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by TnRHoF President Doug Combs



If I asked a member of the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame what the most important month of the year is for the Hall, what would they say? Many might reply that it's May, the month of our annual induction ceremony. It's certainly an important time. However, I personally believe that October is the most important month. October is the month for voting on the field of Career nominees. Our members must agree, as we have recorded a large number of persons renewing their membership in the last few weeks.



Again this October, we have an abundance of worthy candidates for your consideration. Our members have nominated persons who have excelled and continue to excel in broadcasting. Station owners, general managers, program directors, announcers, air personalities, news persons and others fill the ranks of our 26 nominees. You have the entire month of October to cast your votes. Only six selections can be accepted on your ballot. **Please make sure you give yourself ample time to review the biographies of all the candidates before you cast your votes.**

Since we're talking about elections, I want to remind members of our Advisory Council that their votes are needed on November 4th as they join the Board of Directors to vote on the Legendary Station of the Year for 2018. A location for that meeting will be announced soon. A special email will be sent to all qualifying members who should be in attendance.

In November, we will also provide information about the new addition to our annual awards program,

The Luther. Radio stations provide service to their communities on a daily basis, and this category will highlight the great work being performed across our state.

Make you vote count as the Hall continues to tell radio's story in Tennessee.

Doug



Sam Blevins	James Kennedy
Michelle Bolden	Tom F. King
Ron Brandon	George Klein
Sandy C. Brown	Chris Ladd
Robin Brown	Zach Ledbetter
Mickey Bunn	John Malone
Logan Carmichael	Preston Martinez
Zen Cymbaia	Rich Miller
Karen Duncan	Charlie Monk
Brent Fleshman	Dent Morrissey
Chad Gatlin	Bill "Dex" Poindexter
Philip Gibbons	Steve Quick
Rob Grayson	Gaylon Reasons
Billy Harper	Beth Roach
Tim Hitt	Sarah Rose
Lance Holley	Michael St. John
Lynette Easley Ingram	Todd Starnes
Chris Jarman	John Young
Sharon Kay	

Voting is Open for 2018 Career Nominees



All active full members should have received an email with a link to the voting site, as well as your user name and password. Each member must vote for six nominees. The

names of the top 15 vote-getters will be presented to the Board, which will determine the final six inductees. **Please read each nominee's bio before voting.** The voting period

closes at midnight on October 31. If any member has problems with voting, or has any questions, he/she should contact Brian Craig for help at: brianleecraig@gmail.com.



Philip Gibbons



David Tower



Don Whitehead



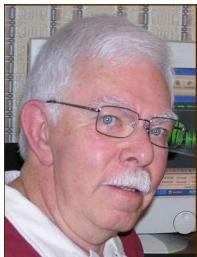
Billy Kidd



Charlie Monk



Lee Dorman



Tom Bryant



James "Super" Wolfe



Drew Huffines



Clarence Kilcrease



Dean Bush



Ron Lane



Joe Sullivan



Charles Dibrell



Kyle Cantrell



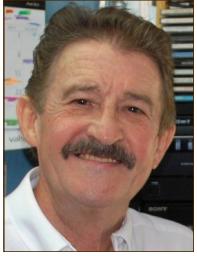
Coleman Walker



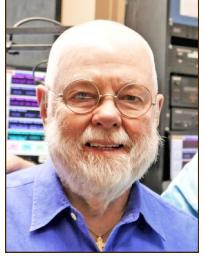
Mary Glenn Lassiter



Marty McFly



Steve Turner



Terrell Matheny



Gator Harrison



Dick Palmer



Phil Valentine



Gerry Hunt



Bob Ketchersid



Paul Tinkle



Weber Inducted by Buffalo Broadcasters

Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame Board Member Pete Weber has picked up a new honor for his work in broadcasting. On September 28, Weber was among six persons inducted to the 2017 Class of the Buffalo (NY) Broadcasters Hall of Fame. Weber spent several years in Buffalo as the voice of the Sabres NHL franchise, and also worked other sports broadcasting jobs in the city.

The award Weber received, the *Buffalo Bob Smith Award*, was originated in honor of broadcaster Bob Smith, who created



the popular children's show, *Howdy Doody*. Previous recipients include CNN's Wolf Blitzer and the late Tim Russert of NBC.

Weber said he and wife, Claudia, greatly enjoyed the event and the chance to see old friends. He also said he had worked with four of the six members of this year's class.

Congratulations, Pete!

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Melton Honored by Benton County Athletics

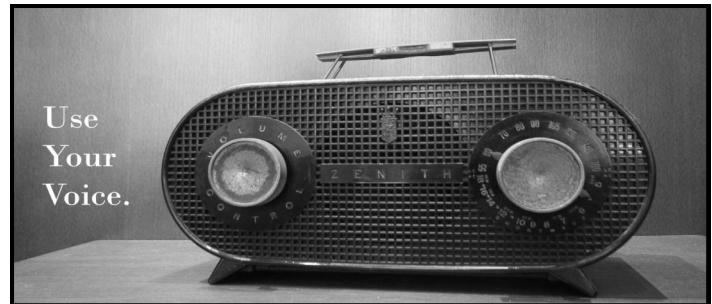
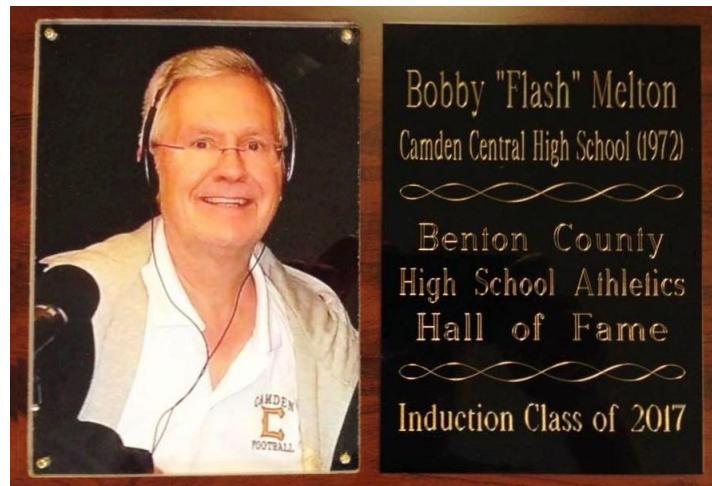


Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame Board Member Bobby "Flash" Melton has been inducted as part of the 2017 Class of the Benton County High School Athletics Hall of Fame. The Hall's purpose is to honor people who have supported and advanced athletics in the county. Melton was inducted in ceremonies that took place recently.

The voice of the Camden Lions since 1992, Melton is a popular radio personality in the area. He calls games for football, basketball, softball and baseball. He was voted the *Camden Chronicle's* Radio Personality of the Year in 2010, 2012 and 2016.

Melton provides service not only to athletics in his community, but also to other groups and organizations. He serves on committees at his church, and has worked with United Way and other organizations for the betterment of the area. He has also served on the Emergency 911 Board. A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Melton has worked as Records Clerk and Dispatcher at the Camden Police Department since 1983, in addition to his radio duties.

Congratulations, Bobby!



Join us for another
Tennessee Radio
Hall of Fame
“Meet ‘n Greet”

**Saturday, October 14th
11 am – 1 pm**

Smarder's Grill
314 US Hwy 641 N
Camden

**MEET ‘N GREET
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*Meet your radio friends
and swap a story or two!*



In Memoriam



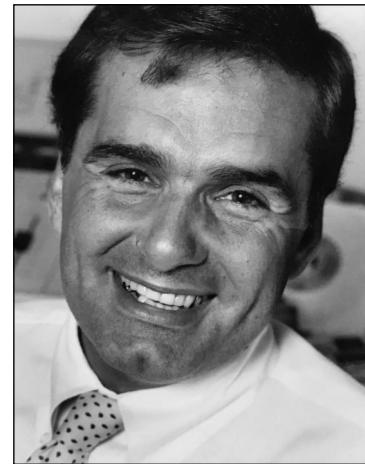
This month, we mourn the loss of two Tennessee broadcasters.

Nashville's Vic Rumore had a smile and a personality that lit up a room. He knew how to create success, and how to make people feel good about themselves. A native of Mississippi, he enjoyed radio success in both Huntsville, Alabama, and Knoxville, Tennessee before moving to Nashville in the late 1970s. Under his leadership as General Manager, WKDF became one of America's iconic Album Rock radio stations. He also managed WLAC-AM/FM in the early 1980s when WLAC-FM was the top station in the city, and later, worked his magic at WGFX-FM. In every setting, he put together the right people on the air, in sales, and support staff, making the stations dominant in every way. His natural ability to build the right teams continued at Cascom, Broadcast Resource Group, AM/FM Company, and Falcon Press. He also owned radio and TV stations in several states.

Also being remembered this month is Charles Billings of Memphis, a long-time WKNO announcer said to have "a Cadillac of



Charles Billings



Vic Rumore

a voice. Prominent in radio in the 1980s and 1990s, Billings' voice was familiar to people who listened to public radio, and to those who enjoyed classical and theater music. He also spent time in New York, and appeared in many theater productions in Memphis. Billings also hosted a series of Christmas concerts in Shelby County over several years.

**Help us remember and recognize Tennessee radio broadcasters who have passed away.
Send information on recent deaths
to the editor of E-Waves at:
starmagic@comcast.net**

So many choices. How should I cast my votes?

To make your vote count:

- Read each nominee's resume.
- Carefully consider each individual's contributions to the industry and their communities.
- Vote for the six who you feel best represent Tennessee's radio legacy.



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.

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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 Garry Mac 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 TnRHO Facebook page.

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Check Your Calendar

October 1-31, 2017

Online Voting for 2018 Career Nominees

October 14, 2017

West Tennessee Meet 'n Greet
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Smarder's Grill
314 U. S. Highway 641 North
Camden, Tennessee

November 4, 2017

Board Meeting (Board & Advisory Council)
12-noon - 2:00 p.m.
Location to Be Announced
Nashville, Tennessee

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