

Bill W70L



Bill Epperson, W70L, was a long-time member of the Cochise Amateur Radio Association. His key went silent August 30, 2017.

CARA regrets to announce the passing of Bill Epperson/W70L on Wednesday, August 31 as a result of injuries sustained when he was hit by a car while riding his moped on Friday August 25.

Bill was a long-standing CARA member and superb CW operator during many contests, Field Days and Paradise special event station operations. He rarely missed a club meeting, was also part of the regular Saturday morning crew and was always the first to offer help to new hams or anyone who needed assistance with any project. Bill held the call KC7WLD as an Advanced Class operator before upgrading to Extra Class with the call

KK7NO and ultimately to the vanity call W70L in 2009.

Bill retired from the United States Navy as a Radioman Chief Petty Officer after more than 20 years of service. He entered the service in 1952 in San Diego and served during the Korean and Vietnam conflicts on the USS Lyman K. Swenson (DD 729), USS Jason (AR 8) USS Uvalde (AKA 88) and other ships. After his Navy retirement, he had a second career as a heavy equipment operator in Wyoming before retiring to Sierra Vista.

Bill is survived by his wife Marie/K7MBE in Sierra Vista – the amateur radio community has lost one of our great ones who will be sadly missed by all who knew him.