One small Tennessee town is becoming well-known, thanks to a weekly radio show. What makes this town special? We all know that radio has the ability to inform, entertain and motivate. The special part is that this town does not even have a radio station.

Melissa and I were invited to dinner by a couple of friends from Smith County recently. Our dining destination was a general store in nearby Jackson County.

Dining at a general store can involve a bologna sandwich, Moon Pie and a Coke. But this store is different! Enter E.B. Sutton General Store, the center of activity in Granville, Tennessee, where Saturday night dinner is a nice, sit-down occasion.

Thanks to the work of numerous volunteers, the town of Granville is a visit into yesterday and a welcome break from everyday activity.

On our visit, we toured the shops, spent time in the museum and then went on to the general store for dinner and music.

*The Sutton Ole Time Music Hour* is produced from the live music sessions that take place at the store each Saturday night. As bluegrass music fills the general store and the announcer delivers live commercials, the program leaves its humble surroundings and travels around the world. The show is now aired on about 50 stations and internet services around the nation and the world! Each week, the work of the volunteers sends out the message to visit Granville.

The work of volunteers can and does carry great weight. For instance, the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame lives or dies based on the willingness of volunteers to keep it functioning and move it forward. Many members have taken that step forward over the past few years, by volunteering to assist with the work of the Hall.

*At our next meeting, we will be electing new board members so our progress can continue. If you’re interested in serving, be there! Three seats are open. This is a general membership meeting. It takes place Saturday, July 8, at Noon Central Time at the Sportsman’s Lodge, 1640 Westgate Circle, in the Cool Springs area of Brentwood.*

Don’t stand on the sidelines! Be part of the movement. Run for a seat on the board. Call a former co-worker and ask them to join. Nominate someone for consideration in next year’s class of inductees. Coordinate a meet and greet event in your town. Write an article for *E-Waves.* The avenues to contribute are many, but they all start with that first step.

*Doug*

*Editors note: To find out more about Sutton’s Ole Time Music Hour, visit: [www.granvilletn.com](http://www.granvilletn.com).*

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As I sit & reflect on our recent Banquet & Induction ceremonies, several thoughts keep popping up. First, what a great group of inductees! From the lovely and elegant Lin Folk and her standing ovation, to Jim "Iron Man" Reynolds & our other career folks - congratulations to all.

In our legacy category, from the big-hearted John "Bad Dog" McCormack to the legendary journalist Don Spain and all the rest, it seems like our inductees in both categories could teach us all a lesson in their dedication to & a real passion for their craft.

In producing such an event through the years, it struck me that we've done a lot of things right, and a few things I personally could improve on - like thanking each and every one of you for being a member of our organization. Thank you for taking my often frantic phone calls, responding to crazy texts, and answering the erratic emails.

Telling these stories each year is akin to keeping a dozen plates spinning in the air at once, and sometimes - to quote Ringo Starr — *It Don't Come Easy*. But you know, I saw enough smiles, and enough tears, on the faces of the inductees and their families to justify the time & effort.

The heartfelt delivery of our Master of Ceremonies, John Young. The late nights & early mornings with our editor, Austin Chadwick. The thrill of seeing "one of us" being applauded by their peers. The handshakes, the hugs, the camaraderie. We're blessed to be able to share this. Not many other professions lend themselves to gatherings like ours, and I, for one, wouldn't trade those "too short moments" during banquet weekend for anything.

Thank you to the board and to the general membership. As usual, your feedback and suggestions for next year are always welcome. Together, we can be the best Radio Hall of Fame in the country.

Thank you for allowing me the honor of producing this event, and I will never misplace that trust. Ours is a story that needs to be told. Ours is a history that needs to be preserved. Ours is a tradition of hard work and a never-ending quest to be the best broadcasters we can be.

And, I encourage all of you to be thinking about who you'd like to see inducted next year! Start doing your research, gathering information and making your decisions. Nominations will be open up soon, so don't wait!

To close with another Ringo Starr quote from the same song: "Open up your heart and come together...use a little love, and we'll make it work out better..."
Nashville Broadcasters Gather for Fellowship

A group of Nashville radio legends gathered for lunch in late June, and it has been reported that a good time was had by all who were able to attend. Judge for yourself!

Left: Jim Hicks (aka Ronnie Lake) with Ferrand Lee Cumpton (aka Lee Stephens).

Right: Ann Marie Deer Owens and David Tower. Seated just behind them is Brian Mason.

Right: Don Sullivan George Plaster, Pat Reilly and Phil Valentine.

Below: David Tower, George Plaster and Skip Woolwine.

Left: Lin Dickerson and Paul Randall Dickerson.

Below: Buddy Sadler and Paul Ladd.
In Memoriam...

Dave Donahue:

Born Lowell Nunnally in Gulfport, Mississippi, Donahue served in the Air Force before beginning his radio career around the time the rock era began. But his true love was country music, which led him to Nashville and WSM. During his time there, he also worked as a stage announcer at the world famous Grand Ole Opry. After years as a successful air personality, Donahue branched out and became a successful program director, winning numerous recognitions for his professionalism and contributions to the broadcast industry. In 2000, he was inducted into the Country Music Radio Hall of Fame. His 60-year radio career was chronicled in his book, *DJ Diaries: Radio's Remarkable Listeners*. His life outside of radio included additional accomplishments as well, as he became a dive master, sea boat captain, pilot and photographer. He died May 27th at his home in Oregon. He was 76.

Larry Doxey:

Larry Doxey, a member of the Thunderbolt Radio staff, passed away Sunday, July 2, in Union City. He had been in radio for 50 years. Doxey began his radio career back in 1967 on 1410 WCMT AM, and later worked on WENK, KYTN and WCDZ. He was excellent at what he did, working his way up from disc jockey to general manager. He was a lifetime member of the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters, and had served as vice-chairman of the group's board. He was also a veteran, serving his country in Vietnam, and retired as a sergeant in United States Army. Thunderbolt President Paul Tinkle said, "We are deeply saddened that we have had a remarkably genuine, friendly radio voice silenced who hundreds of thousands of people heard during the past 50 years." Tinkle continued, "Larry was one-of-a-kind, always professional, always smiling and always ready to serve his community and country." Doxey had been ill about 10 months. He was 69.

Paul Lyle:

Summers “Paul” Lyle, a native of Kingsport, was a graduate of the University of Tennessee, where he earned a degree in Communications in 1976. While attending college, he became enamored with radio, and began his career at WIVK (then Dick Broadcasting) in Knoxville. He was the station’s first sports director, but later moved into advertising sales. He transferred to the company’s Nashville properties, WKDA/WKDF, and worked there as General Sales Manager for more than 20 years. Lyle then launched his own company, Brentwood Advertising. He ran the company and managed several rental properties until his death. A huge sports fan, he was extremely proud of his daughter, Courtney, who followed in his footsteps and is currently a sports reporter with a Knoxville television station. Paul Lyle passed away on May 15, after a hard-fought battle with cancer. He was 61.
REMINDERS

What’s Your Radio Story?
Do you have a radio story you’d like to share? It can be anything that is part of your radio history.

*We love radio stories. Please, tell us yours.*

Just email it to starmagic@comcast.net.

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 message on the TnRHOF Facebook page.

Our Facebook page now boasts more than 1,200 members, and our YouTube Page includes air checks, inductions and other audio/video memories.

Check Your Calendar

July 8, 2017
Board Meeting with General Membership
Board Member Elections
Sportsman’s Lodge
1640 Westgate Circle, Brentwood

More Events Coming Soon!
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