

Willy Korchinski, VE6WZK/VA6WZ passed away at age 84 on October 30th, 2024.

Willy served for many years on the QCARC executive. He was active on HF and over the years established quite a station on the west shores of Sandy Lake. In recent years he was mostly on 80m and 160m rag chewing with hams in western Canada.

With a background in the sheet metal trade he was handy with tools. Wired Willy was aways tinkering: from mounting a snowblower on his quad with motorized controls to renovating a bathroom. He built his retirement house and garage as well as his furnace cleaning truck. There was not much that Willy couldn't do. He was a regular at club flea markets and will be missed by all that knew him.

Paul, VE6UFO, related a story and we later confirmed it. Willy was active in CB in the early 70's. He had acquired a Yaesu FT-101 which came with 11m capabilities. It was not long before there were TVI complaints from the neighbors. The Department Of Communications showed up in person with the necessary paperwork completed and talked to Willy about shutting down his 11m operation immediately. Seizure of his transceiver; or he could get his ham radio license. The rest, as they say is history.