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VHSC BOARD NEWS

The year 2023 was a sad one for our association. On 7th October we had to say goodbye to our longtime secretary/treasurer Din, PA0DIN, VHSC-1H.

Din held that function since 1981 and the VHSC owes him a great debt of gratitude for all the selfless work he has done in all those years. We attach Din's obituary for those of you who have missed this before.

It has taken some time before the administration of more than 30 years of VHSC kept by Din, was sorted out by his son and became available.

With foresight, Din had already done some preparatory work. He had found a successor for the position of secretary/treasurer: **Joop Stakenborg, PG4I**, who expressed his willingness to take on the position of secretary/treasurer. Unfortunately due to his unexpected death, Din was unable to fully complete this succession process.

So we pick up where Din had to stop.

In accordance with the articles of association of our society, the board proposes to appoint Joop, PG4I as our new secretary/treasurer with effect from August 15, 2024.

Please agree with our proposal and send your approval/reaction before 15th July 2024 to: pa5v@veron.nl

and just put in the message header: PG4I yes.

Joop, PG4I is a member of VERON, lives in the Netherlands and has a full license.

He is a member of the VERON Traffic Bureau, one of the founding fathers of the Netherlands Telegraphy Club (NTC) and an active CW only operator.

Please see his qrz.com page and www.pi4ntc.nl for additional information.

SILENT KEYS

- **PA0DIN**, Din VHSC-1H became silent key on 30-09-2023, aged 86.
- **LA0CX**, Uli VHSC- became silent key in 202.,
- **N9SW**, Gene VHSC-16, passed away on September 20th, 2023. He was a member since 1981.
- **DJ5PA**, Frank, VHSC-41 member since 1981 died early in 2024.
- **SP6BLV**, Andreas VHSC- died in February 2024.

NEW VHSC MEMBERS AND CALL CHANGE

- **IU0PJJ**, Danilo, VHSC-437, on 24-10-2023 (sponsors: IZ8VKW, I0GOJ, I8QFK and I2QIL).
- **DF7TV**, Tom, VHSC-438, on 27-01-2024 (sponsors: CT1BQH, F8DGY, IN3EBZ and DL1YGH).
- **DL5DXS**, Steffen, VHSC-439, on 28-04-2024 (sponsors: DM2DZM, DJ6ZM, DL1YGH and DJ4GX).
- **EA6EJ**, Ini, VHSC-440, on 13-05-2024 (sponsors: EA4KA, F8DGY, OZ2A ad F8GNV).
- **HA7AP**, Imi, VHSC-396, now uses the call **KV1I**

CANDIDATE VHSC MEMBER

EA6BF, Joseph, sponsored by: CT1BQH, EA4KA, EA6EJ and DL6LBI (3 month waiting periode ends on 30th August 2024).

VHSC CLUB CALL

At our request the Dutch Authority for Digital Infrastructure (www.rdi.nl) assigned our association the callsign **PI4VHC** on 22-04-2024.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

- The financial situation of the VHSC is sound as ever.
- Thanks Edi, OE5OEL for your kind donation!
- The financial report 2023 will follow in the next VHSC Bulletin.

73, have fun with CW and I hope to see you on the bands !



Bob, PA5V
President of VHSC

Din Hoogma, PA0DIN SK

It is with sadness that in 2023 we had to say goodbye to our friend Din, PA0DIN, since 1981 our secretary and treasurer who passed away on 30th September at the age of 86 years.

Din was born on 3rd of April 1937 in Echt (province of Zuid Limburg). At about the age of 14 he started tinkering with radios. At first he made a crystal receiver, later using tubes a 0-V-1, followed by a 1-V-1. The circuit descriptions he found in the radio magazines of those days. With his 1-V-1 he received AM ham stations in the 80 meter band and that certainly did catch his interest.

He wanted to know more about ham radio. A local radio shop, which he often visited, happened to sell copies of the VERON magazine Electron. In 1954 he became member of VERON, the Dutch amateur radio society. When the secretary of the local section of VERON invited him to his shack and Din had seen all his impressive radio equipment, Din was hooked!

Soon he got his VERON SWL call: NL-557 and he began sending copies of his reception logs of amateur AM stations to the VERON traffic manager for publication in Electron. The traffic manager encouraged him to broaden his reception capabilities by learning CW and that is what Din did.

In 1957 he passed the PTT exam for a full radio amateur license, which included a morse code test of 12 wpm and he obtained his official callsign PA0DIN.

From 1962 to 1967 he lived in Switzerland where he used the call HB9ADB. After his return to PA he wrote several technical articles for Electron. He was a passionate CW operator, loved to participate in contests and collected scores of awards. He was also member of several other clubs: FOC, HSC, AGCW, NTC and DIG.

In the early 70's Din was secretary and president of the Nijmegen section of VERON and thereafter he was very active for VERON in various functions.



In 1975 Louis, PA0LOU (SK) stepped down as VERON HF contest manager and Din took over.

He succeeded the VERON traffic manager in 1980 and was appointed member of the VERON main board and in 1983 followed his appointment of 2nd vice president.

When in 1981 the initiator and one of the founding fathers of VHSC Leo, PA0LXL who was the secretary and treasurer, stepped down Din took over. In 1986 PA0LOU and DL6MK proposed to make him honorary member which was accepted and so Din got VHSC number 1H.

Din held the position of 2nd vice president of the VERON main board from 1983 till 2006. He was very active in many committees and working groups both national and international. For his work he was appointed VERON member of merit in 2002 and honorary member in 2006.

At Din's well attended cremation ceremony at Nijmegen on 7th October 2023, Remy PA0AGF, president of VERON characterised Din as follows: "He was a very engaging and amiable person. Din always offered a listening ear and often had valid advice." And: "he was a fascinating and inspiring person to work with". Remy recalled and praised Din's long active involvement in radio amateur affairs, also mentioning his long standing activities for VHSC.

Bob, PA5V, VHSC president, offered condolences to Din's family and flowers to place near the coffin as a thank you and farewell.

Rest in peace Din, your fb CW sigs are sorely missed on the bands