

KULPSVILLE WINTER SWL FESTIVAL 2010 – IN MEMORIAM

DXERS/SWLs, hobbyists, etc.

Brian Smith – March 19, 2009

It is with tremendous sadness that I need to inform you of the passing of "The Font of Music Information" and a dear friend to so many of you, my father-in-law Brian Smith. Dad suffered a brain aneurysm and he quietly succumbed to his injury. His wife, Muriel, and close friends / EMS partners Barry and Bruce were at his side. As a Toronto EMS paramedic, Brian saved lives by helping the sick, injured, and frail during their times of great need. He was a hero, and tonight will perform one final heroic task as he grants the gift of life to others through the donation of his organs. Brian played a vital role in marketing and promotion of the Ontario DX Association.

RALPH SANSERINO – May 4, 2009

Ralph Lloyd Sanserino, 82 years old of Perris, CA passed away on May 04, 2009 in his home in Perris. He received the Victory Medal in WWII, and was honourably discharged in 1946 in San Pedro, CA. Ralph then continued his education to become a mechanical engineer, and worked for large companies like Mattel Toy Company, as well as with the Government. Ralph loved fishing. He would go on fishing tournament trips about once a month. He volunteered with his Radio Club for over 40 years publishing their newsletter and may best be remember for his design of the Sanserino Loop Antenna. He was loved by many and known as an all around nice guy with many friends.

HARRY HELMS – November 15, 2009

Harry Lee Helms, Jr. passed away on Sunday, November 15th, around 11:00 pm. He was 57.

As you probably know, he has bravely fought an aggressive cancer for the last several years. For the past few months he and his wife Di have lived in his home town of Fort Mill, SC, surrounded and loved by his extended family, old friends, and his dogs and cats.

Cheryl Ervin Hill

JOHN BRYANT – February 8, 2010

John Bryant, 68 years old, fell from a ladder and received injuries that resulted in his death this morning. As you are, I am shocked--John was not only one of my best friends but also a writing partner and travel buddy. As I find out details on arrangements I will keep you posted. Please raise a glass to John—we have all lost a valued friend and colleague.

Harold Cones

Shocking news. His accomplishments were many and varied. Former head of the OSU School of Architecture, co-writer of three books on Zenith radios and one on the history of Newport News, VA. He was a big part of the Corazon DX e-mail list, and, of course, helped spearhead the Ultralight Receiver movement two years ago. DXed for two weeks in lonely

Easter Island year before last. RIP.

KERMIT GEARY – February 10, 2010

Kermit E. Geary, 92, of Walnutport, passed away February 10, 2010. Born in Lehigh Gap, he was the son of the late Erwin & Carrie A. (Kuehner) Geary. Kermit retired from the New Jersey Zinc Company, as a research scientist. He was a member of the NRHS, Lehigh Valley Chapter, Palmerton Camera Club and the National Radio DX Association where he was the oldest living member. Kermit was an avid photographer having various contributions in books and magazines pertaining to railroads and local history. Survived by his wife of 68 years Charlotte (Lawrence), daughters, Carole & husband Roger Homeyer, Charlotte & husband Robert Stefanik, son, Kermit Geary Jr., grandchildren, Carrie Martini and Diane Homeyer & husband James Fiore III.

BROADCASTERS/PERSONALITIES/ETC.

LARRY GLICK, March 26, 2009

A Boston radio legend has died. Longtime WBZ radio host Larry Glick died Thursday night in Florida after undergoing 10 hours of open heart surgery. He was 87. Glick graced WBZ's airwaves for 20 years, building up a faithful group of fans known as "Glicknics." He retired to Florida, where he most recently worked as a greeter at Legal Seafood in Boca Raton. Glick leaves his wife Lisa and a daughter Tali, both in Florida, and a daughter, Nannette in the Boston area.

Russ Johnson comments: "sad to hear this. He was one of the major Voices of The Night for a kid in Maryland doing AM DX for the first time. And of course there was the BZ news with Streeter Stewart (sp?). They had that dramatic id before the news...."the Spirit of New England, WBZ" Early 1970's."

Harry Kalas – April 13, 2009

The Phillies' Hall of Fame announcer, died at 1:20 p.m. today, the Phillies announced. Mr. Kalas collapsed in the press box at Nationals Stadium in Washington at about 12:30 p.m. and was rushed to George Washington University Medial Center. The cause of the death was not announced. Today's game against the Nationals will be played, but the team will not visit the White House tomorrow. "We lost Harry today," David Montgomery, the team president, said. "We lost our voice." Mr. Kalas, who was found unconscious, missed most of spring training after undergoing undisclosed surgery in February. That surgery was unrelated to the detached retina that sidelined him for part of last season. Mr. Kalas, who turned 73 on March 26, has broadcast Phillies games since 1971. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2002 as the recipient of the Ford C. Frick Award. He is entering the final season of a 3-year contract that he signed in December 2006.

Michael L. Ketter – May 17, 2009

Involvement with WBCQ

Michael L. Ketter, 48, of Pittsburgh, died Sunday, May 17, 2009. Beloved husband of Gina (Pitta) Ketter. Son of the late Robert Ketter and Lorelei Ketter. Brother of Kay Nottis, Sue White and Mary Ketter-Franklin. Daddy of Merlin, Zoron and Putt-Putt. Michael was a much-loved program director and on-air radio personality with WBCQ international short-wave radio station. In the 1990s, he was operations manager and on-air broadcaster for WYEP-FM. Michael was a professional photographer as well as composer of electronic music.

Simon Dee - August 30th, 2009

Simon Dee, the first voice to be heard on Radio Caroline in 1964, has died of bone cancer at the age of 74. Mr Dee (whose real name was Carl Henty-Dodd) left Radio Caroline in 1965 after being 'head hunted' by the BBC who gave him a show on the Light Programme. He also did some programmes for Radio Luxembourg. He was one of the original DJs on BBC Radio 1 which launched in 1967.

The same year, Simon Dee became a TV chat show host on the BBC, but his career was relatively brief due to a dispute over his salary demands. He moved to London Weekend Television, but fell out with them too after only a few months. This ended his show business career, and he signed on at the labour exchange and took a job as bus driver. In 1974, he served 28 days in prison because he could not pay the rates on his home to the council. He did make a couple of brief comebacks on radio: In the late 1970's he was with Radio 210 in Reading, and a decade later he hosted an oldies programme on BBC Radio 2. But for the last two decades, he lived in anonymity in a small apartment in Winchester.

Jim Nettleton – October 4, 2009

Jim Nettleton, 69, a longtime radio announcer and prolific voiceover artist who was one of the "Boss Jocks" on "Famous 56" WFIL-AM, died of lung cancer yesterday.

The Cherry Hill resident also worked for Philadelphia's WCAU-FM in the 1970s as a disc jockey and program director, and more recently at WOGL (formerly WCAU), WABC, WCBS and WPEN-AM. His advertising clients ranged from Cadillac to Yuengling beer.

A native of Boston, Mr. Nettleton moved to New Jersey and enrolled at Rutgers University to study journalism. In a 2007 interview on the Web site www.wdrcobg.com, he recalled how he had gotten his start in the business. A friend urged him to try out as an announcer for the college radio station's weekend show *Knightlife*, named after the school's Scarlet Knight mascot. "I had always enjoyed listening to radio, but never gave it a thought as a career," he said. "I auditioned, got the spot, and immediately fell in love with the business."

Mr. Nettleton left college after three months and did some odd jobs, working his way onto the air during the heady early days of rock-and-roll. He first worked at WPAZ-AM in Pottstown, then at stations in Eatontown, N.J., and Connecticut, where he earned the nickname "Diamond Jim."

He came to Philadelphia to join WFIL in 1966 as one of the original Boss Jocks.

Soupy Sales – October 22, 2009

Sales died on October 22, 2009, at Calvary Hospice in the Bronx, New York, aged 83, from cancer. According to writer/columnist Mark Evanier, comedian Tim Powers reported that a fan left a cream pie on Sales' Hollywood Walk of Fame star. The pie was left by Matt Beckoff, Larry Storch's manager and friend to Soupy Sales.

James F. Brown – November 16, 2009

James Brown, who as the director of Radio Free Europe in the early 1980s played a seminal behind-the-scenes role in the rise of the Solidarity movement, which eventually toppled the Communist Party in Poland, died in Oxford, England, on Nov. 16. He was 81

Peter Vail – December 7, 2009

Peter Vail a longtime pillar of RFE/RL's Russian Service, died late on December 7 in Prague following a long illness. He was 60 years old. A distinguished author and journalist, Vail worked for more than 20 years in RFE/RL's Russian Service.

Father Jack Pejza – December 12, 2009

a long-time DX'er, hobby writer, editor/publisher for IRCA, priest, teacher and friend, Father Jack Pejza died last Saturday, 12 December 2009 of a heart attack while debarking from the Oosterdam cruise ship San Diego, where he was serving as a chaplain for Holland-America Lines.

James Marik a.k.a. J.R. Nelson – February 16, 2010

James Marik--better known as J.R. Nelson--was a leading disc jockey, producer and voiceover man on radio in Cleveland, around the country and around the world.

He died Tuesday at home in Rochester Hills, Michigan, after several years with cancer. He was 60.

Nelson rattled competitors by faking broadcasts from forbidden locations, such as the Statue of Liberty. He dressed as Arafat at New York's legendary Studio 54 club.

Until City Hall protested, he rerouted thousands of Cleveland drivers for a couple of days with phony traffic reports over the whirr of a phony helicopter.