

KULPSVILLE WINTER SWL FESTIVAL 2014 – IN MEMORIAM

DXERS/SWLs, hobbyists, etc.

Barry Leslie Jones January 11, 2013 (via Mark Coady)

I just found out that long time Ham and ODXA member Barry Leslie Jones (VE3DTJ) passed away on January 11th of this year in his 70th year. Barry wrote articles and acted as a column editor for DX Ontario (the former name of Listening In) and was running the ODXA Awards Program in the early 80s.

Maurice "Bill" Nittler – April 10, 2013

Age 78, a resident of Belen, passed away. He was born December 24, 1934, in Shickley, Neb. As a teenager, Bill began radio DX-ing with his brother, Francis, and he continued to enjoy the hobby throughout his entire life. He and friends started a DX club (IRCA in 1964) and published news letters on the subject.

Don Jensen, May 23, 2013 - VIA Ralph Perry

With the heaviest of hearts, I must advise you that Don Jensen passed away from still unconfirmed causes, but apparently a heart attack. According to Arlene, Don was working on his computer -- sending emails and working on reception reports, no doubt -- this afternoon. At about 4 p.m. he came out to his living room, to sit or nap in his easy chair, and was gone soon thereafter. As all of you will know, Don was a giant of our DXing hobby and can never be replaced. We will all greatly miss him -- his wit, opinions and general brilliance!

Don Jensen began DXing in 1947, when, at the age of 11, he was introduced to the SW listening hobby by his father, a sometimes "bootleg" ham. He has been associated with NASWA in editorial, administrative and committee activities for some 38 years, longer than any other active member. In 1964, he founded and was first executive secretary of the Association of North American Radio Clubs (ANARC). From 1969 to 1989 he published and edited the Numero Uno DX weekly. He formerly was the editor of Communications World magazine and has been a freelance writer since 1963, his DXing columns last appearing in the former Popular Electronics in 1999. He also has had regular SW features aired on various DX programs around the world. Jensen is a retired newspaperman and lives in Kenosha, WI, USA.

Wayne Plunkett - May 23, 2013 (via Saul Chernos)

Wayne Plunkett passed away. He was 72 and had cancer for at least the last couple of years. His DX activities go well back into the 50s. Wayne was deeply involved with Canadian radio history and left behind an estimated 15-16 boxes of magazines, books and handwritten notes about radio, mainly Canadian radio.

Bill Merrill – via John Fisher, Mass.

Bill Merrill of Arlington, MA, passed away some time ago. His wife contacted Jerry Berg. He was an active dxer, a nice guy. I don't know how old he was.. RIP

Tom Williamson – June 24, 2013 via Harold Sellers

Tom Williamson, a longtime member of the Ontario DX Association, and a shortwave DX fan since his childhood, has passed away.

According to his son, Tom died on June 24th in Hamilton (Ontario) General Hospital, following a short illness with cancer.

Born in England in 1923, Tom was in his 89th year. His ashes will be buried on the Isle of Sheppey later this year.

In 1998 Tom documented his radio memories and experiences in a self-published book, "Across Time and Space: Listening for Sixty Years from Four Continents".

Thanks for the memories, Tom R.I.P.

Jennifer Garland Weiner – August 10 or 11, 2013

Wife of WBCQ's Allan Weiner. Jennifer was an electronics expert and an advanced computer programmer. She worked for the U.S. Navy and IBM in Groton, CT. She grew up in Bourne, MA. As a child she flew with her father, Christopher Garland, and later earned her pilot's license. She was an avid horsewoman, tennis player, scuba diver, amateur radio operator — and had an irresistible sense of humor. Jennifer joined WBCQ as a volunteer in 2003 and hosted several unique radio shows on the station. She attended the Winterfest with Allan in 2008. She was dedicated to WBCQ and she is greatly missed.

Jack Henshaw – February 28, 2014 (via Joe Robinson, ODXA)

I don't know whether people have heard, but long time ODXA member and former chairman Jack Henshaw passed away on Friday, February 28. Jack was a gentle soul who was always willing to help anyone in the hobby. I miss our conversations during Toronto area ODXA meetings.

Beverly Costello -

Message from Bill Bergadano on March 10th who heard that Beverly Costello, the wife of Pete Costello, a visitor to the Winterfest many times over the years, had just passed away. No further details yet.

BROADCASTERS/PERSONALITIES/ETC.

Gene Burns – May 25, 2013

Gene Burns, a veteran KGO talk show host whose generosity and wit evoked comparisons to Santa Claus, died Saturday at California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco. He was 72. Mr. Burns' career as a talk show host and broadcaster included stops in New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Orlando before he came to San Francisco's KGO in 1995. Bay Area listeners perhaps knew him best from his eponymous weeknight program on politics and social commentary - "the issues of the day," as Mr. Burns called it - or his Saturday "Dining Around With Gene Burns" show focused on Bay Area wine and food in what Mr. Burns called the "epicenter of American gastronomy." In 2002, Talkers Magazine ranked Mr. Burns No. 24 on its list of "The 25 Greatest Radio Talk Show Hosts of All Time."

Wayne Green – September 13, 2013

Wayne Sanger Green II was an American publisher, writer, and consultant. He was formerly editor of CQ magazine before he went on to found 73, 80 Micro, Byte, CD Review, Cold Fusion, Kilobaud Microcomputing, RUN, InCider, and Pico, as well as publishing books and running a software company. In the early 1980s, he assisted in the creation of the groundbreaking Brazilian microcomputing magazine, Micro Sistemas (Portuguese). Licensed by the Federal Communications Commission in the Amateur Radio Service with the callsign W2NSD, he was involved in a number of controversies and disputes in the Ham Radio world, notably with the ARRL and CQ magazines.

John de Mol, Sr. – September 27, 2013

John de Mol Sr died September 27th at the age of 81. He had been ill for quite some time. DeMol was a famous singer in the 40s and 50s. After his career as a singer, he founded the Conamus Foundation working for the interest of Dutch artists. In the 70's was the Director of the offshore station Radio North Sea International.

Jacques Proulx – December 14, 2013

Jacques Proulx, l'un des grands noms de la radio au Québec, est décédé samedi après-midi à l'hôpital Saint-Luc (CHUM) de Montréal, à l'âge de 78 ans, des suites d'une longue maladie, a confirmé sa famille. M. Proulx, frère de l'animateur Gilles Proulx et père de l'animatrice Caroline Proulx, s'est surtout fait connaître dans les années 1970 et 1980 en animant l'émission matinale «Les Prouesses du matin» sur les ondes de CKAC.

Geoff Stirling – December 21, 2013

He was 92. Stirling is perhaps best known for having founded multiple media outlets in Newfoundland and Labrador, including the Sunday Herald in 1946 and the province's first provincial television station - CJON-TV - in 1955. It later became known as the NTV network. He also started the first FM radio station in Newfoundland, now known as OZ-FM. In 1963, Stirling turned his attention to Montreal, founding radio station CKGM-FM - which would later become known as CHOM-FM.

Stan Brooks – December 23, 2013

Legendary WINS radio reporter Stan Brooks died one month after he retired from a 51-year career as a star of the "You give us 22 minutes, we'll give you the world" newscast. The longest serving of the City Hall "Room 9" reporters was 86.

"Brooksie," as he was known, began doing two-minute news updates for WINS on 1010 AM in 1962, when it was still a rock 'n' roll station featuring disc jockey Murray the K.

Bob Grant – December 31, 2013

Longtime conservative radio host Bob Grant, whose combative style became the template for broadcasters such as Sean Hannity and Rush Limbaugh, died at age 84. Grant's death on December 31st in Hillsborough, N.J., after a short illness was confirmed on January 2nd by New York radio station WABC

Thinley Dorji -

Shocking news, just came to know Thinley Dorji, Senior Engineer with Bhutan Broadcasting Service is no longer with us....may his soul rest in peace.

(Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Jan 26, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

Jim Lange – February 24, 2014

The first host of the popular game show "The Dating Game," has died at his home in Mill Valley, Calif. He was 81. Lange also worked as a disc jockey for decades in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area, and upon his retirement from broadcasting in 2005, he was the morning DJ for KABL-FM, which specializes in playing classics from the Big Band era to the 1970s. "As much as he's known for his television work, his real love was radio," his wife said. "He loved doing local radio, especially before it was computerized."

Lange himself once told the Bay Area Radio Digest that he loved the medium because "you don't have to worry about lighting directors and cameramen or script writers and all that." "Good radio is still the most fun," he said, "It always will be. Plus, you don't have to wear makeup and you don't have to shave."

Craig "Porky" Chedwick – March 2, 2014

Known to generations in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States, as "The Daddio of the Raddio," "The Platter Pushin' Papa," "The Bossman," "Pork the Tork", and a host of other colorful nicknames, is a veteran radio presenter. Chedwick was the first white DJ to present a racially diverse audience in a major eastern American city a steady diet of what were, in the summer of 1948, called "race records." The trail he blazed—some 3 years before the more famous Pennsylvania native, Alan Freed, called the music "rock and roll"—was a dual one. Chedwick's original playlist was composed of old R&B and gospel records that he had collected over the years, making him the world's first bona fide oldies DJ. He called the records his "dusty discs," since he would literally have to blow the dust off the 78s.