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by TRHOF President Doug Combs



The Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame is committed to working to preserve the history and celebrate the service of radio. Our archive is building, our membership continues to grow and now is the time for anyone who wants to be involved to reach out. Reach out and ask questions!



Your board of directors is beginning the task of collecting more stories of Tennessee Radio. All across the Volunteer State on a market-by-market basis, teams will assemble lists of individuals whose careers bring to life the work of our industry. We want to get video interviews with everyone who has a Tennessee radio story to tell. These video sessions will provide the Hall with a wealth of information. The stories can lead us to future inductees, provide entertainment for future historic exhibits and bring forth the "back story" of radio.

Our project will begin with the inductees of the past five years from the career category. Too many stories have already been lost with the passing of some of these people. As we collect stories, we will add to our collective history. For the members of our legacy classes, we will seek out their contemporaries.

This task will be on-going, and we will need your help to make this work. We have all worked with folks who made an impression on our work and our lives. Let us know who would be good candidates for interviews.

During our board meeting this past weekend, several members stepped forward to serve as market coordinators, including:

- George DeVault — Tri-Cities
- Garry Mac — Chattanooga
- Steve Bowers — Jackson
- Brian Craig — Memphis
- Bart Walker — Murfreesboro

We still need more members to step forward and help with this long-term project, especially in the Knoxville and Nashville areas. Together we can build a new chapter of celebrating our industry and preserving our history.

Doug



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Nominations for the Class of 2017 Close August 31



Whose radio career have you always admired? Shouldn't that person be in the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame? It's time to nominate potential candidates for the Hall's sixth group of inductees, the Class of 2017.

The nominating period began at 12:01 a.m. July 1 and will conclude at midnight, August 31, 2016. Here is other need-to-know information:

- Any active full member is eligible to nominate candidates for induction in either the Career or Legacy category.
- Candidates must have worked in Tennessee radio broadcasting or a related field for at least two years and a total career (in Tennessee or elsewhere) for at least 10 years, and have made substantial contributions to the radio industry and the communities their station(s) or networks served.
- Career candidates are living at the time of nomination.
- Legacy candidates are deceased at the time of nomination.

To place a broadcaster into nomination in either the Career or Legacy category, first be sure your membership is active by paying your dues for



Above: Who will win the next medallions and gold records? It could be a radio personality you nominate.

the new 2016-17 membership year. Only members in good standing can nominate others. Membership can be renewed online at: <http://tennesseeradiohalloffame.wildapricot.org/Join>

Then, download the official nomination form from our website at www.tennradiohalloffame.org. Please note: only nominations using this form will be accepted. In addition, forms not fully filled out or forms which are not accompanied by all required information will be returned.

Each nomination must be submitted by two active full members of the organization. This helps to ensure that the Hall is able to get full assistance on contact information, biographical information, photos, etc., needed for both the election process and the induction process for successful candidates. Forms which do not include the names and contact information for both nominators (and for a family or friend contact in the Legacy category) will be returned.

Remember: the Hall does not carry nominations over from year to year. For anyone nominated in the past who was not inducted, a new nomination must be submitted.

If more than 15 nominations are accepted in the Career category, active full members will vote to narrow the ballot of nominees to 15 in an online preliminary election to be held in the month of October. The Board of Directors will then select six inductees from the 15.

The Board of Directors, along with the Advisory Council, will select six Legacy inductees from all of the nominations accepted.

We look forward to inducting another great class of Tennessee Radio Stars at our sixth induction banquet on May 6, 2017.

Way Back When...



Landecker's Team To Experience MLB



*by Chip Chapman
Board of Directors*

Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame Inductee Keith Landecker, Operations Manager at Chattanooga's WJTT - Power 94, is also the longtime volunteer coach for the Tennessee Express Baseball Team. Keith and his fellow coach, Al Frias, have funded the Tennessee Express out of their own pockets for almost 15 years. Equipment, uniforms, travel expenses — everything.

Anyway, for the first time ever, the Tennessee Express won the Southeast Regional RBI Tournament. RBI stands for "Reviving Baseball in the Inner City".

This means the Tennessee Express is going to the RBI World Series in Cincinnati! They are playing teams from the Dominican Republic, a couple of other foreign countries, and a number of domestic teams as well.

All of the players in the RBI World Series Tournament get to attend a Cincinnati Reds game free of charge, and the Tennessee Express gets to play at least one game at the field where the Reds play -- and this wonderful story gets even better.

This is the biggest thing Major League Baseball does for youth all year, and Chattanooga gets to be represented. The final championship game will be televised on the MLB Network.



Above: Landecker with a young player.

You know it's gotta be expensive taking a baseball team and their coaches on the road -- but Major League Baseball is picking up the entire tab for this: food, lodging, everything.



Above: Landecker at the 2016 Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame banquet with his award.

Each RBI team has "adopted" a big league team for their colors in the RBI World Series. The Tennessee Express chose the Chattanooga Lookouts, and Keith was trying to scrape enough money together to get t-shirts for his guys. The Lookouts got wind of this, contacted Keith, and told him they wanted to completely outfit all the players and all the coaches with new uniforms, from top to bottom!

The Tennessee Express has helped a number of kids get college scholarships, and with the challenges facing young people today, I can only imagine how many kids Keith and the Tennessee Express team have kept out of juvenile, out of gangs and out of jail.

I am so proud to call Keith Landecker a friend and a broadcast colleague. He is a tremendous asset to our community.

Scott Shannon: Headed Back to Tennessee



Scott Shannon

Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame inductee Scott Shannon, who served as the emcee at the Hall's 2016 banquet in May, is making another trip back to Tennessee. This time, it will be to host the Marconi Radio Awards Dinner and Show. The event is part of the 2016 Radio Show, produced by the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) and the Radio Advertising Bureau (RAB), which is coming to Nashville for the first time this year.

Shannon's career spans more than four decades. He is credited with developing the "Morning Zoo" format. Prior to joining WCBS-FM in New York, Shannon spent 22 years across the street at WPLJ/New York. He also helped launch Z100/New York and he's the creator of "True Oldies," which is distributed by United Stations. In 2003, Shannon was inducted into the NAB Broadcasting Hall of Fame and in 2010 received an NAB Marconi Radio Award. In 2006, Shannon was inducted into the National Radio Hall of Fame. He was in the inaugural class of the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame's Career Inductees in 2012.

"Scott Shannon is an icon in Radio and one of the best dressed radio personalities," said John David, NAB EVP of Radio. "His unique style and engaging personality add prestige to this year's Marconi Radio Awards."

Established in 1989 and named after inventor and Nobel Prize winner Guglielmo Marconi, the NAB Marconi Radio Awards are presented annually to radio stations and outstanding air personalities that recognize excellence

in radio. The Marconi Radio Awards Dinner & Show will take place on Thursday, September 22, at the Omni Nashville Hotel.

WHUB Honored with State Historic Plaque

There's a new historic marker on the square in Cookeville. It marks the site of the original studios of one of the earliest radio stations in Middle Tennessee.

Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame Inductee Luke Medley founded WHUB in 1940, with studios were on the second floor of a hardware store. At the time, it was considered a risky business venture. Cookeville, situated about halfway between Nashville and Knoxville, was in a primarily rural area at the time (except for Tennessee Polytechnic Institute — now known as Tennessee Technological University), and many wondered whether Medley would make a success with this still relatively new technology. He did, and as his radio station brought music, news and sports to the area, it also contributed to the economic growth of Cookeville and the Upper Cumberland.

Medley went on to serve as president of the Cookeville Chamber of Commerce, as well as two terms as mayor. He also served 16 years as county judge (now called county mayor). In 2013, he was inducted into the second Legacy Class of the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame.



Above: The new historic plaque commemorating the location of WHUB's first studios.

**The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand,
and the determinations that whether we win or lose,
we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.**

Vince Lombardi

Around & About



Bobby Melton

Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame member Bobby Melton of Camden (in the yellow shirt) shared a light-hearted moment with Gov. Haslam recently following a grant announcement. He asked Haslam about his relationship with his brother, Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam, when NFL game time comes around in the fall. Melton said the governor replied, "Jim is welcome to stay with me, but (First Lady) Crissy and I are Titan fans!"



Keith Bilbrey

You never know who you might run into in Nashville. Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame Inductee Keith Bilbrey was at John A's on Music Valley Drive recently when he encountered the one and only Paul Shaffer, band leader extraordinaire and former music director for *The Late Show with David Letterman*. The two posed for the photo at left.



Jack Williams, owner of WHIN in Gallatin, is hospitalized. Anyone who would like to send cards can address them to Jack at this address:

WHIN Radio
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Keeping Up With the Hall

Our newsletter is published the first of every month.
Back issues may be viewed on our official website:

www.tennradiohalloffame.org

Let Treasurer Cindy Arnold know of any change
in your email address so you don't miss an issue!

Collecting Our History

The Hall has a committee to collect and purchase
Tennessee radio memorabilia, including old microphones,
on-air signage, transmitter parts, promotional items and
anything else related to radio stations in our state.

If you have items to donate (or purchase on Ebay,
Craigslist, etc.) please contact Nick Archer via a
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