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by TRHOF President Gary Beaty



As we head into fall, the TRHOF election process is playing out for the 2016 class of inductees. Online voting in the Legacy category by the Board of Directors and the Advisory Council concluded September 30. Look to the announcement of the inductees on our website and Facebook page in the near future. The list of deserving nominees for this group illustrates the richness of talent that is our heritage in Tennessee radio.



Up next is the online vote this month by all members of our organization to select "the final 15" candidates in the Career category for induction next May. Members have until the end of the month to cast their votes. After that, the Board will select the final six inductees as we proceed to implement the new selection process. See page 2 of this issue for an article on that process.

Finally, we will convene in Knoxville, on Saturday, October 17th. (It's a non-game week-end for the Vols), and we will gather at the studios of one of our Legendary Stations – WIVK (4711 Old Kingston Pike). This a general membership, "meet 'n greet" event. If you possibly can, please join us! Plan for an 11:00 a.m. (Eastern) start, and we'll wrap-up by 1:00 p.m. Come join us on Rocky Top!

Keep Calm...

Gary

### It's Voting Time at the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame!

1. Make sure your membership is current.  
Only full members may vote.
2. Go to our web site:  
<http://tennesseeradiohalloffame.wildapricot.org/>
3. Read the Radio Resumes of each nominee.
4. Follow the directions to log on to the voting website.
5. Cast your ballots before October 31, 2015.



Michelle Bolden  
 Ron Brandon  
 Sandy C. Brown  
 Mickey Bunn  
 Logan Carmichael  
 Karen Gerson Duncan  
 Lynette Easley Ingram  
 Brent Fleshman  
 Philip Gibbons  
 Rob Grayson  
 Billy Harper  
 Tim Hitt  
 Lance Holley  
 Chris Jarman  
 Dan Jaynes  
 Sharon Kay  
 James Kennedy

Tom F. King  
 George Klein  
 Chris Ladd  
 Zach Ledbetter  
 John Malone  
 Preston Martinez  
 Charlie Monk  
 Melanie Montgomery  
 Dent Morriss  
 Bill "Dex" Poindexter  
 Steve Quick  
 Gaylon Reasons  
 Beth Roach  
 Todd Starnes  
 Dick Taylor  
 John Young

# It's Time to Cast Your Votes!



Voting for Career Inductees for the Class of 2016 will be held online October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. All Active Full Members will receive an email with a link to the voting site, your user name and your password. Each member will vote for six (6) nominees. The names of the top 15 vote-getters will then be presented to the Board of Directors, which will elect six Career Inductees to be inducted at our banquet in May, 2016.

If you qualify for full membership, there is still time to join the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame (or renew your membership) and participate in this election. Just go online to <http://tennesseeradiohalloffame.wildapricot.org/> and click "JOIN". Or renew by logging in with your email address and password (click "forgot password" if you forgot it). If it's easier, call Skip Woolwine at 615.373.5340.

If you have any questions about the election process, corrections, etc., please contact Dave Nichols, Historian and Election Administrator, directly by email at: [davenichols@comcast.net](mailto:davenichols@comcast.net)

The Career nominees are pictured below. You'll find a Radio Resume and a summary of information about each 2016 Career Nominee on our website at: <http://tennesseeradiohalloffame.wildapricot.org/2016-Nominees>

When you login to vote, click on any name on the ballot to see the Radio Resume and summary of information about that nominee. Thank you for your participation!

*By Dave Nichols  
TRHOF Historian/Election Coordinator*



Dr. Al Adams  
(Allen Johnson)



Tim Berry



Dave Brown



Kyle Cantrell



Mickey Dearstone



Lee Dorman



Elinor "Lin" Folk



Earl Freudenberg



Philip Gibbons



Terry Hailey



Herb Howard



Maxine Humphries



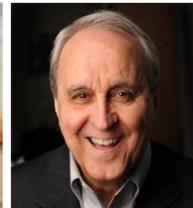
Keith Landecker



Mary Glenn  
Lassiter



Cathy Martindale



Charlie Monk



Chuck Morgan



Dick Palmer



Bill "Dex"  
Poindexter



Tom  
Prestigiaco



David Tower



Bart Walker



Coleman Walker



Paul White

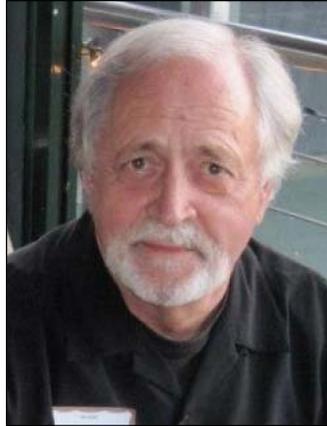
# Country Radio Hall of Fame Honors Sammy George



WUSY's Sammy George was inducted this year to the Country Music Hall of Fame. According to David Carroll's *Chattanooga Radio and TV* blog, George was at US-101 during its rise to ratings dominance — a position the station still holds.

A news release from the Hall said, "During his 38-year career in radio, Sammy handled virtually every position inside a radio station: program director, news reporter, sports play-by-play announcer, sales executive and director of sales. His final 22 years in the radio business saw him serve as GM/Market Manager for US-101, where he led the station to 73 consecutive #1 rating books, nine CMA Station of the Year awards, two ACM Station of the Year trophies, NAB/Crystal

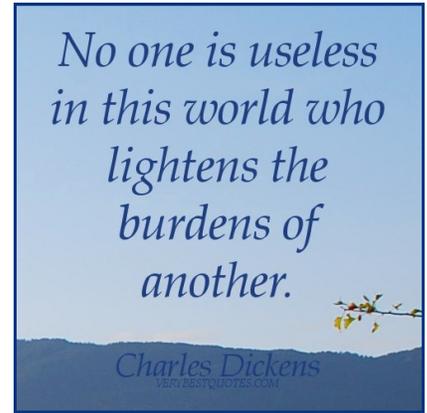
and Marconi Awards and eight consecutive *Times Free Press* Readers' Choice Awards for Best Local Radio Station."



Sammy George

Another important of George's leadership was the commitment he made to the community for public service. David Carroll said, "As a

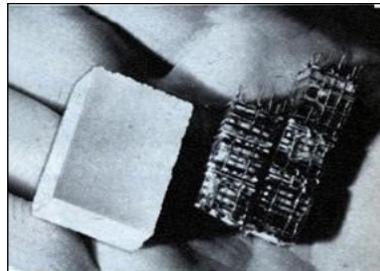
listener, it impressed me that Sammy and his staff always seemed to be positioned to react quickly to the local market's mood. They were always a step ahead of musical trends, and if there was a need anywhere in the country, US-101 was ready to respond. The did countless food, water and relief drives for those who were devastated by floods, droughts and tornadoes."



## Blast From the Past

We couldn't resist putting the two photos at right into this newsletter. They show some of the amazing technological advancements being made in broadcasting. In the late 50s and early 60s, these were probably cutting edge developments.

We hope you enjoy this brief look back in time.



RADIO smaller than sugar cube. Micro-modules compose receiver.



NUVISTOR is new electron tube which fits into thimble. Tiny tube is slated for 1960 production.



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Don't forget — (nudge, nudge)

## 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. Just email it to any of the newsletter staff listed below.

### 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](http://www.tennradiohalloffame.org)

Let Treasurer Skip Woolwine 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 TRHOF Facebook page.

Our Facebook page now boasts over 1,100 members, and our YouTube Page with over 58,000 views of air checks, inductions and other audio/video memories.

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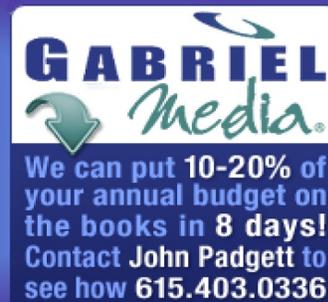


## Check Your Calendar

Saturday, October 17, 11:00 a.m. EDT

It's an open meeting for the Board, all members, and all prospective members, in Knoxville at WIVK, 4711 Old Kingston Pike.

To check the TRHOF event calendar anytime, go to the home page of our website: <http://tennradiohalloffame.org>



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## GET INVOLVED! HELP THE HALL!

### DONATE YOUR TIME:

We NEED your help and participation with the Hall of Fame. Projects and tasks, like creating a scrapbook of newspaper clippings or a timeline, are vitally important to the organization.

### DONATE GOODS OR CASH:

Because of our 501(c)3 IRS status, all donations to the Tennessee Radio Hall Of Fame are tax-deductible. On our home page, there is a button that says **DONATE**.

If you have items you want to donate (tapes, vintage equipment, vehicles, **ANYTHING**, contact **Skip Woolwine** or **Nick Archer**. Vintage broadcast gear is always welcome, regardless of age or functionality.