

WINTER SWL FESTIVAL 2018 – IN MEMORIAM
DXERS/SWLs, hobbyists, and broadcast professionals.

Hank Bennett – October 18, 2016

Hank Bennett passed away in Harvey, Louisiana. He was 92. For many, he was our introduction to SWLing, through his Popular Electronics and Newark News Radio Club columns. And who could forget the WPE callsign program he managed for many years. There was a time when he was one of the biggest names in the hobby. He was also one of the authors of The Complete Shortwave Listeners Handbook.

Steve Lare – January 30, 2017

Steve, age 63, died at his home in Holland, Michigan, of natural causes. After high school he joined the US Navy and sailed on the U.S.S. Richard L. Page and was later assigned to NAVCOMMSTA at Diego Garcia, Indian Ocean. Steve was very active in the Amateur Radio community and built his first ham radio at the age of 8. Steve was a licensed amateur radio operator: W6SWL, formerly N8KDV. He was a member of NASWA (North American Shortwave Association) for over 35 years and had earned numerous awards. His is best known for earning his Master DX Centurion award (220 country endorsement). He was also a founding member of the Michigan Area Radio Enthusiasts back in 1983 and wrote their QSL verification column for many years.

Arthur Ward – July 2017

Many of you may recall Arthur's essential role in the World DX Club as printer, then club secretary and editor of 'Contact' from July 1974 until the World DX Club closed in 2012.

Paul Swearingen – September 22, 2017

Director and past chairman of the NRC Board of Directors, Paul published the NRC's *DX News*, magazine for over 22 years, from 1988 to 2010, and has been an active DX'er since the middle '50's, Paul was a secondary school teacher for years and was involved in radio during his college years and into the early '70's, doing everything for several stations in eastern Kansas.

His involvement with the NRC started in 1975, and in the late '70's he volunteered to edit "International DX Achievements" and the yearly *DX News* index. He took over Musings of the Members from the legendary Ernie Cooper in 1982 while living in California and eventually became editor and publisher of *DX News*. Other radio-related hobbies for Paul included collecting radio station mugs (at NRC conventions, which he's attended regularly since the '80's; he's known as "Mr. Coffee"), radio refrigerator magnets, selected air checks, and multi-band portables. Paul, 72, passed away in Topeka, Kansas after a courageous battle with cancer.

Marlin Field – September 28, 2017

Marlin Alva Field, 92, of Hillsdale, Michigan, was a short-wave radio enthusiast. At various times, the North American Shortwave Association recognized Marlin as the top "DXer" in the United States, having heard and verified broadcasts from the most countries (over 200). He was interested in religious stations and was into QSLing. He had been a member of NASWA for over 50 years.

Mike Stonebridge – January 21, 2018 – via Nick Hall-Patch

Mike Stonebridge, a long time IRCA member, passed away in hospital in Peace River, Alberta. He had DXed for many years from Peace River until age and illness caught up with him. He was a regular contributor to the NRC AM Station Log. Those who attended past IRCA conventions in the west will likely remember him.

Stewart MacKenzie – February 10, 2018 – via Glenn Hauser's DXLD

Stewart's wife Evelyn announced that he passed away sometime last night. He had been in the hospital and just when he was about to be discharged for home, he experienced complications and was retained for a while, then sent home with hospice care. His absence leaves a large hole in the shortwave radio universe.

BROADCASTERS/PERSONALITIES/ETC.

Bob Robertson – March 19, 2017

Bob Robertson, who with wife Linda Cullen formed the comedy team behind the CBC radio hit series Double Exposure, died at age of 71 in British Columbia.

Brian Matthew – April 8, 2017

Longstanding BBC Radio 2 presenter Brian Matthew passed away at the age of 88. In the 1950s, he was on British Forces Broadcasting Service, also on Radio Netherlands Worldwide. Matthew, who was once dubbed Britain's oldest DJ, stepped down from the popular programme Sounds Of The 60s after 27 years in February because of ill health. Matthew started broadcasting in 1948 in Germany and trained as an actor before joining the BBC in 1954.

Neil Chayet – August 11, 2017

Longtime WBZ personality Neil Chayet died at 78 years old. Chayet was the voice behind the popular Looking at the Law segment. Heard on WBZ NewsRadio 1030, the segment featured Chayet's signature words "This is Neil Chayet – Looking at the Law!" After 42 years on air, Chayet retired in June. He recorded more than 10,000 episodes of Looking at the Law during his career.

Jay Thomas – August 24, 2017

Actor, comedian and radio talk show host, most recently on Sirius/XM, passed away from cancer.

Randi Steele (aka Randall Ripley) – September 9, 2017

Randi Steele, 62, of Woodstock, New York and founder of WIOF-FM, Radio Woodstock, also of WBCQ-The Planet, passed away. She was a legend in the community radio world and a good friend to all. She is survived by her devoted partner, Felicia.

Rick Shaw – September 22, 2017

For 51 years Rick Shaw's resonant and melodious voice echoed through the airwaves — from St. Louis to Omaha to Denver and finally to Miami, where he spent most of his career spinning vinyl and playing oldies, goldies and rock 'n roll. In 1964, while he worked for WQAM, Shaw was the first radio disc jockey in South Florida to play the Beatles. He met them later that year in Jacksonville.

Bill Wilkerson – November 2, 2017

Bill Wilkerson, whose animated baritone voice highlighted St. Louis radio for more than 35 years, died after collapsing at his home in Florissant. He was 72. Wilkerson first gained popularity when he joined KMOX-AM 1120 in 1969. He would go on to become a morning-drive host. He became a household name, at least in sporting homes, when the station made him the play-by-play announcer for St. Louis Cardinals football. He covered the team from 1973 until the team left for Phoenix after the 1987 season.

Jan Wood – November 20, 2017

Jan Wood, age 78, passed away at MS Care Center. Jan, a 7-year member of the United States Air Force and Army, was part of the U.S. Voice of America Broadcasting Unit spending 37 years working for the government from the home base of Germany. Jan was called the "Voice of America" in Europe and soldiers loved to listen to his voice every morning when he spoke the news.

Lou Adler – December 22, 2017

New York City radio legend Lou Adler died in Connecticut. He was 88. He started as a news anchor for WCBS-AM in 1967 when they turned all news in August of that year. For years he was half of a celebrated morning team at WCBS Newsradio 880. Combining Adler's commanding style and the late Jim Donnelly's folksy charm, they set the standard for all news stations around the country from the 1970s and early 80s. Adler helped shape the news radio format and became head of news operations at the station in 1971. Shortly after that, he served as news director from 1973 until 1981.

Dick Orkin – December 24, 2017

Dick Orkin, an award-winning radio advertising creator for close to a half-century, was perhaps best known for his syndicated "Chickenman" spoof, which aired initially on Chicago's WCFL-AM and later on WLUP-FM. The serial of 2½-minute-long episodes chronicled the adventures of "the most fantastic crime fighter the world has ever known," an intrepid if incompetent crime fighter out to save the denizens of the fictitious Midland City. Born in Williamsport, Pa., Orkin started his radio career as a fill-in on-air personality at WKOK-AM in Sunbury, Pa. Orkin worked for a time as a news director at WLAN radio in Lancaster, where he also worked as a farm

reporter. Orkin later joined KYW Philadelphia, working in its public affairs department. In 1965, he was hired Orkin as the station's production director.

Peter Nijdens, aka Peter Brian & Peter van Dam – January 6, 2018

Peter worked for Radio 199, Radio Caroline, Radio Atlantis, Radio Mi Amigo and numerous other stations between 1972 and 2017 died at the age of 65. He was the number one deejay from Belgium for many decades.

Joe Frank – January 15, 2018

His radio monologues on SANTA MONICA COLLEGE Triple A-News-Talk KCRW ranged from humorous to surreal and served as an influence for many broadcast storytellers. Joe died at the age of 79. He began his radio career in 1977 at PACIFICA non-commercial Variety WBAI/NEW YORK, trying out the monologues that would become his trademark on the show "IN THE DARK." He then joined NPR in 1978, writing and performing on "NPR PLAYHOUSE" and anchoring "WEEKEND ALL THINGS CONSIDERED." In 1986, he moved to KCRW, where his "JOE FRANK: WORK IN PROGRESS" and subsequent shows ran through 2002.

Tom Taylor – January 2018

European Music Radio's founder and short wave legend Tom Taylor, also known as Barry Stephens. For many dedicated SW free radio enthusiasts, E.M.R. was the station in the late 1970s and 1980. He indeed was a short wave legend. To many learning the art of Pirate Radio Broadcasting in the South East of England in the 1970's, Tom was "The Governor" .EMR was a class station, probably the best Short Wave Pirate in the late 70's. Barry and his colleague Roger Tate were legends. Tom was also a really nice guy who helped us so much. He fixed our transmitters and taught us how important good modulation was.

Dick Saunders – January 2018

Dick was the host of the popular Gospel radio show 'Way to Life' on Trans World Radio which ran for over 50 years. He was one of TWR Monte Carlo's evangelists...broadcasting to Europe on mw during the 1980s and on shortwave until 2004.

Arthur Black – February 21, 2018

The humorist and former CBC Radio host died at age 74 after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. *Basic Black* was a Saturday morning staple on CBC Radio for 19 years, ending in 2002 when he retired. It was one of the network's most popular variety shows, heard by 600,000 listeners every week.