

# *South West Columbus Ham Radio Club*

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All of us at the South West Columbus Ham Radio Club would like to offer our deepest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of John C Hamler (K8BAT ) as we mourn the passing of one of our cherished members.

John brought many fine skills, principles, and friendship to the club. Everyone looked Forward to socializing with John at the Ham and Eggs Breakfast each month, as well as Field Day Events. John mentored new Amateur Radio Operators and gave them a good foundation to build on. John was our clubs Net Control Operator for many years educating us in many technical aspects of the hobby. John loved CW and often referred to himself as a Brass Pounder and taught CW classes on the air.

John earned his Novice Class License in 1974, Technician Class License – Oct 2012, General Class License - June 2013, and Extra Class License – Oct 2014. John received his Certificate of Code Proficiency from the American Radio Relay League on February, 8, 2013.

John had earned many coveted awards during his time in amateur radio. Among these Were...

Worked All States CW	June 2014
Worked All States Phone	Sept 2014
Worked All States eQSL	Nov 2014
Worked All States Digital	May 2016

John belonged to and participated in several Amateur Radio Clubs including  
DX Century Club  
Straight Key Century Club  
The International Morse Preservation Society CW FISTS Club

Our good friend became a Silent Key on Tuesday January, 3<sup>rd</sup>. The melodious sound of -. - - - . - . . . - . - (K8BAT) will be sadly missed on the Amateur Air-Ways as we say good bye to our Mentor and friend John Hamler. You will live in our memories forever.