



F Gerald Powell 1907-2000* W20JW ex W9DOG of Oradell and Hackensack New Jersey. Jerry is the subject of a book published in 2003 called "Hello World; A Life In Ham Radio."

I'm not certain if anyone would appreciate part of their estate ending in a Manhattan flea market, but such was the case. Here's the story.

Author Danny Gregory attended a flea market in NYC and found a ring binder containing 369 colorful and cryptic looking postcards. Intrigued, he bought the collection and did some investigating. These cards were ham radio QSL cards, which are postcards that hams send to one another after they make contact over the airwaves. This particular collection once belonged to a man named Jerry Powell, an aeronautical engineer who died at age 93 in 2000.

Jerry was a lifelong ham radio enthusiast - his earliest QSL card is from 1928. Hello World; A Life in Ham Radio won't teach you how to become a ham, nor show you new ham radio techniques. It's not a technical book at all. Instead, it's about Jerry Powell's life as seen through his lifelong hobby. It's a compelling and absorbing read, even for readers who aren't hams.

Hello World was designed by Paul Sahre, a well known illustrator. His design work in this book is meticulous and carefully organized so both diehard ham radio operators and novices can appreciate Jerry Powell's worldwide ham radio contacts over the course of his lifetime. All of the pages are adorned with colorful QSL cards, yet unfortunately Jerry's card is not featured. For naught, we have his card and present it to you here.

Publisher Comments: Jerry Powell was an ordinary guy on an extraordinary adventure. For 70 years he traveled the globe from his basement in Hackensack, New Jersey - using his ham radio to meet hundreds of people in the most remote corners of the world. Literally from Antarctica to outer space. In return, each contact sent him a QSL card - the personalized calling card of "hams." Hello World follows Powell's life and history of the world, through this collection. At the same time, the book is an exploration of a fascinating technology, the true precursor of the internet, that still absorbs millions of people worldwide. Partially scripted from Powell's Books.com

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