



## **THE BREWER TROPHY AVIATION EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

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Dear BTAEA Members:

### **AMATEUR RADIO and AVIATION EDUCATION**

My “other” passion, which also keeps me directly involved with the “students” many times during the year, is Amateur (HAM) Radio. I’ve been licensed since 1970, and currently hold the Extra Class call K4EJ. If you hold an FCC Amateur license, this will be of interest:

3Z50, POLAND (SPUTNIK Special Event).

On October 4, 1957, at 07:28PM GMT, the Soviet Union successfully launched SPUTNIK I, the world's first man-made artificial satellite. Sputnik I was about the size of a basket-ball, weighed only 84 kilogram, and was a sphere about 0.6 meters in diameter. It took about 98 minutes to orbit the Earth on its elliptical path.

When Sputnik entered orbit, it opened the Space Age.

To commemorate this fact, a special event station, 3Z50SPU, was established by Roman, SQ2RH. The station will be on the air until the end of October. A special QSL card will be available after the event for all HAMs and SWLs who made contact or heard the special event station 3Z50SPU on the air. QSL via SQ2RH.

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