

KULPSVILLE WINTER SWL FESTIVAL 2013 – IN MEMORIAM

DXERS/SWLs, hobbyists, etc.

JAY SMILKSTEIN – March 12, 2012

Jay passed away suddenly from a heart attack on Monday, March 12th, 2012. He lived in Mount Kisco, New York. Jay had a strong interest in AM DXing, tube gear, amplifiers and IF filter design. He was a regular attendee at the Winter SWL Festival and was well known for his frequent call-ins to WBCQ.

Tom McCormick – June 2012 (via Patrick Martin, Seaside, Oregon)

Tom McCormick of West Lafayette IN was on his way North into Alberta, Canada and his van rolled. He passed away of head injuries. He was 61. I remember Tom at IRCA conventions back in the early 70s. He was quite a active DXer then and really a nice guy. Tom was an avid member of IRCA in the 70s and quite the DXer and QSLer.

Brian Alexander – December 26, 2012

Brian Lee Alexander, 55, of Mechanicsburg, died at Claremont Nursing & Rehabilitation Center on Wednesday, December 26, 2012. He was born in Mechanicsburg, on Wednesday, May 1, 1957. Brian graduated from Mechanicsburg High School as part of the class of 1974. He worked for Flight Systems Industrial Products in Carlisle for many years. Brian greatly enjoyed his time playing trumpet as a member of the Westshoremans Drum & Bugle Corps.

Alexey Osipov - 18 January 2013

Alexey was well-known by many from the Leningrad/St. Petersburg DX-East. Alexey was one of the founders (1986) and the permanent President of the St. Petersburg DX Club. For many years he has collaborated with the editors of the World Radio TV Handbook as a contributor. He was also involved in one of the first privately operated stations in Russia, Radio Baltica.

Joel Kollin – February 3, 2013 (via Tim Lemmon)

Originally from Youngstown, Ohio, Joel lived in Atlanta. Joel loved to listen to short wave radio or most anything from a portable radio (streamed or real RF). He attended several radio conventions, including the Fest. He passed away from a heart attack at his home at the age of 72.

Jacques d'Avignon – February 7, 2013 (via Harold Sellers)

Jacques D'Avignon who for many years provided propagation forecasts to several monthly periodicals, including the Ontario DX Association's "Listening In", passed away Thursday Feb.7, Ottawa, after a lengthy illness.

Don Kaskey – February 18, 2013 (via Rick Dau & Kevin Redding)

Don Kaskey, originally from Iowa, passed away from a heart attack in California. Kevin Redding referred to him as one of the fathers of the mediumwave DX hobby. Rick Dau says "I think he logged close to 4000 AM stations over the years, and that feat certainly puts him up there among the greats in the hobby. He will be sorely missed. "

BROADCASTERS/PERSONALITIES/ETC.

Tom Lodge – March 25, 2012

He joined the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation as an announcer on CFYK Yellowknife in the late 1950s. In 1960 Lodge became the CBC manager for a new radio station CBXH in Fort Smith, N.W.T. In 1964 Lodge joined England's first offshore pirate radio station Radio Caroline,[3] as disc jockey and programme director. His book *The Ship that Rocked the World* describes his time there. The motion picture "Pirate Radio" is based on the novel. Lodge had been battling cancer and died in California at the age of 75.

Pete Fornatale – April 26, 2012

a New York City disc jockey and author of numerous books on rock and roll. He is considered a "pioneer of FM rock," who played an important role in the progressive rock era of FM broadcasting. He was the first person to host a rock music show on New York City's FM band, commencing November 21, 1964 on WFUV. By broadcasting progressive rock and long album tracks, he was noted for introducing a musical alternative to Top 40 AM radio in New York in the late 1960s and early 1970s. *Billboard* called his station "a legend, affecting and inspiring people throughout the industry."

Hal Jackson – May 23, 2012

an American disc jockey and radio personality who broke a number of color barriers in American radio broadcasting. Jackson began his broadcasting career as the first African-American radio sports announcer, broadcasting Howard's home baseball games and local Negro league baseball games. In 1939, he became the first African American host at WINX/Washington with *The Bronze Review*, a nightly interview program. Jackson moved to New York City in 1954 and became the first radio personality to broadcast three daily shows on three different New York stations. Four million listeners tuned in nightly to hear Jackson's mix of music and conversations with jazz and show business celebrities. In 1990, Hal Jackson was the first minority inducted into the National Association of Broadcasters' Hall of Fame. In 1995, he became the first African-American inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame.

Lovell Dyett, - May 29, 2012

WBZ radio personality, has died at 77

Long-time WBZ NewsRadio 1030 AM personality Lovell Dyett has died after a long illness, the station announced on its website today. He was 77.

Dyett hosted a talk show on the station for nearly 40 years. His career at WBZ began on Dec. 3, 1971, as host of *The Lovell Dyett Program*, which was promoted as a "telephone-talk show that dealt with all issues affecting the black community," the station said in a posting on its website.

R. Peter Straus – August 6, 2012

R. Peter Straus, who took over WMCA in New York in the late 1950s and turned it into one of the nation's most innovative radio stations, broadcasting what are regarded as the first radio editorials and political endorsements and helping to popularize rock 'n' roll, died on Monday at his home in Midtown Manhattan. He was 89. He became a United Nations official, director of the Voice of America and administrator of American aid to Africa.

Paddy Roy Bates – October 9, 2012

In 1965, he ousted Radio City staff who had occupied Knock John Tower, a Maunsell Sea Fort (a World War II British naval defence platform). Using the military equipment that was left on the platform, Bates used an old United States Air Force radio beacon to broadcast his station. From Knock John Tower, he ran Radio Essex from 1965 to 1966 and succeeded in becoming the first pirate radio station to provide 24 hour entertainment. The station changed its name in October 1966 to Britain's Better Music Station (BBMS) after Bates had been convicted of violating Section One of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949. Bates was then fined £100 for his continued illegal broadcasting. Due to insufficient funds, BBMS went off the air on Christmas Day of 1966. He was the founder of the Principality of Sealand, styling himself Prince Roy since 2 September 1967.

Jeff “Jefferson” Kaye – November 16, 2012

Among his credits were announcing gigs at WHIM and WRIB in Providence, Rhode Island; WBZ in Boston, Massachusetts; WKBW and WBEN in Buffalo, New York; WPVI in Philadelphia; and NFL Films. As program director of WKBW, he produced the station's adaptation of The War of the Worlds. For his work on NFL Films, Kaye won several Sports Emmy Awards. He also narrated the Chicago Bulls' first championship documentary, "Learning To Fly".

Kaye died on November 16, 2012 of terminal throat cancer at age 75.

Ray Briem – December 12, 2012

a radio personality who worked in Los Angeles most of his career, most notably at KABC. He was noted for his conservative viewpoints, historical knowledge, polished delivery and love of Big Band music. He was especially capable of debating liberal callers and guests, but his shows were not limited to politics. He interviewed a wide range of celebrities primarily from the golden age of radio, music, movies and television. He occupied the overnight shift and dominated the ratings. He had a brief stint as a nationally syndicated host for a number of years, a time which he has recalled fondly for the variety and quality of callers. He was a ham operator, N6FFT.

Bob Jones – December 29, 2012

Bob Jones, a mellow-voiced New York radio personality who was the last regular host of the historic WNEW-AM show “Milkman’s Matinee,” playing the music of Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Duke Ellington as it slowly became harder to find on the dial, died on Dec. 29 in Manhattan. He was 70. “Milkman’s Matinee” was one of the earliest all-night radio shows, first heard during the big-band era. Mr. Jones hosted it from 1975 until 1979, when it went off the air, and again in the 1980s. He hosted another long-running show, “Make Believe Ballroom,” in the evenings during the '80s.

Joe Morgan – January 30, 2013

Joe Morgan spent the end of his career high above Greater Boston reporting on traffic for WBZ Radio from a helicopter, sending shivers through commuters on clogged highways when he calmly uttered a phrase like: “There’s a hot spot.” Morgan won many awards for news reporting and public affairs during a career that included working at WCOP as -operations director; at WRKO, where he was public affairs and editorial director, a news -anchor and reporter, and news director; and at WHDH, where he was news director.

Patricia Hughes – February 8, 2013

Former BBC radio announcer Patricia Hughes has died at the age of 90. She was one of the most distinctive female voices at the corporation for several decades.

She was the voice of the network from 1969 to 1983, having started work at the BBC in 1944 as a secretary and retiring 30 years ago.

Patricia started on the World Service then appeared on the Light Programme, the Home Service and the Third Programme. Most recently she has been recording audio books.

Patricia was most well known for presenting the Monday Lunchtime Concerts from St. John's, Smith Square on Radio 3.

The BBC reports she died at a nursing home in Winchester on Friday morning.