

## **KULPSVILLE WINTER SWL FESTIVAL 2009 – IN MEMORIAM**

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

#### **Rob Harrington - Saturday, January 10 2009**

He had been a member of the IRCA for much of the 70's and 80's doing most of his DXing/listening from the Denver, CO area. Rob had been suffering from a lengthy illness. Some of you may remember him as he attended a couple of IRCA conventions. Rob founded a SWL/DX club in the early 1970's called "Colorado Association of DXers" (COADX). He was a member of SPEEDX, NASWA, and other clubs. Although Rob was interested in AM BCB to some degree, his main interests were shortwave listening and computers. He had the SWL call sign WDX0SWL and ham radio callsign NONNI.

#### **William "Bill" Walther – January 5, 2009**

Via Greg McNeill

There is sad news in the passing of William (Bill) Walther on January 5th, 2009. He was 81. If you saw him you would recognize him but probably not know his name. He joined the Marine Corps and served on the USS Wisconsin and as a drill instructor during the Korean War.

He introduced me to the radio hobby while we worked together for 22 years. When I sought other employment and he retired we still kept in touch and he attended at least 20 fests. He was a true gentleman and managed to raise three successful preteen children after the death of his wife Midge; before the term Mr. Mom was coined.

If one looks back on their life and think about the people that most influenced them I would have to say in my case it would be Bill. He was a second father to me. When I was deathly sick several years ago he was there to visit. His presence contributed to my survival; even though I was in a coma and unaware. I was told this afterwards by several medical professionals and my wife.

Please have a laugh because that is what Bill would have preferred.

#### **Tom Kneitel – August 22, 2008**

75 years old - Tom Kneitel, who loved radios from the time he was a kid, turned his hobby into a career, writing magazine articles and books for other radio buffs. Known by his CB handle "Tomcat," Kneitel was a storied figure in the world of CB, shortwave and scanners.

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

### **Paul Harvey, February 28, 2009**

ABC Network spokesman Louis Adams says Harvey died Saturday at his winter home in Phoenix, surrounded by family. No cause of death was immediately available.

He was forced off the air in 2001 because a virus weakened a vocal cord. But he returned to work in Chicago and was still active as he passed his 90th birthday.

Known for his resonant voice and trademark delivery of "The Rest of the Story," Harvey had been heard nationally since 1951, when he began his "News and Comment" for ABC Radio Networks.

A radio legend he began his career in 1933 while he was still in high school. Harvey was 90.

Harvey began his radio career on KVOO-AM while in high school in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla. He was known for his unique, staccato-style delivery of news combined with commentary, which resonated with tens of millions of Americans for more than five decades.

Among the dozens of professional honors Harvey received, he was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame and, in 1992, received the Paul White Award, the highest honor presented by RTNDA, the Radio-Television News Directors Association. President George W. Bush bestowed the Presidential Medal of Freedom on Harvey in 2005.

Angel Harvey, his late wife, is credited with creating his popular radio feature "The Rest of the Story."

### **DON ELLIOT HEALD – February 19, 2009**

beloved husband, father and grandfather, leader in the broadcast industry and in Atlanta civic life, died February 19, 2009 at his home at Canterbury Court. He was 86 years old. He was born in Concord, Massachusetts, on July 7, 1922. Heald was also the telephone voice of the Audichron time-of-day service for generations. [and WWV!]

### **BETTY ZIMMERMAN – January 26, 2009**

At 85 years old after a stroke combined with complications from lung cancer in hospital in Ottawa. As one of the first female executives in Canadian broadcasting, Betty Zimmerman headed Radio Canada International and extended its mandate in the 1980s and 1990s, breaking barriers for women in her field. During her 10-year tenure at RCI in Montreal, Ms. Zimmerman tried very hard to keep the shortwave service independent of the agenda of the Department of External Affairs, and she expanded RCI's range to include Asia and the Pacific Rim in several languages. She retired in 1989, but that didn't mean she put her feet up.

### **Francisco "Pancho" Rodríguez - December 11, 2008**

From the Spanish Service of the Voice of Russia Radio passed away in Moscow on December 11, 2008. He was well-known in the world DX-circles as a Frecuencia RM's host. Pancho was only 60 years old when his time on this earth was cut short. His last Frecuencia RM went on the air on December 2, 2008. It was a program #1005.

### **Henry Loomis – November 2, 2008**

Henry Loomis, the Corp. for Public Broadcasting president ordered to take back programming control from PBS during the Watergate years, died Nov. 2 at the age of 89 in Jacksonville, Fla. His family said he succumbed to complications from Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Pick's diseases. Loomis, a gentleman scientist with experience in intelligence and early radar research, had earlier served as director of Voice of America from 1958 to 1965 and quit in protest when President Lyndon Johnson ordered the government's overseas radio service not to report that U.S. jets were flying over Laos. Loomis was also responsible for the VOA's Special English broadcasts.

### **Don LaFontaine, September 1, 2008**

He voiced more than 5,000 movie trailers during a career that saw him dubbed "The King of Voiceovers," died in Los Angeles, his agent confirmed yesterday. He was 68. LaFontaine died in the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center from complications caused by an ongoing lung-related illness. The voice actor was best known for his catchphrase used on several trailers that began with the words "In a world where..." Among movies that LaFontaine provided the voice for were "The Elephant Man," "Batman Returns," "The Terminator" and "Dr Strangelove." As well as his trailer work, LaFontaine is believed to have voiced hundreds of thousands of television and radio spots, including advertisements for Chevrolet, Pontiac, Ford, Budweiser, McDonalds and Coke. He is survived by his wife and three children.

### **Abie Nathan – August 27, 2008**

81 years old. In 1967 he set up a radio station aimed at advancing peace in the Middle East. From 1973 till October 1993 the "Voice of Peace" broadcast messages of peace and love from the Mediterranean. From 1989 to 1992 Abie was engaged in a fight for repealing the law that banned meetings with the PLO, and met other heads of terrorist organisations in particular Yasser Arafat – as a result of which he was twice imprisoned. In 1993, following the Oslo Peace Accord, he scuttled his ship and continued with his humanitarian work particularly in Africa. In 1997 while he was travelling to the United States to write his autobiography, he suffered a severe stroke that left him partially paralyzed.

### **Peter Hubert – April 18, 2008**

HCJB German section - Peter Hubert, who served as a German radio program producer at Radio Station HCJB in Quito, Ecuador, with his wife, Maria, for 25 years, died of cancer in Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada. He was 84.

**Jess Cain – February 14, 2008**

Died at 81 years of age. In cars and kitchens from Cape Cod to Canada, the first voice hundreds of thousands of people heard each morning belonged to Jess Cain. Sound effects, song parodies, and witty commentary were his stock in trade, and for 34 years of mornings on WHDH-AM he had few rivals, becoming one of the most popular radio personalities in Boston.