

KULPSVILLE WINTER SWL FESTIVAL 2015 – IN MEMORIAM

DXERS/SWLs, hobbyists, etc.

Bob Montgomery – March 6, 2014

Bob was a former editor of the DX Downstairs column for the Lowdown journal; a regular visitor to the SWL Winterfest

William (Bill) J. Bergadano – April 3, 2014

55, Freehold, New Jersey, passed away at CentraState Medical Center, Freehold. Born and raised in Staten Island he lived there until moving to Freehold in 1988. Bill was a self-employed radio broadcaster and ham radio operator. He was an avid Jets, Rangers and Phillies fan and loved his pets, Scooter and Sunshine. Bill helped out for many years at the Winterfest securing materials from the various international broadcasters.

Peter Herberer – May 10, 2014

Of Lafayette Hills, Pa. Pete was a fixture for many years at Winterfest and a member of the Scanner Scum.

Ben Hester – July 11, 2014

Benny Lee Hester was born March 8, 1936 and passed away peacefully at 78 years of age. Ben was born in and lived his entire life in Winston-Salem with the exception of four years during which he traveled the world while serving his country in United States Navy. Ben retired as a manager in Research and Development with RJ Reynolds. During his employment with Reynolds he made many accomplishments in the electronics field and had several patents registered in his name. Ben had a very eclectic myriad of interests including Ham radio, breeding and raising tropical fish, rebuilding British cars, sports car racing, designing and building all types of electronic and computer machinery to photography and travel. Ben was a fixture at past Winterfests for many, many years.

Vernon Ikeda, VE2MBS – July 14, 2014

Of Montreal Quebec, passed away at Lakeshore General Hospital at 54 years of age. He was a ham operator, long-time executive member of the Montreal Amateur Radio Club. Former editor of the Ham Band column in the CIDX Messenger and webmaster of the CIDX webpage.

Julian Anderson, August 6, 2014 (via John Fisher)

An avid shortwave listener in Buenos Aires, Argentina, his name was known to people who were interested in shortwave radio and who were always looking for information and advice, particularly in the days prior to the internet. From January 1988 to August 1992, Anderson published 51 volumes of a news bulletin on Latin American radio, Pampas DXing. With another radio fan, late Gabriel Ivan Barrera from Chile, he also published a number of editions of Latin American Radio World – Home Service Stations, and The Art of Latin American QSLing.

Mark Nicholls, August 2014 (via Risto Vahakainu)

Mark was a real worker for the New Zealand DX club and magazine. I had the pleasure to meet him and to stay a few days at his place in 1998 in Christchurch where he lived at the time. We then went to the Camp Iona DX Convention together. Great trip!

Mary Lau, N1VH – October 15, 2014 (via Skip Arey)

Former ARRL Headquarters staff member Mary E. Lau, N1VH (ex-N7IAL), of Newington, Connecticut, died October 15. She was 61 and had been suffering from ALS.

Lau worked in several League Headquarters departments from 1985 until her retirement in 2005, including Field and Educational Services (F&ES), where she was projects supervisor and secretary of the ARRL Foundation, then a part of the FES Department, assisting young Amateur Radio operators to secure college scholarships and administering the prestigious Goldfarb Memorial Scholarship.

Shel Dunham – October 21, 2014

Shel was a past visitor on many occasions to the Winterfest. He was a licensed ham W4OEL and a shortwave listener since 1948. He passed away in a hospice in Richmond, Virginia.

Dave Williams – October 29, 2014 (via Patrick Martin)

DXer Dave Williams has passed away. He was 80. He was a long time active member of the IRCA, and I believe at one time was in the NRC. Dave went to many conventions through the years. As far as his receivers and QSLs go, his nephew said that Dave wanted me to have those, so it looks like I can preserve them. Dave and I were close friends for 43 years.

Jeff Kadet – via Mike Bugaj

"This is really sad news but one of the top TV DXers of all time, Jeff Kadet, K1MOD has passed away in Peoria, IL. This is a loss to the amateur radio world and the TV DXing hobby & WTFDA. He was in his mid 60s. The hobby has lost a great DXer and the hobby will never be the same."

Flavius Jankauskas – November 6, 2014 (Via Saul Broudy)

Flavius Jankauskas of Chalfont passed away peacefully Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014, at his residence with his companion, Elfriede, at his side. He was 88.

Flav was a shortwave listener and ham radio operator. During the years 1942 to 1943, in the midst of World War II, Flavius became a member of an organization called the Short Wave Amateur Monitors Club (SWAM), their noble mission to relay messages from many American POWs to their loved ones back home in the USA. Later on, his personal story was written about in a book titled 'World War II Radio Heroes - Letters of Compassion' authored by Lisa Spahr.

Claes-Wilhelm Englund, Danderyd (Stockholm) Sweden – November 2014 (via Risto)

Claes was a good friend of mine. He was a very important person in Scandinavian and European DX life. He was president and board member in the Swedish DX Association and later in the board of the DX Support Club in Sweden. He was the first secretary general of the European DX Council 1967-1969. He kept on writing articles to Scandinavian DX magazines for decades. Our magazine Radiomaailma received his last contribution only a couple of weeks before his passing. Cause of death was the extremely rare Creutzfeld-Jacobi (mad cow) disease. Claes was born in 1938 and died at the age of 76. He started with the hobby in early 1950's. In early 60's he campaigned strongly for Radio Nord, a sea pirate near Stockholm (also audible in Finland), but Radio Nord was closed in 1962, already before the era of the UK sea pirates.

Reverend Dr. Frank Glen – February 5, 2015 (via Risto)

Patron and life member of the New Zealand DX League, Frank Glen passed away at age 82. During his 6 years as league patron he organized the Christchurch DXers group.

BROADCASTERS/PERSONALITIES/ETC.

Lee Marshall – April 26, 2014

64, American radio personality, professional wrestling announcer and voice actor (Tony The Tiger), esophageal cancer.

Ben Hoberman – May 3, 2014

92, American radio executive (KABC, ABC Radio), pioneered talk radio format in the United States, complications from lung cancer.

Dave Diamond – May 5, 2014

77, American radio disc jockey and rock music journalist, pneumonia.

Dave Herman – May 28, 2014

78, American radio personality (WNEW), aneurysm. He died while awaiting trial on federal pedophile charges at the Essex County Jail in Newark. For a quarter century from 1972 to 1998, Herman was one of the defining personalities on New York rock radio on WNEW-FM.

Casey Kasem – June 15, 2014

82, American radio jockey (American Top 40) and voice actor (Scooby-Doo, Super Friends), Lewy body dementia

Mike Smith - August 1, 2014

59, British television and radio presenter (BBC Radio 1), complications from heart surgery

Don Pardo – August 18, 2014

96, American radio and television announcer (Saturday Night Live, Jeopardy!)

Kevin Metheny – October 2, 2014

60, American radio executive (WNBC (AM), WGN (AM)), suspected heart attack, perhaps best known as the program director dubbed by Howard Stern as Pig Vomit (Pig Virus).

Boston radio legend Dale Dorman dies at 71 – October 21, 2014

Dale Dorman, a Boston radio legend who began his career playing top 40s hits in the 1960s and 1970s, and then played the same songs as oldies to the rock 'n roll generation, died Tuesday, his family said. Dorman, 71, of Tewksbury, died at home after a long illness. A private service for family and friends was held Friday, Oct. 24. Dorman came to Boston in 1968, working at WRKO for 10 years. He worked at KISS 108 for over 20 years and finished his career at WODS.

Tom Magliozzi – November 3, 2014

77 years old. American automotive expert and radio personality (Car Talk), complications from Alzheimer's disease.

Joe Franklin – January 24, 2015

an institution of New York City broadcasting, the "king of nostalgia" was 88. He died on in a hospice in Manhattan. The cause was prostate cancer. He held positions with WNEW and WMCA in NYC. He hosted shows like "Vaudeville Isn't Dead", "Main Street Memories" and "Antique Record Shop". He moved to television in 1951. His last show, on Aug. 6, 1993, was the 21,425th of his career.

Gary Owens – February 12, 2015

Legendary Los Angeles area DJ and voice-over specialist, and known for his role as the announcer on Rowan & Martin's Laugh-in passed away at 80 years of age.