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by TRHOF President Gary Beaty

The next chapter of Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame history will soon be written. We have completed the online voting for both the Legacy and Career categories, and the results of the Legacy election are featured in this edition of *eWaves.*

Career nominees have now been narrowed to 15 finalists, and the board will meet November 21st to select the six inductees for 2016. The board and the advisory council will also be voting to select the Legendary Station of the Year at the same meeting.

Interestingly, our November 21st meeting will be held at the historic RCA Studio A on Nashville's Music Row. The studio was built by Chet Atkins in 1964. Needless to say, a long list of hit records which you may have played during your radio career were recorded in this studio. Artists including Dolly Parton, Keith Urban, Carrie Underwood, Eddy Arnold, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, Ronnie Milsap, Tony Bennett, the Monkees, Miranda Lambert and the Beach Boys have recorded there, as well as newcomers like Kacey Musgraves and Hunter Hayes. We're honored and excited about meeting in this historic music studio!

Keep Calm and Segue...

Gary

Hall Increases Storage

Donations to the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame have grown to the point that additional storage is needed to house items we are restoring and hoping to sell, as well as those we're keeping until we can establish a physical museum.

The Hall already had one 10x10 storage spot, and the Board voted this week to double that space. One piece the Hall would like to sell is pictured at right. It's a 1975 Seeburg "Entertainer" Model STD2 STEREO jukebox. It did work for the previous owner, but needs service now. It includes a bunch of 45s. The Hall is asking $350. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Skip Woolwine at: woolwine@comcast.net

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Legacy Inductees Announced

Harry Chapman, Warren Medley, Dave Overton, Aaron B. Robinson Sr., Charlie Scott and **Cal Young Jr.** will be inducted into the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame next May as the Class of 2016.

The six honorees were chosen in balloting by the Hall's Board of Directors and Advisory Council in September.

Harry Chapman

Warren Medley

Dave Overton

Aaron B Robinson, Sr

Charlie Scott

Cal Young, Jr.

Harry L. Chapman jocked at stations in Albuquerque and Birmingham before moving to Memphis in 1962, where he was a top DJ at WMPS and WHBQ. He also promoted numerous concerts throughout the Mid-South and was a founding member of the Memphis chapter of MENSA.

Warren Medley became the iconic voice and face of hometown broadcasting in Dickson County over his 58-year "part-time" career at WDKN while holding down his day job with the Tennessee Department of Employment Security. From hosting a Saturday morning program, his role at the station grew to include numerous special programs, local high school sports, live events and breaking news stories.

Dave Overton began his radio career in his hometown of Tuscaloosa and became the color announcer for University of Alabama football before landing at WSM in Nashville in 1949. His 31-year resume there included stints as Sports Director, Vanderbilt Football announcer, Grand Ole Opry Announcer, first host of *The Waking Crew,* PD, and GM of sister station WSM-FM. For many years, he also hosted the Miss Tennessee pageant.

Aaron B. Robinson, Sr., managed WTJS in Jackson before founding the Dixie Network in 1947. Within a decade, he built a chain of radio stations that included WCMA, Corinth, Mississippi; and in Tennessee, stations WENK, Union City; WDXI, Jackson; WTPR, Paris; WDXE, Lawrenceburg; WDXN, Clarksville and WDXL, Lexington. He was also an early member and supporter of the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters.

Charlie Scott was a fixture on the Nashville airwaves from 1953-2010, including radio stops at WKDA, WMAK, WLAC and WENO. Most of his career was spent at WSIX, where he hosted *The Tennessee Hay Ride* and announced for *The Pat Boone Show* before settling in for almost three decades as News Director.

Cal Young Jr. became known as, "the white man who brought black music to the Nashville airwaves," with WSOC in 1952. It was Nashville's first station to serve the African-American community full-time. He later launched WENO, which claimed in 1971 to be the nation's first 24-hour Country Music station. Along the way, he was also an announcer, DJ, PD and owner at stations in Georgia, Florida, Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina, Louisiana and California.

The Class of 2016 will be inducted at the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame's annual banquet in May.

By Dave Nichols
TRHOF Historian/Election Coordinator

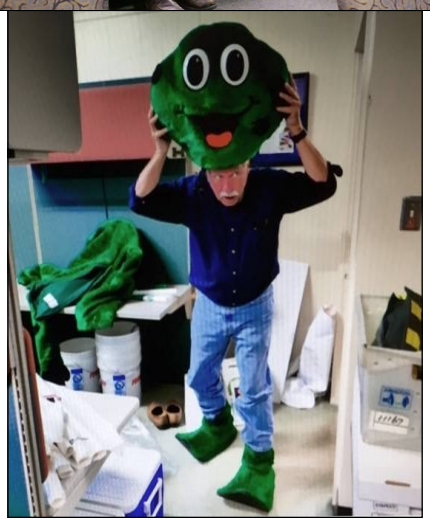
TRHOF Board Meets at Legendary WIVK Studios

Knoxville was the destination for the board in October, as they convened an open meeting at the studios of WIVK. Among those joining the board at this meeting were Career Nominee Paul White and his son, Tim.

Above: Garry Mac, Johnny Pirkle, Brian Craig.

Left: Tim White and his dad, TRHOF Career nominee Paul White.

Above: Dave Nichols and Cindy Arnold, in front of the WIVK van.



Above: Garry Mac experiments with becoming the WIVK Frog.

Right: Gary Beaty.

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Above: After a meeting, there's always lunch, so please join us when we come to your area. Pictured are Dave and Pat Nichols, Melissa McDonald, Doug Combs, Gary Beaty, Cindy Arnold and LeeAnn and Bart Walker.

Photos by Bart Walker, WGNS, Murfreesboro.

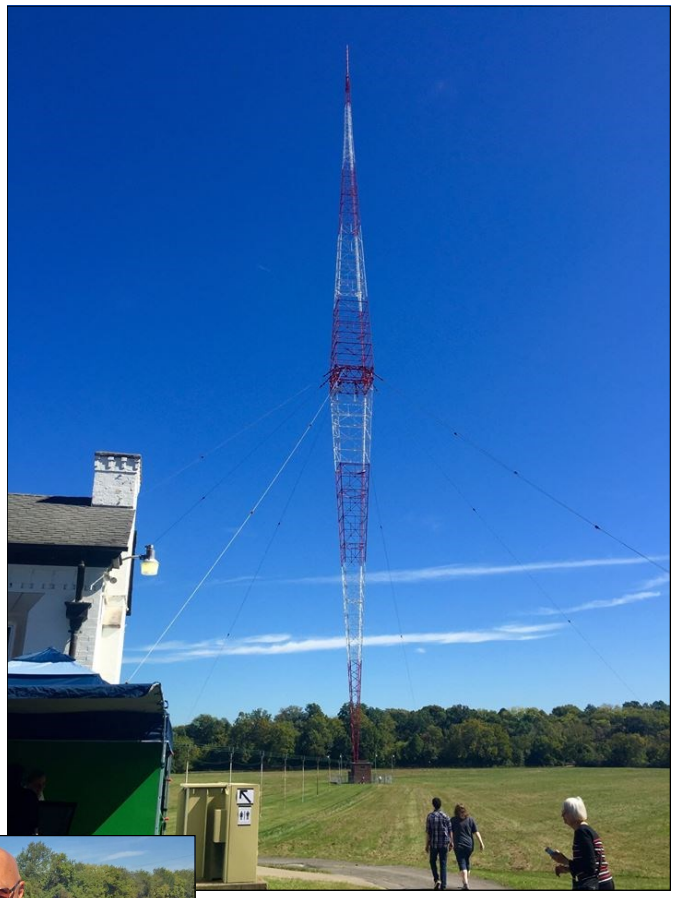
WSM Celebrates 90 Years of Broadcasting

Left: Jennifer Herron, Rich Miller, Eddie Stubbs and Jerry Minshall.

Left: Buddy Sadler, Gary Beaty, Jim Gilmore, Cathy Martindale, Melissa McDonald and Doug Combs.

Above: Keith Bilbrey, Allen Williams, Ralph Emery, Gary Beaty, Buddy Sadler.

Above: Watt Hairston, Paul Lyle, Jim Gilmore.



WSM Radio celebrated 90 years of broadcasting on October 6th with a party for staff, former staff and fans at its iconic tower site in Brentwood, Tennessee.

Right: Phil Randolph, Jim Driver.

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Tommy Jett & Ben Cagle: Memories

Submitted by Ben Cagle

Tommy Jett in 1968

Before FM Radio, MTV or satellite music, young Chattanoogans had a very limited way of keeping up to date on their favorite music...Rock & Roll. That all changed on February 20, 1961, with the introduction of a brand new 10,000 watt radio station to the Chattanooga area.

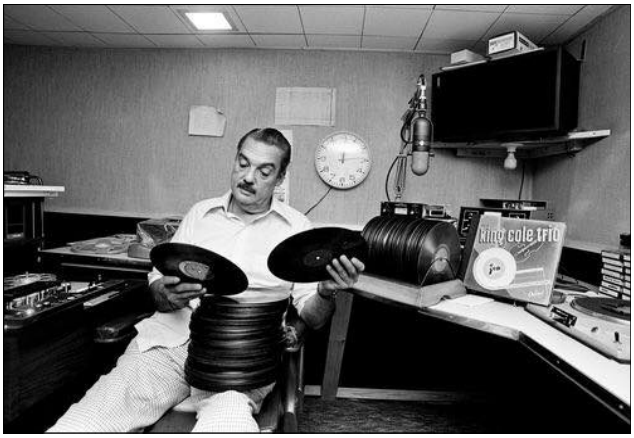
WFLI was an overnight ratings success with Chattanooga's young teens. Leading the Rock & Roll charge was a young 21-year-old named Tommy Reynolds, later known as Tommy Jett.

Tommy, a Career inductee of the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame inductee, talked recently to his friend, & fellow broadcaster Ben Cagle about his career. Ben & Tommy's friendship go back almost 50 years. This video runs a little over an hour: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bCs3bSUtVsA

Radio Memories...

Above: Tennessee Ernie Ford at WOPI in 1951.

At right: Bill "Hossman" Allen of WLAC Radio muses in his home studio Sept. 6, 1975, over one of several stacks of big band era records to be auctioned at the Symphony Guild Street Fair. The collection of 200 discs was valued at a minimum of $1,500. Photo from the Tennessean.



Congratulations!

Above: Ken Hicks recently celebrated 20 years as part of the morning show of WUSY-FM (U. S. 101) in Chattanooga.

Above: The well-known 1970s logo of 92Q in Nashville.

Don't forget — (nudge, nudge)

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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
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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Saturday, November 21, 1:00 p.m., CST
It's a meeting of the Board
and Advisory Council only.
Location: Historic RCA Studio A, Nashville

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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.