



Hams and 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Who can forget the call “W6ZH” Issued to Herbert Hoover Jr. 1903-1969 the son of the 31<sup>st</sup> President of the U.S.A.

A Stanford grad in 1925 worked as a mining engineer and a short foray into government service in the 50's as U.S. Under Secretary of State. Herbert Jr. Was elected President of the American Radio Relay League in 1962.

President Hoover was a friend of the amateur operator early in his service as Secretary of Commerce in the Harding and Coolidge administrations. Radio was regulated then by the Department of Navigation. There were serious problems of interference to wireless services and Hoover would not shut down the budding amateur population. World War I commenced in the teens and radio was reinstated after the war. Equipment was engineered to the point where interference was not a serious threat. The A.R.R.L efforts of Mr. Maxim together with Secretary Hoover helped retain our amateur service after the war.

Hoover’s Presidency remains a largely untold story, linked with economic crisis. He was one of two American Presidents to give away their salary. J. F. Kennedy was the other. It was ironic, President Hoovers inability to use the radio as a effective communications tool contributed to his election loss of 1932.

Herbert “Pete” Hoover III W6ZH the grandson of our 31<sup>st</sup> President, today’s present holder is very active with QRP, DX - contests and CW. Involved in the development of a portable antenna system. His involvement with the Hoover Library in West Branch Iowa and dedications to his grandfathers memory keeps him very busy.



W6ZH Pete Hoover