

Announcing:

2012 Inductees, CQ Amateur Radio, Contest, and DX Halls of Fame

45th Anniversary of CQ DX Hall of Fame

When Gus Browning, W4BPD, became the first amateur inducted into the newly formed CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1967, no one could have imagined that his induction would mark the beginning of a tradition that has expanded to three halls of fame and that is now closing in on 50 years of recognizing the best of the best in our hobby.

This year, we induct three new members to the DX Hall of Fame, bringing the total number of honorees there to 60; as well as two new members of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame, and 16 inductees to the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame.

CQ DX Hall of Fame

Our three inductees to the CQ DX Hall of Fame this year are **Don Chesser, W4KVX (SK)**; **Glenn Johnson, WØGJ**, and **Carl Smith, N4AA**.

Don Chesser, W4KVX, was the founder of *DX magazine*, which he edited and published between 1957 and 1964. He was also a pioneering DXer and DXpeditioner in the '50s and '60s, and was part of the team that first put 4U1ITU on the air from International Telecommunication Union headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland in 1962. Don was also *CQ's* DX Editor from 1957–58.

Carl Smith, N4AA, is currently the Editor and Publisher of *The DX Magazine*, as well as *CQ's* DX Editor, following in W4KVX's footsteps a half-century later. In addition, he pro-

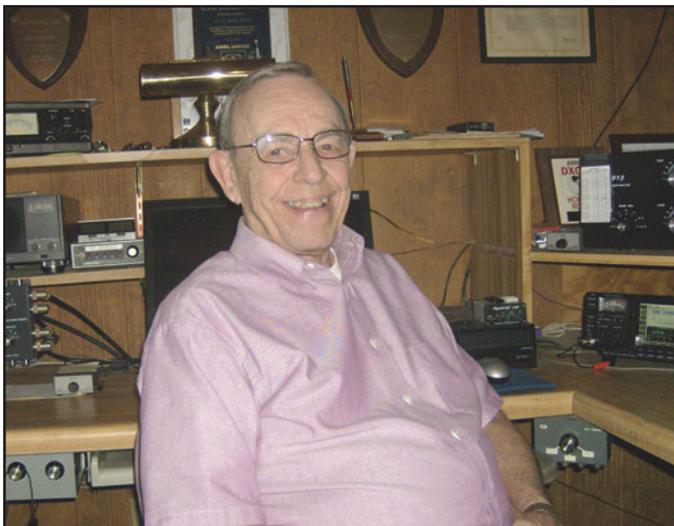
duces the weekly "QRZ DX" bulletin, and for the past 15 years has compiled the annual "Most Wanted" survey of DX entities needed by hams around the world. Carl is also a leading force behind the creation of the Southern Appalachian Radio Museum and has been a long-time "Elmer," mentoring many new amateurs in the art of DXing.

Glenn Johnson, WØGJ, is a leading DXpeditioner (in addition to his full-time job as an orthopedic surgeon), having been part of more than two dozen DXpeditions over about as many years. He has been leader or co-leader of many of these trips, most of which have been to locations high on *The DX Magazine's* "Most Wanted" list. Most notably, Glenn personally was responsible for re-introducing amateur radio to Bhutan in 2000, and has been honored by that country's king as the only non-Bhutanese to hold a "native" callsign, A51B. Glenn is also vice president of the Northern California DX Foundation, which is the leading organization providing financial support to DXpeditions to rare locations.

CQ Contest Hall of Fame

The two newest members of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame are **Jim Reisert, AD1C**, and **Lothar Wilke, DL3TD (SK)**.

Jim Reisert, AD1C, is one of those behind-the-scenes people who is almost never in the spotlight yet does very important work. For the past decade Jim has been the person who maintains and constantly updates the country and prefix files that are depended upon by virtually all of the major contest



Carl Smith, N4AA, an inductee in the CQ DX Hall of Fame 2012.



Lothar "Lar" Wilke, DL3TD (SK; far right in photo, early 1980s) one of the two newest members of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame.

and general logging programs, as well as software for the major DX clusters. Without his work, these programs would likely be inconsistent in their multiplier scoring, as it would be up to each program's author to keep things up to date.

Lothar "Lar" Wilke began contesting in what was then East Germany in the 1970s and built a contesting superstation in Ilmenau that operated over the years as Y24UK, Y34K, DFØHQ, DAØHQ and, of course, DL3TD. Under his leadership, the German national team at DAØHQ won the IARU World Championship 11 times. He also actively encouraged younger amateurs to become contesters. Professionally, Lar held a Ph.D. in biomedical technology and ran his own company for many years. Tragically, Lar died in a house fire in 2011. *[This writer, W2VU, has a prized collection of Lar's QSL cards from various dates and calls between 1981 (Y24UK; see photo) and 2000 (DL3TD) showing the Ilmenau Contest Group as its original members aged and new members joined.]*

CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

The CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame honors those amateurs who have made significant contributions to amateur radio or to society at large, as well as those non-amateurs who have had a significant impact on amateur radio. The eleventh "class" of inductees includes people from each group.

First, though, an update. Last year we inducted code champion and telegraph key manufacturer Ted McElroy into the Amateur Radio Hall of Fame, but had not been able to verify an amateur radio callsign for him. Through the work of several readers, to whom we are grateful, we can now verify that Ted at one time held the ham call of W1JYN.

The 2012 inductees to the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame are:

George Badger, W6TC (SK). An expert in tubes and tube circuit designs; Marketing Director of Eimac and later President of Svetlana. Badger was also an active DXer and wrote many technical articles for the amateur media.

Bill Brown, WB8ELK. "Father" of amateur radio high-altitude ballooning. His work has blossomed into "near-space" programs not only among hams, but at many universities around the nation.

Robert Brown, NM7M (SK). Expert on 160-meter propagation, author for *CQ* and other publications; retired UC Berkeley physics professor;

Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR. Chair of

the Miami "Tropical Hamboree" hamfest for 45 years; ARRL Southeastern Division Vice Director, Honorary Vice President; active proponent of improved amateur radio public relations; principal on-site organizer (on behalf of ARRL as host society) of 1976 IARU Region 2 conference in Miami Beach.

Richard Garriott, W5KWQ. Videogame designer, civilian space traveler, very active on amateur radio from International Space Station; younger half of first U.S. father-son team to travel in space. (His father is Owen Garriott, W5LFL, the first astronaut to operate amateur radio from space, and a 2001 Amateur Radio Hall of Fame inductee.)

William W. Hansen (no call, SK). "Father of Microwave Electronics." Invented technology such as the cavity resonator and the klystron tube, with made microwave communications possible; collaborator in development of the first linear accelerator and nuclear magnetic resonance, basis for MRI medical imaging.

Richard Kirby, ex-WØLCT/HB9BOA (SK). Director of the ITU's International Radio Consultative Committee (CCIR), 1974–1995—helped to develop global standards for HDTV, digital audio broadcasting, mobile and satellite communications; previously Director of the Institute of Telecommunication Sciences; Associate Director of the US Dept. of Commerce Office of Telecommunications; Chief of Ionospheric Research, National Bureau of Standards, also Chief of Radio Communications Systems Division.

Fred Maia, W5YI (SK). One of the architects of VE program, first FCC-designated VEC; editor/publisher *W5YI Report*; long-time *CQ* columnist

Steve Mendelsohn, W2ML (SK).

Communications Director, New York City Marathon, 1976–present; former ARRL First Vice President, Director—led ARRL Part 97 rewrite effort in late 1980s (most of which was adopted); New York Jets frequency coordinator—uncovered New England Patriots audio "spying" scandal.

Larry Mulvehill, WB2ZPI. Photo journalist who has covered major news events around the world for more than 50 years; *CQ* cover photographer for over 30 years.

Rowley Shears, G8KW (SK). Founder of KW Electronics in the UK; helped re-establish amateur radio in Germany after World War II.

Mike Staal, K6MYC. Antenna expert, co-founder of KLM and M² Antennas.

Frederick Terman (ex-6FT, W6AE, W6XH) (SK). Microwave pioneer, partner with William Hansen (see above) in developing microwave communications and linear accelerator.

Patrick Tice, WAØTDA. Manager, Courage HandiHam System, for more than 20 years; through this organization, has helped thousands of people with disabilities become radio amateurs, coordinates nationwide program to provide training and assistance.

Louis Varney, G5RV (SK). Inventor of the G5RV antenna.

William A. Wilson, K6ARO (SK). Appointed by President Reagan as the first U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican after formal diplomatic relations were re-established in 1984 (they had been cut in 1867).

Congratulations to all of our inductees. Formal presentations to Contest and DX Hall of Fame inductees were scheduled for the respective Contest and DX dinners at Dayton in May.

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