

## **KULPSVILLE WINTER SWL FESTIVAL 2012 – IN MEMORIAM**

### **DXERS/SWLs, hobbyists, etc.**

#### **GEORGE POPPIN – March 1, 2010**

George John Poppin of Arizona and resided in San Francisco. WWII Vet, retired teacher / football coach Galileo HS, loving husband of Dorothy, and father of Nancy, Tom, Joan, and Debbie. Lived richly, loved deeply, encouraged many, and left a legacy for his eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. George was a longtime monitor for several international SW stations.

#### **HERB BALFOUR, VE3OHH – May 29, 2011**

Herb Balfour VE3OHH was a longtime member of the Ontario DX Association. Herb had a long interest and involvement with LF and MF experimentation and was the publisher of the magazine Northern Observer, for several years, which covered the field of Part 15 LW beacons and associated interests. Both he and the late Jim Ericson strongly promoted and helped others in developing their own stations and reception capabilities. Eventually the Northern Observer was absorbed into the long running Lowdown magazine published by the the Long Wave Club of America ( LWCA). His passion for radio remained undiminished up until his untimely death at the age of 55.

#### **BRIGGS LONGBOTHUM – June 21, 2011**

Briggs Longbothum, - June 21, 2011 - AB2NJ, of Gloucester, MA has passed away at age 63. Briggs often attended our BADX meetings, invited us to the Cape Ann club firehouse-clubhouse, and joined us at Granite Pier for "DX Clams" on several occasions. The members of the Cape Ann Amateur Radio Association send our deepest sympathy to the friends and family of Briggs. He was a good man and we had many great times with him. He was a great asset to our club and we are still in shock at his passing. We will miss his smile and his chocolate Lab Merley on Sunday mornings at the clubhouse. We will miss his voice over the airwaves as well. He loved ham radio and he worked hard to mentor new people who came into the hobby. Rest in peace Briggs.

#### **BOB ARNOLD – JULY 10, 2011**

Cumbre DX and "DXing with Cumbre" have lost a very good friend. Bob Arnold, of Syracuse, NY, who ran Cumbre DX's web and e-mail servers, and who also put the programs on iTunes for us, has died at the age of only 58. We at Cumbre are heartbroken at this news, and send our sympathy to Bob's family and friends.

#### **DR. BRUCE ELVING – JULY 24, 2011**

Sad news to share about FM's friend, Dr. Bruce Elving. He and wife Carol had been in Loma Linda, California for a few weeks for treatment of his prostate cancer. They were planning to return home to Minnesota this month. The little information I have says he passed following a heart attack en route to a hospital.

We are very sad to inform all of Bruce's friends that he passed away in California on July 24, 2011. His memorial service will be on Monday, August 8, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in Duluth, Minnesota.

Bruce was probably best-known for his "FMAtlas" directories and until recent years, his "FMedia!" newsletters, along with his service of modifying of FM radios to receive SCA broadcasts. He was among the founders of the University of Minnesota's KUMD 103.3 Duluth.

### **GERALD FREDERICK KERCHER – AUGUST 21, 2011**

Waterford - On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 21, 2011, Gerald Frederick Kercher slipped the surly bonds of earth, put out his hand, and touched the face of God. He died at home in Quaker Hill as he wished.

Gerald, the third of three sons of Erwin W. and Amanda (Muck) Kercher, was born on June 9, 1924, in Cass City, Mich. He graduated from Cass City High School in 1942 and married his high school sweetheart, Frances Elizabeth Koepfgen, in 1945 at the "Little Church Around the Corner" in New York City. She died in 1993.

Gerald's interests were many and varied. From his first job after high school as a coal passer on the Great Lakes Steamship Cygnus to enlisting in the U.S. [Army](#) Air Corps, Gerald's love of his country was surpassed only by the love for his family.

During [World War II](#), Gerald flew the B26 Martin Marauder in European and North African campaigns, as a member of the 320th Bomb Group. He was especially proud of his service during the Berlin Air Lift when he dropped thousands of pounds of food and medical supplies to the German people.

Following World War II, Gerald served as the base legal officer in Munich, Germany. Over the next 20 years, the Air Force took Gerald to Texas, Saudi Arabia, Pennsylvania, and back to Germany where he served as an agent in the Office of Special Investigation, working with Belgium and Luxemburg police. He completed his career at bases in Massachusetts and New York. Just prior to his retirement from the Air Force in 1965, Gerald flew C-123 cargo planes, ferrying personnel and cargo to Vietnam. He retired as a major and began a very different 20-year career as a commodities broker in New London, working for Goodbody & Co., which later merged with Merrill Lynch.

In his retirement, Gerald volunteered enthusiastically for Southeastern Hospice for 18 years, stopping only in the past few weeks. He was also a tutor for Literacy Volunteers and volunteered his driving services for the American Red Cross and the local food pantry. He served as a delightful toastmaster for the First Wednesday Club and was known for his recitations and spirited singing. He was an enthusiastic member of Shortwave Radio International, attending their many conferences with special friends around the world. He was a life long Detroit Tigers fan and died happily knowing that his team was in first place. Devoted to his faith, Gerald was a member of the Safe Harbor Assembly of God Church in Uncasville.

He was very proud of his 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He joins in heaven a dear granddaughter, Kathryn Frances Kercher.

### **LEWIS COULBORN – December 14, 2011**

From Dr. Minna Baker (sister): I wanted to write to let you know that my brother, Lewis Coulborn, passed away suddenly on December 14, 2011. He never skipped this meeting and thoroughly enjoyed the conference every year.

### **CHRIS HAMBLY - December 18, 2011**

Chris was an institution in the Australian Radio DX club and a life member #149. He first joined way back in January 1968. Chris Hambly unfortunately passed away in his home, after having a fall on December 18, 2011. Chris was 66 years old at the time.

## **BROADCASTERS/PERSONALITIES/ETC.**

### **DANNY STILES – March 11, 2011**

Danny Stiles, who brought back the music of yesteryear, spinning records for more than six decades on New York-area radio, died in Manhattan. He was 87 and lived in Short Hills, N.J. Mr. Stiles, who proclaimed himself the King of Nostalgia and the Vicar of Vintage Vinyl, unearthed gems from his collection of 200,000 or so recordings going back to the big band era of the 1930s and sometimes the Roaring Twenties. His personal odyssey took him through more than 20 radio stations, stacks of sometimes scratchy 78 r.p.m. records and countless standards from [Duke Ellington](#), [Glenn Miller](#), the Dorsey brothers, [Bing Crosby](#), Harry James and Paul Whiteman.

### **LYNN SAMUELS – December 24, 2011**

Lynn Samuels died at 69 of a heart attack. She most recently appeared on Sirius/XM Satellite radio, but her most remembered stint was on WABC in NYC. On the radio, Samuels was exactly what much of the country thinks New York sounds like. She had a city accent she never tried to hide or soften, even when her bosses suggested it would prevent her from ever getting a radio job outside the city.

### **BOB HOLNESS – January 6, 2012**

Holness had a long association with BBC Radio 2, chiefly as presenter of Bob Holness and Friends, and with the BBC World Service, for which he presented Anything Goes, a weekly anthology of words and music. He died at age 83.

### **DAVE MAYNARD – February 9, 2012**

Maynard was a fixture in Boston television and radio for 48 years. He passed away at 82 years of age.

Peter Casey, Director of Programming for WBZ NewsRadio 1030 released the following statement: "All of New England and the WBZ family has lost a radio icon and a treasured friend today. Dave Maynard ruled the airways and owned a special place in our hearts for many years. He was a Hall of Fame caliber broadcaster from the very first day here at WBZ. Generations of broadcasters learned how to be a communicator, entertainer, and friend from Dave Maynard. He was a pioneer at using the power of his voice and his radio program to raise money for worthy causes here in New England and set the standard on how to help his neighbors by being a friend on the radio."

### **STANLEY LEINWOLL – February 21, 2012**

Stanley Leinwoll, a retired former frequency manager and director of engineer with RFE/RL, died.