

KULPSVILLE WINTER SWL FESTIVAL 2017 – IN MEMORIAM

DXERS/SWLs, hobbyists, etc.

Frans Vossen – April 6, 2016 – via Risto Vahakainu

With sadness we have received the information that the well-known international broadcaster and a good friend to EDXC and many individual DXers, Mr. Frans Vossen from Brussels, Belgium passed away on 6th of April 2016 at the age of 74. He is missed by his wife Marie Gertrude Losami and three sons. Frans Vossen visited many EDXC meetings as well as several other radio gatherings and conferences during his career, including several visits to the Winterfest

Chris Parkinson – April 28, 2016

Radio Hauraki co-founder Chris Parkinson has died at the age of 74. He was one of the four original directors of New Zealand's first pirate radio station, which broke the government monopoly on radio broadcasting in the 1960s. Broadcaster Chris Parkinson was a co-founder of pirate radio station Hauraki. The original Radio Hauraki broadcast from a boat moored in the Hauraki Gulf outside the three-mile territorial limit. Chris Parkinson went on to become involved with talk station Radio Pacific, and worked in the Australian radio industry.

Greg Shoom, Toronto, Ontario – June 26, 2016

Died peacefully at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, age 54. He was a ham, VE3LXL and was a member of ODXA. He recorded some occasional contributions for Allen Graham at HCJB during the period that DXPartyline included segments from clubs. Tom Witherspoon says "Greg was most recently in the process of digitizing a number of off-air tape recordings he had made in the 70s and 80s and started adding them to the archive. Indeed, he sent me a number of utility recordings with loose notes that are yet to be added. Greg was an avid SWL, ham radio operator and a great guy--we enjoyed many conversations about shortwave radio over the years."

Don Spooner – August 2, 2016

He died at age 79 after a brief illness. He worked as an electrical engineer for the Raytheon Corp. for many years before his retirement in 2006. In his younger years he was an active auto racer and throughout his life was active with his short wave radio hobby. Why is he on this list? Known to only a few, his alter-ego was "HV Short" of Radio Free Massachusetts (RFM). RFM was inducted into the North American Pirate Radio Hall Of Fame back in 2012. <mailto:miketerry73@btinternet.com?subject=Re%3A%20George%20Brown%20RIP>

Hannu Perttula – September 2016 via Risto Vahakainu Finland

Hannu died in September at the age of 63. Hannu was a DXer since the early 70's. He was involved in several tasks in the Finnish DX Association; a board member, editor-in-chief, managing editor and so on. He took care of our DX-Service for more than 10 years. Hannu visited several EDXC conferences and joined the SWL Fest at least twice, so some of you might remember him.

Bob Hill – February 28 2017 via Jerry Berg, Rich d'Angelo & John Fisher

We just got word that DX'er Bob Hill just passed away. Bob had been sick in recent months. He was a terrific shortwave tropical band DX'er and medium wave DX'er during his radio days. A report from Bob Hill was as accurate as a report could be. He was a solid radio listener with a great sense of humor. I met him several times at various gatherings over the years and enjoyed his company. Bob was a longtime Badx member, Ham (WA1RR) and prolific SW / MW dxer.

BROADCASTERS/PERSONALITIES/ETC.

Ronald Jacobs – March 8, 2016

Ronald Herbert “Whodaguy” Jacobs, a famous Hawaii-born broadcaster who helped bring rock and roll music to the islands, died in Pearl City. He was 78. He was a founder of the company that produced the long-popular radio show “American Top 40,” hosted by the late Casey Kasem.

Cliff Michelmore – March 16, 2016

Cliff Michelmore, a familiar figure in BBC radio and TV broadcasting since the 1940s, has died in hospital aged 96. In a career spanning some 60 years, Michelmore anchored coverage of events including the Apollo moon landings and two general elections. Known for his unflappable style, he interviewed figures including Prince Charles, Prime Minister Harold Wilson and a 17-year-old David Bowie.

Wally Crouter – March 28, 2016

He passed away at age 93. Mr. Crouter held the distinction of being Canada’s longest-serving morning radio host. He retired on Nov. 1, 1996, 50 years to the day after he started at CFRB (now NewsTalk 1010). He was subsequently inducted into the Canadian Association of Broadcasters’ Hall of Fame.

“Dandy” Dan Daniel – June 22, 2016

He died at age 82. Daniel, the self-described “world’s most adequate swinging disc jockey,” spent decades on New York radio stations beginning with WMCA in 1961. His smooth voice was loved by many. Over the years, Daniel made the rounds on several local stations, including WHN, WYNY and most recently WCBS-FM. He was known for mixing songs and segues with the smoothest banter on the radio. Daniel was one of WMCA’s so-called “Good Guys” in the 1960s, along with Joe O’Brien, Harry Harrison, Jack Spector, B. Mitchel Reed, Johnny Dark and others.

Tom Marr – July 7, 2016

Tom Marr, the veteran Baltimore radio talk show host, passed away Thursday morning. He was 73. Marr worked on Baltimore Orioles broadcasts from 1979 to 1986 for WFBR. When the broadcasts moved to WBAL, Marr left too, eventually hosting his conservative-leaning talk show on WCBM for nearly three decades, with the exception of a brief stay at a station of Philadelphia.

Dr. Joy Browne – August 27, 2016

Talk radio star Dr. Joy Browne died on Saturday, August 27 at age 71. The psychologist’s show was syndicated through New York’s WOR Radio Network until she moved to the Genesis Communications Network in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Oscar Brand – September 30, 2016

Oscar Brand, the folk singer and songwriter whose weekly on-air hootenanny was the longest-running radio show in history with a single host, died at his home in Great Neck, N.Y. He was 96. Every week for more than 70 years, with the easy, familiar voice of a friend, Mr. Brand invited listeners of the New York public radio station WNYC to his quirky, informal combination of American music symposium, barn dance, cracker-barrel conversation, songwriting session and verbal horseplay. Mr. Brand’s last show aired on Sept. 24. He was born in 1920 on a wheat farm near Winnipeg, Manitoba. Guinness World Records eventually verified him as radio’s longest-running show with a single host. (It beat out Alistair Cooke’s “Letter From America,” which ran for just under 58 years.) Mr. Brand never had a contract, but he kept coming back. His employers particularly appreciated that he never asked for compensation — nor did he ever receive any.

Hanoi Hannah – September 30, 2016

“Hanoi Hannah,” whose propaganda broadcasts alternately amused and enraged American soldiers fighting in South Vietnam, died Sunday at her home in Ho Chi Minh City. She was 87. “Hannah,” whose true name was Trĩnh Thĩ Ngo, offered war-weary American GIs a nostalgic mix of folk songs, lists of U.S.

killed and captured and news of antiwar protests back home in a soft, dulcet delivery that was instantly recognizable. Long before the war's end in 1975, she was as famous as her World War II Axis predecessors, Tokyo Rose and Lord Haw-Haw. Robin Williams referenced her in Good Morning Vietnam, the 1987 comedy loosely based on U.S. Armed Forces Radio Service DJ Adrian Cronauer.

Peter Allen – October 8, 2016

He died at his home in Manhattan. He was 96. Peter Allen introduced more than 500 performances for the Metropolitan Opera's Saturday afternoon radio broadcasts. Peter Allen was born Harold Levy in Toronto on Sept. 17, 1920, and grew up in Cleveland. He moved to New York and in 1947 became an announcer on WQXR. During the 1973-74 season he was hired as a standby for Milton Cross, who had been handling the Met broadcasts since the 1930s. For a year Mr. Allen sat through the Saturday matinees, waiting in the wings. Mr. Cross died on Jan. 3, 1975, a Friday. The next day, Mr. Allen was in the broadcast booth.

Dave Cash - October 21, 2016

BBC Radio Kent presenter Dave Cash died at the age of 74. Dave has worked in the UK radio industry for as long as it has existed, and has been with Radio Luxembourg, Radio London, BBC Radio 1, Capital Radio, Country 1035 and Primetime Radio. He was also launch Programme Controller at Radio West.

John Zacherle - October 28, 2016

John Zacherle, known affectionately to fans as Zacherley, The Cool Ghoul, passed on at the age of 98! Zacherley was an American television host, radio personality, and voice actor known for his long career as a television horror host broadcasting horror movies in Philadelphia and New York City in the 1950s and 1960s. In 1967, he became a morning radio host for WNEW-FM. Two years later in 1969, he became the station night broadcaster (10 PM–2 AM) for a progressive rock format. In 1971 he switched his show to WPLJ-FM, where he stayed for ten years. In late 1992, Zacherle joined the staff of "K-Rock," WXRK-FM, at a time when the roster included other free-form radio luminaries such as Vin Scelsa (with whom he'd worked at WPLJ) and Meg Griffin.

Jeff Graham - February 4, 2017

Former Radio Luxembourg, Capital, Atlantic 252 and BBC radio presenter and programmer Jeff Graham has died. Jeff also worked as PD at Rock FM in Lancashire, and BBC Radio Scotland where he started his radio career.

Stuart McLean – February 15, 2017

Stuart was a Canadian journalist who found fame on the radio as a gentle and optimistic humorist He died in Toronto. He was 68. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation broadcast McLean's reports on its radio and television networks as well as his long-running weekly radio show, "The Vinyl Cafe." The show was also heard on 62 public radio stations in the United States and, until 2008, on BBC Radio. The definitive Dave-and-Morley story was first broadcast in 1996 and then every year after that, near Christmas. Its somewhat complex story line eventually finds Dave, tipsy, checking into a hotel on Christmas Day with his family's uncooked holiday turkey under his arm. As always with Mr. McLean's stories, all ended well.

Alan Colmes – February 23, 2017

Alan Colmes passed away at age 66. For 12 years was a mild-mannered and moderately liberal sparring partner to the conservative firebrand Sean Hannity in Fox News Channel, but his background was in radio and stand-up comedy. He grew up listening to the late-night radio hosts Long John Nebel and Barry Gray. He landed a drive-time slot on WABC radio in 1984 — he was billed as W. Alan B. Colmes, to match the station's call letters — and switched three years later to WNBC and was the last voice heard on WNBC 660 before they switched to The Fan. He was also heard on WMCA in New York and WZLX in Boston before being hired by Fox.