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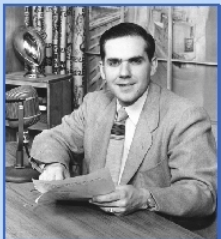


Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Newsletter



Tom Carnegie, 1920 - 2011

Tom Carnegie, the veteran broadcaster who became best-known to generations as the voice of the Indianapolis 500, died February 11, 2011 in Indianapolis. He was 91.



Born in Norwalk, Conn., as Carl Kenagy, he moved with his family to Missouri where his interest in sports shifted to announcing after he was stricken with polio.

His radio career began in 1942 at WOWO in Fort Wayne, where he took the name Tom



Carnegie. Three years later, he moved to Indianapolis, and became sports director at radio station WIRE and also wrote a column for

The Indianapolis Star. While at WIRE he met Speedway owner Tony Hulman, who was then renovating the dilapidated Speedway track that he had recently purchased. Hulman then hired Carnegie as the announcer for the track's public address system.



Carnegie eventually became one of the track's most recognized icons as he called out his familiar "Heeeeeez-on-it!" at the beginning of each of qualifying run and when appropriate, "It's a new track record!" He later moved from radio to WFBM TV/WRTV as a sportscaster and remained there for three decades.

He retired from WRTV in 1985, but continued working at the speedway until 2006.

His ability to connect with fans through his legendary voice was unparalleled. Even during some very long days at the track he was able to inspire and excite the fans with his emotional descriptions of the tracks activities. And there was more to Tom Carnegie, he was a gentleman, a faithful friend and a nice guy with a wry sense of humor. That humor was displayed at the March 2009 "Milestones and Memories" Pioneer event when Carnegie related the following story about his announcing of the 1982 500 mile race.

"Gordon Johncock was leading with Rick Mears chasing him and as he began getting closer and closer even I began getting excited. I said, "In 30 years I've never seen a finish like this." Mears was a minute behind, then thirty seconds and finally right on his tail. When they crossed the finish line they were nearly even but Johncock won. As they crossed the finish line I said "It's the closest finish in the history of the Speedway." But I really didn't know if it was, so I said "Check with scoring and verify it." They came back and said "We don't keep track of that." So I said "How does 16th hundredths of a second sound?" and they said "Go for it."so I said," " **it's a new track record!**"



Carnegie received the IBA "Lifetime Achievement Award" at the Indiana Broadcast Pioneers Hall of Fame ceremony in October of 2007.



2011 Pioneer Board Transition

Reid Duffy completed his term as President of The Indiana Broadcast Pioneers organization on January 1, 2011. Former



2010 IBP President Reid Duffy receives service plaque from V.P. Dick Florea

Vice President and new President of the Pioneers, Dick Florea presented Reid with a plaque at the January IBP Board meeting in Indianapolis, honoring him for his accomplishments and service to the Pioneers. This ceremony

was previously known as "The Passing of the Prunes". Reid began his role as President in January of 2010 by adding two new Pioneer board members, Mike Ahern, WIRE radio and WISH TV and Linda Lupear, WISH TV and WRTV, Linda will serve as secretary for the board. Reid initiated a plan to produce three Pioneer related programs throughout the year. The luncheon programs included "The Dukes of Doppler", "Milestones and Memories" and "What it Was Was News".

Other items from Duffy's Presidency include:

- *A committee was formed to pursue the expansion and improvement of the Pioneer web site. Support and input from a state university is being explored. The project will continue into this new year.
- * The process for Hall of Fame nominations was modified.
- * A committee to conduct a sponsorship search for the Hall of fame event.

The Pioneers thank Reid for his service and leadership throughout 2010.

Former V.P. and now President Dick Florea steps into the role for 2011. Florea graduated with a degree in industrial management from Purdue University in January 1959. After working at WMRI Radio and WTAJ-TV, both in Marion, Indiana. Florea joined the WKJG-TV news department in Ft. Wayne, Indiana in 1966 and was the main evening news anchor from 1966 until 1983. and the station's news director from 1970 until 1987. He later served as Public Affairs and Community Relations Director, and hosted news segments "Editor's Desk" and "Our Town". He retired in 2001.

Linda Lupear remains as Secretary and Bob Warren, Treasurer.

IBP Names Dr. Joe Misiewicz as V.P.

As former V.P. Dick Florea steps into the role of President for 2011 Dr. Joe Misiewicz has been named Vice President for the Pioneers.



"Dr. Joe" brings a diverse career of broadcasting and education to the organization. He received his PhD in Media from the University of Michigan where he also taught and chaired the department.

He is the former chair of Media at Bradley University, Morehead State in Kentucky, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan University before taking that same position at Ball State University. During his tenure at Ball State he was also named General Manager of WIPB-TV, the Public Television station in Muncie, Indiana.

The Pioneer's welcome Dr. Misiewicz to our board.

Pioneers Receive Gift

Former employees of WLW-I, now WTHR, held their 2011 reunion on January 13, 2011 at Marco's,



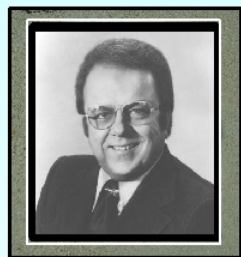
54th and Keystone in Indianapolis. It was the first organized alumni gathering in many years. The reunion was

coordinated by Rick Posson and about 30 former employees from the WLW-I years were in attendance. Another 18 or 20 alums sent regrets that they could not attend. David Letterman, who was one of those unable to attend, donated a "Late Show" jacket that was raffled off with the proceeds being donated to the Indiana Broadcast Pioneers. Don Hein, Sports Director for WLWI and WTHR had the winning bid of \$80.00. Chuck Schisla, Former WLWI employee and a Pioneer board member made the presentation of the check at the January 2011 board meeting.

A Channel 13, WTHR alumni group meets regularly the 13th of each month at the Scottish Rite Cathedral for lunch. The Indiana Broadcast Pioneers thanks the group for their gift and appreciates the contribution to our goal of preserving broadcast history.

Jay Stewart Fix

Summitville, Indiana, USA was the birthplace of Jay Stewart Fix, son of Julian and Ressie (Jenkins) Fix. Jay was a graduate of Butler University where he earned part of his tuition playing his saxophone in various campus orchestras. After graduation he pursued a career in radio, starting with a job at WBOW in Terre Haute.



Jay Stewart

His next stop was WLW in Cincinnati as an announcer and emcee. He also appeared on a number of programs with Beverly Barnes, also of the WLW Staff. A few months later Stewart and Beverly Barnes had teamed up permanently when the two were married. In 1943 Jay and Beverly moved to California where Jay landed an announcing job at a local Los Angeles station KFI radio and KTTV-TV television.

His career continued to prosper with the new medium of television where Jay's voice could be heard as the announcer for various game shows.

But it was Let's Make a Deal that became his most enduring persona. He was not just the announcer for the show but also a participant. When contestants were asked to choose between Door's #1, #2 or #3, or to make a trade, they could win a trip, a car, or some other fantastic prize, or they would end up with a gag prize that would feature Jay in a baby's high chair with a bonnet and bib or in a farm setting holding a pig or some other outrageous comic prize.

After to serving for producer Stefan Hatots and host Monty Hall Stewart worked for a large number of other game shows including, Sale of the Century, Joker's Wild, Tic, Tac, Dough, Masquerade Party, Hollywood Connection and You Don't Say.

The end of his life was an unhappy period for him.

He suffered for years from severe back pain and when his daughter died unexpectedly he sank into a deep depression. He died at age 71 and was buried in Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills.

Edited UPI Article from July 19, 1974

Ressie Fix, a white haired 81 year old widow planned to live out her days on a small pension in Indianapolis. Instead, she has a bright new television career making television commercials. Despite her white hair

and clear hazel eyes Mrs. Fix is not the sweet faced fluttery grandmother of movie stereotypes.

She is poised, dignified and lives by the solid tenets of Midwest mores and her strict Methodist upbringing. Since coming to Hollywood in 1969 she has appeared in a score of commercials. From beer to automobile blurbs to riding a motorcycle and she models as



Ressie Fix

well for magazine advertising. "I always wanted to be on the stage as a girl," Mrs. Fix said during an interview in her small neat apartment, a trace of Indiana twang in her voice. But my father was a strict Methodist and thought acting was sinful. "But father relented when I attended Depauw University. He allowed me to appear in the school plays. In those days it was a strict school with no card playing or dancing allowed. Although she fell in love with Julian Fix in college, She took off the summer of 1916 as a single girl to tour the Central Community Chautauqua circuit with two other DePauw graduates in an act they called, not too originally, "Two Hits and a Miss." In the fall the Fixes were married. They eventually moved to Indianapolis where Julian worked for the telephone Company and she taught English, speech and drama for 32 years at Arsenal Technical High School. "All those years I was a frustrated actress," Mrs. Fix said. "But I kept up with the students. Dealing with them every day never allowed me to think old." In 1941 Julian Fix died. Mrs. Fix retired in 1959 but continued on as a substitute teacher At Arsenal Tech earning \$22 a day. Mr's Fix has a son, Jay, who is now known as Jay Stewart, the announcer on "Let's make A Deal." In 1969 when I became ill," Mrs. Fix said. "It was a matter of living out my days in Indianapolis or coming west to see my son, Jay. I guess I could have continued to draw my pension and scrape along on Social Security but he rented this apartment for me so I made the move and dusted off my performing ambitions. Her first job was for a national hamburger chain, followed by a supermarket commercial. There have been jobs for cigarettes, a salad dressing, a brand of coffee and cameras among others. She has a strange affinity for motorcycles, having done three such blurbs for Honda, Kawasaki and another motorbike featured in a beer ad. Commercials have provided me with a wonderful income." Mrs. Fix said. "I earned more when I was 80 years old than in any other year of my life. It's certainly more than the \$22 a day substitute teaching. And when I'm not working I collect unemployment compensation to boot. "I haven't lost touch with my friends in Indianapolis. I talk to them on the phone and we exchange letters. They are very proud of my success out here. But I love California now. I have a grave beside my husband in Indiana, But I don't even want to be put under the cold sod. back there."

Death Notices

Madelyn Pugh Davis, the TV scribe whose 50-year collaboration with **Bob Carroll Jr.** included decades of work writing for comic legend **Lucille Ball**, died Wednesday at her home in Bel-Air after a brief illness. She was 90.



Madelyn with Lucy and Desi

Born in Indianapolis on March 15, 1921, Madelyn Pugh was the youngest of three daughters of Isaac and Louise Hupp Pugh. A three-act play she wrote when she was 10 set her career path. At Shortridge High, she was writer/editor and, with her classmate Kurt Vonnegut, joined the school's fiction club. She graduated from Indiana University with a degree in journalism in 1942. From that fairly humble beginning she went on to become a pioneer for female writers. During the formative years of television, when few women were working behind the screen. She "not only made her mark as a writer, but also opened the door for other women to follow in her footsteps."

Her first professional writing job was at the Indianapolis radio station WIRE. She moved to Los Angeles in 1943 where her experience in Indianapolis media paid off when she landed writing jobs for CBS and NBC radio. It was while writing for CBS that she met her lifetime writing partner, Bob Carroll, Jr. The two would work together for 50 years, writing for shows such as *I Love Lucy*, *The Lucy Show*, *The Lucille Ball Desi Arnaz Show*, *The Steve Allen Show* and others. "Lucy would do anything we suggested," Davis said. The only time she ever said she didn't want to do something was when she saw an elephant on the set and ran up to her office. The script called for her to retrieve \$500. from under the elephant's foot. Then the phone rang and it was Vivian Vance who said, 'It's O.K., I told Lucy that if she didn't want to do that funny thing, I'll do it.' And Lucy said, 'O.K., I'll do it.' So she talked into the elephant's trunk and got it to lift its foot."

Madelyn Pugh married Quinn Martin, one of television's most successful producers, in 1955; they divorced six years later. Her second husband, Richard Davis, died in 2009.

FRANCES A. ENGLISH 84, passed away peacefully April 7, 2011. She was born in Greencastle, IN to the late Rev. Alfred L. and Elsie McKinley Beatty. Frances was a bookkeeper for WFBM Radio and was a devoted member and historian of Edgewood United Methodist Church. She married Lowell M. English May 24, 1947, who preceded her in death in 2003. Frances is survived by her children, Melanie A. (Ken) Salter, Mark L. (Joy) English, melissa English, and Mickey S. (Beth) English; 9 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.



Frances English

MARY BETH JOHNSON, 56, died Saturday morning, April 30, 2011, at her home in Madison, Indiana. She was born to the late Robert A. and Janet Ruth (Curry) Fisher on July 7, 1954, in Bloomington.



Mary Beth Johnson

Mary Beth had a long career in radio and television. Known as Beth Merrell on radio and television, she worked at stations in both Kentucky and Indiana, where she was nominated for an Emmy and won an Emmy for her news coverage. She was an anchor and reporter at WWKI-FM and a copywriter, producer and announcer for WIOU-AM/WZWZ-FM in Kokomo.

Mary Beth won the Indiana AP best use of radio sound, best series and best general reporting award in 1989, and in 1988 the best spot news and best single live breaking story, best news series and best documentary awards. In 1989, she won the Society of Professional Journalists award for best documentary and runner-up best newscast, and in 1987 she won the Indiana AP best newscast and best news series award.

WILLIAM M. "DOC" KLINE, 83, of Fort Wayne, died on



"Doc" Kline

Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, 12:05 a.m., at his residence. Born June 21, 1927, in Fort Wayne, he was the son of the late William O. Kline and Bess (Van Arsdell) Kline. He had served in the U.S. Army. He was a sales manager at WKJG television, retiring after 40 years of service in 1989. He was a lifetime member of the Elks and Friars club.

Charles Robert McQuigg 93, passed away at his home in



"Mac" McQuigg

Avon, IN, on Sunday November 14, 2010. Known as "Mac", he was a WWII U.S. Navy veteran and Purple Heart recipient. He served as a Chief Petty Officer and Chief Fire Control man aboard the USS Quincy CA-39 during the Battle of Savo Island-Guadalcanal campaign and the USS Killen and USS Phoenix during the Battle of Surigao Straights and Battle of Leyte Gulf Asia-Pacific campaign. Mac retired from WTHR Channel 13 as a broadcast engineer in 1985. He enjoyed being a Ham radio operator until it was put aside for conducting genealogy research. Mac loved his country and his family. He also loved birds, his dog Snowball and his cat Queenie. Mac will be missed, but not forgotten.

Margaret June Miller 88, of Bloomington, IN, passed away November 25, 2010 June spent her younger years in Southern California and at age eleven performed professionally as a singer and dancer in the Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy show. While attending Los Angeles High School she appeared in motion pictures before returning to Bloomington, Indiana to finish at Bloomington High School. She graduated from Indiana



Margaret June Miller

University in 1944.

She married Lee R. Ford Jr., residing in Indianapolis and was the mother to four children. In 1950 she became a founding member of St. Margaret's Hospital Guild and in 1959 she became a member of the Indianapolis Children's Museum Guild. Also during this period, she was a member of the Dramatic Club and Meridian Hills Country Club. In 1963, she joined the local TV station WISH-TV and produced and starred in a local variety show entitled "The June Ford Show" for three years. For the next five years, she continued working for American Fletcher National Bank and Public Service! On Christmas day, 1968, she married Darl "Dusty" C. Miller and resided in Toledo, Ohio where she produced a local TV show for eight years called "The Noon Report". She also was realtor and owned a children's clothing store in Waterville, Ohio. She was involved with the NW Ohio Mother's March of Dimes as its chairwoman. In 1983 she and Dusty returned to Bloomington, Indiana.

William Donald "Don" Payne 53, Indianapolis, passed away



Don Payne

December 12, 2010. Don was a broadcast engineer for Radio One. While attending the University of Arkansas-Little Rock, he worked at radio stations, KAAY and KLPO. Later, Don worked at WZUS and WAZY in Lafayette, IN, while attending Purdue University's School of Engineering. He then moved to Indianapolis where he was an On-Air personality and engineer at WZPL. After working as Director of Engineering for WKRQ in Cincinnati, Ohio he returned to Indianapolis to be Chief Engineer for Radio One's four radio and one T.V. station. He was a member of the Society of Broadcast Engineers, Indiana Broadcasters Assn. **Robert "Bob" Krumb 80**, of Indianapolis, passed away on January 26, 2011. He was born on May 4, 1930. Robert was in the U.S. Navy and served in the Korean War. He retired as an award winning photographer after 30 years of faithful service from WRTV Channel 6.

Dave Niehaus, 75, died November 10, 2010. Lured away from the broadcast team of the California Angels Dave Niehaus, who became the voice of the Seattle Mariners for their entire history, has been silenced. Niehaus, 75, died on Wednesday after suffering a heart attack. The 2008 Ford C.



Dave Niehaus

Frick Award winner at the Baseball Hall of Fame, Niehaus called all but a handful of the Mariners' 5,385 games since the franchise's birth in 1977. Born and raised in Princeton, Indiana., Niehaus graduated from Indiana University in 1957 before taking a job with Armed Forces Radio. After calling Dodgers and Yankees games for AFR, he moved to Los Angeles in 1969 to team with Dick Enberg and future Hall of Fame pitcher Don Drysdale on Angels broadcasts.

In 1977, Niehaus took the job as the voice of the Mariners. He quickly won over Seattle fans with his smoky voice, smooth delivery and catchphrases like "Get out the rye bread and mustard, Grandma, it's grand salami time!"

On July 15, 1999, Niehaus threw out the first pitch at Safeco Field as the Mariners moved into their new home. The next season, Niehaus became the second person inducted into the Mariners Hall of Fame. He was named one of "The Top 10 Most Influential People of the Century" by The Seattle Times.

On the night of his death a photo of Niehaus could be seen on the big screen from outside an empty Safeco Field. It read, "Dave Niehaus, 1935-2010." His empty chair and headpones sat in the broadcast booth overlooking a silent Safeco Field.

Death Notices continued:

GEORGE MARTIN, 81, died April 7, 2011. He was a broadcast journalist who introduced television news to Terre Haute viewers on July 22, 1954 when Tony Hulman added television station WTHI, Channel 10, to his existing radio station. Martin was a broadcast major at Indiana State University and received his first professional experience at the Hulman owned radio station in 1948. His broadcast career was briefly interrupted by a two year enlistment with the Marines. He returned to civilian life in time to be rehired for television. Martin and Howard Caldwell, who later joined Channel Six in Indianapolis handled most of the newscasts in those early days in Terre Haute.

**George Martin**

Martin was extremely valuable because he had grown up in the market and could lead the limited staff to reliable sources for information. He was also anxious to go on major stories, when needed, to assure accurate coverage.

When Caldwell left, Indiana University graduate Phil Jones joined the staff.

A few years later he would become CBS's chief congressional correspondent.

Martin's career moved him to Tulsa, Oklahoma where he took over television and radio anchoring duties for station KVOO. In 1965 he left broadcast news for a public relations job which was followed by a long and successful career as director of the Oklahoma Lung Association. He was recognized as a leader in the fight for smoking cessation and cleaner air.

Martin and Janet, his wife of 60 years, who died in February will be interred at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Oahu, Hawaii.

FRANK MOORE, 74, of Grabill, Indiana, died on Thursday, April 21, 2011 in

Ft. Wayne. "He was the former president and general manager of WANE-TV, a dedicated community service leader and a devoted husband and father." Born Dec. 1, 1936, in Houlton, Maine. As a child, he fostered a love for communications as he built amateur radios, set up antennas and broadcast from the attic of his parents' small cottage on a bluff overlooking the Atlantic Ocean. He graduated from Boston University, Boston, Mass., where he received his degree in communications. In 1961, he embarked on a more than 40 year career in broadcasting that included stints in New York, Pittsburgh; Cincinnati; Indianapolis; New Haven, Conn.; Miami; Traverse City, Mich.; and Fort Wayne. While the early part of his career was defined by broadcast radio, he moved to television in 1988 to as president and general manager of WANE-TV, in Fort Wayne where he stayed until his retirement in 2003. He was very active in a number of community groups, including serving on the Public Broadcast Service board. In August of 1991, he was awarded the "Sagamore of the Wabash" by then Gov. Evan Bayh for his role in relaying information out of Iraqi-controlled Kuwait during the early days of the invasion. He was part of a small group of amateur radio operators around the world that sent daily reports of conditions there, tracked down Kuwaiti citizens for their relatives in the U.S. and provided Iraqi military movements. His oldest son Scott described him as the most decent and caring man I have ever met."

**Frank Moore**

LESLIE E. OHMIT, 84, of Indianapolis, Indiana, died March 6, 2011. He was born in Fort Wayne to the late Leslie E. and Helen L. Haag Ohmit. Leslie graduated from Mommouth High School and DeForest (DeVry) Technical Institute. He served as a radioman in the United States Navy. He was a radio technician with the Indianapolis Police Department, transmitter engineer with WISH TV, a recording engineer and owner of Ohmit Recording and Duplicating Service. Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

JOHN CIGNA, 75, died May 20, 2011

**John Cigna**

after battling emphysema and a stroke in McCandless, PA.

Cigna, a kid from Brooklyn, came to

KDKA radio in Pittsburgh after radio stints in West Virginia, Virginia, Ohio and WOWO in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

He joined KDKA in 1973 after a short time at crosstown rival WJAS.

After a decade doing talk on KDKA from 9 p.m. to midnight, he began a 18-year-run as the top-rated, program in the morning drive time slot.

"I talked and told it like it is," he said when he retired in 2001. "A lot of times I put my feet in my mouth, but it was great."

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