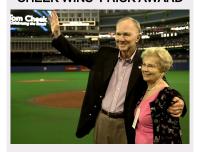
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CHEEK WINS FRICK AWARD



Tom and Shirley Cheek

Just four days after being inducted into the VAB Hall of Fame (see story & photos on page two), the Baseball Hall of Fame announced that Tom Cheek, the longtime radio voice of the Toronto Blue Jays, is the winner of the 2013 Ford C. Frick Award. The award is the highest honor given to sportscasters by the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY.

Cheek, who was a sportscaster and salesman at WEAV. WDOT, WJOY and WVMT, broadcast an amazing 4306 straight games for the Blue Javs. He passed away in 2005.

The vote by the 21-member awards committee marked the first time the winner of annual fan balloting has actually won the award. Cheek will be honored at the Hall of Fame's Awards Presentation on Saturday, July 27 in Cooperstown.

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OWNERSHIP MERRY-GO-ROUND AS NASSAU EXITS VERMONT



hands last week, cast Associates. all the result of

Nassau Broadcasting's bankruptcy and auction.

Nassau was forced to auction stations in Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire. Most of them (30) went to Bill Binnie's WBIN Media for \$12.5 million. Binnie then spun off 13 of the stations (eight in



Bill Binnie

tal Partners for \$4.4 million.

Binnie will keep two Vermont-licensed MHz. Bellows Falls).

Shapiro had seven stations already operating under the Great Eastern Radio In New Hampshire, Shapiro picked up: banner out of West Lebanon, NH, including Vermont signals WKKN-FM (101.9 MHz, Westminster) and WMXR-FM (93.9 MHz, Woodstock).

stations from Binnie:

WEXP-FM (101.5 MHz, Brandon) WIKE-AM (1490 KHz, Newport) WMOO-FM (92.1 MHz, Derby Center) WTSL-AM (1400 KHz, Hanover, NH) WORK-FM (107.1 MHz. Barre) WSNO-AM (1450 KHz, Barre) WTHK-FM (100.7 MHz, Wilmington) WWFY-FM (100.9 MHz, Berlin) WWOD-FM (104.3 MHz, Hartford)

You may need a Shapiro sold two of those stations, scorecard to keep WMOO-FM and WIKE-AM, to Bruce track of all the James' Vermont Broadcast Associates. radio stations that James, in turn, is selling WQJQ-FM officially changed (100.3 MHz, Barton) to Capital Broad-

> To stay under the ownership cap, Shapiro also sold two other stations (WEXP-FM and WWOD-FM) to Bill and

Gail Goddard's Electromagnetic Company \$600,000. WWOD had already won approval to move to Keeseville, NY in the Burlington market, so its assumed the new owners will pur-



Jeff Shapiro

Vermont) to Jeff Shapiro's Vertical Capi- sue that move. And, as part of that transaction, WWOD will swap its call signs with Shapiro's WMXR.

stations: WXLF-FM (95.3 MHz, White There is another call sign change to River Junction) and WZLF-FM (107.1 note. WORK-FM, which will stay with the Great Eastern cluster, has changed to WRFK-FM.

WLKZ-FM (104.9 MHz, Wolfeboro, NH) WWHQ-FM (101.5 MHz, Meredith, NH) WHDQ-FM (106.1 MHz, Claremont NH) WTSV-AM (1230 KHz, Claremont, NH) Shapiro picked up the following Vermont WFYX-FM (96.3 MHz, Walpole, NH)

> Besides the aforementioned WKKN and WMXR (now WWOD), Great Eastern already owned:

> WGXL-FM (92.3 MHz, Hanover, NH) WTPL-FM (107.7 MHz, Hillsboro, NH) WXXK-FM (100.5 MHz, Lebanon, NH) WEEY-FM (93.5 MHz, Swanzey, NH)

All in all, a busy week in local radio!

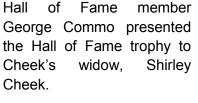
BIG CROWD USHERS CHEEK, JAMES AND SANDS INTO VAB HALL OF FAME



Candis Leopold with Shirley Cheek

A crowd of more 220 people gathered December 1 at the Burlington Hilton to enjoy great food and great friends at the VAB's annual Awards Banquet.

The late sportscaster Tom Cheek, WPTZ-TV General Manager Paul Sands and Northeast Kingdom radio station owner Bruce James were all inducted into the VAB Hall of Fame.



Rick Davis, who owns radio stations in Maine, inducted Bruce James, a former business partner, into the Hall of Fame.



Paul Sands

VPT President and Hall of Fame member John King inducted Paul Sands into the Hall. King's remarks followed a video tribute to Sands narrated by WPTZ' meteorologist Tom Messguished Service Award win- Broadcasters" ner.

Bruce James

Radio Vermont's Eric Michaels. who is also in the VAB Hall of Fame and is the current VAB President, served as the evening's master of ceremonies. He presented former VAB President Judy Leech of WVNR-AM/WNYV-FM with the 2012 VAB Broadcaster of the Year Award.

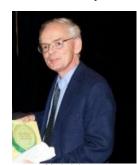


Judy Leech



Sharon Meyer

VAB Executive Director Jim Condon and Radio Vermont's Ken Squier presented the other Distinguished Service Award to WDEV AM & FM talk show host Mark Johnson.



WCAX President and Gen-

eral Manager Peter Martin

presented a VAB Distin-

guished Service award to

longtime Channel 3 weather

forecaster Sharon Meyer.

Mark Johnson

Community Service Awards were bestowed upon TJ Michaels of Barre radio stations WORK/WWFY/ WSNO and to Ed Flanagan of Montpelier radio station WNCS-FM.



TJ Michaels





The Alan H. Noyes Community Service Award was presented to Bruce Zeman and Hobbes of WVTK-FM by Jon Noyes, son of the late Al Noyes, the longtime VAB Executive Director.

ner, a former VAB Distin- A special VAB "Friend of award presented to recently-retired Vermont National Guard Lt. Col. Lloyd Goodrow. special recognition was given to longtime VAB Hall of Fame member Don Mullally, who is celebrating his 50th year on the air at WSTJ-AM in St. Johnsbury.



Lt. Col. Lloyd Goodrow

Our next major event will be the VAB's 58th Annual Convention, Thursday, May 16 at the Capitol Plaza in Montpelier. Hope to see you there!