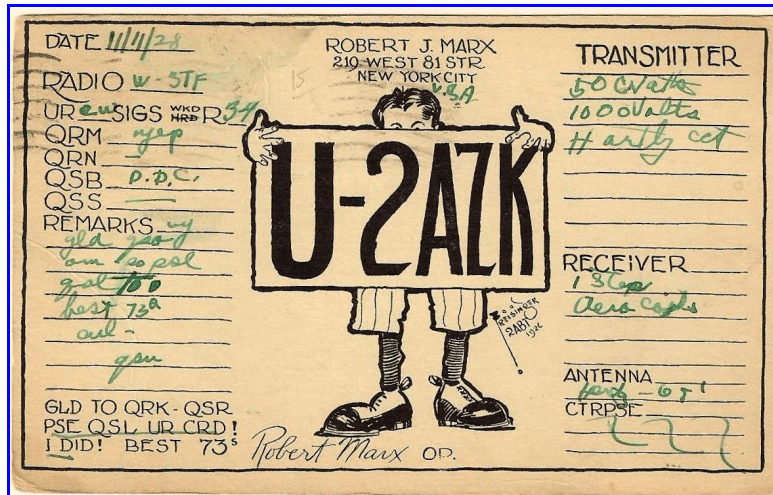**Robert J. Marx 2AZK - W2AZK** - Born in NYC -One summer Bob came home from late session of camp at age 6 or 7 years. Robert wanted a bicycle but his parents discouraged that idea for safety's sake because of the huge traffic problem in NYC and mentioned rather would be like talking to the world on a wireless? That was it, wireless stuck and he was on his way. It was stated Robert was age ten in 1923 and had mastered the code, earning his radio ticket. Being the youngest operator in that period of time representing the Ham radio world when it was blooming.

John Freisinger, a photographer (2ABT) in residence in the same apartment building was asked by the Marx family to be young Roberts (Elmer) - Which Freisiner agreed.

As you can see from the QSL card design John Freisinger was also a creator of that nifty varie that Robert mailed out faithfully to the gang who collected them. Author note; At one point Freisinger 2ABT was known to have the most elaborate of station equipment in the East. No expense was spared on his elaborate setup it was said.

In 1926 our young subject Marx received acclaim for his radio efforts to aid a stranded family in a Florida hurricane. Robert's daughter Lynne Barasch is the author of "Radio Rescue" published in 2000 by Frances Foster Books, geared to the younger readers but has sufficient information to aid those interested in the entire subject of wireless and radio in general. The story depicts the radio experiences of her father Mr. Robert Marx W2AZK as a young ham radio experimenter in NYC. Lynne has written other material and is gaining popularity with each effort.

I plan to order my copy and with thanks to the Bob Green W8JYZ QSL files and material scripted from Lynne Barasch. (Varie - QSL card) (Elmer - one we look up to in ham radio who got us started) additional ideas from an article by K9PL Phil.

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