earlier years in New Delhi, India as VU2TAU. He had a variety of jobs after Alaska in the growing Oregon electronics industry, eventually joining us in the Receiver Group, Wireless Division of TriQuint Semiconductor. Our work centered around GaAsFET circuits for GPS receivers and cell phones. Other hams in the group included WA7MLH and KK7B. Terry and I joined forces for several additional QST projects, the largest being a spectrum analyzer.

Terry had several interests beyond electronics and amateur radio. He was a devoted clock collector. However, his most unusual interest was as a student and collector of cartridges for firearms. His primary interest was in paper and combustible cartridges, a technology that

closely followed the flint lock era. He described this work in several books and monographs. It seems that he and his wife Carolyn would visit Washington DC about once per year, allowing Terry to research old cartridge technology at the Library of Congress.

We continue to miss Terry's acute sense of humor and his devotion to his friends and family.