

# Announcing:

## 2011 CQ Hall of Fame Inductees

### 25th Anniversary of Contest Hall of Fame

### 10th Anniversary of Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

**B**ack in 1985, CQ Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, and *RadioSport* Publisher Yuri Blanarovich, K3BU/VE3BMV, each came up with the same idea at the same time—a special way to recognize the best of the best among ham radio's elite contesters. CQ's approach was to form the CQ Contest Hall of Fame, which, in 1986, inducted its first member, legendary contestester Hazzard "Buz" Reeves, K2GL.

*RadioSport* also awarded its first hall of fame plaque to K2GL in 1986, and ceased publication several years later. In the years since 1986, 55 more outstanding contesters have been inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame, and this year we add one more, John Sluymer, VE3EJ, for a total of 57 honorees over 25 years.

The CQ Contest Hall of Fame was built on the successful model of the CQ DX Hall of Fame, which has also inducted 57 members since it was established in 1967 (Gus Browning, W4BPD, was the first inductee).

Ten years ago, we added the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame to honor hams who had made significant contributions to amateur radio or to society at large, as well as non-hams who have had a major impact on our hobby. This year's 12 inductees will bring the total number of CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame members to 230.

We are pleased to announce the 2011 inductees into the CQ Amateur Radio, Contest, and DX Halls of Fame:

#### CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame

**Bell, Dave, W6AQ**—Hollywood TV/film producer; deeply involved in producing multiple amateur radio promotional videos over several decades.

**Brightman, Nate, K6OSC**—The "spark" behind W6RO, the ham station aboard the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach,



*Legendary contestester Hazzard "Buz" Reeves, K2GL, was the first inductee into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame 25 years ago. The announcement was made at his 80th birthday party. (Photo courtesy Doug Zwiebel, KR2Q)*

CA. Through Nate's efforts with the station, millions of people have been introduced to amateur radio and thousands of hams have had the opportunity to operate from a high-profile station. (He has also been heavily involved with Red Cross disaster communications in Long Beach, spearheaded ham radio involvement in the Long Beach Marathon, brought demo stations to all branches of the Long Beach Public Library, and taught amateur radio to visually-impaired teenagers.)

**Ensor, Loretta, W9UA (SK)**—Sister of 2006 inductee Marshall Ensor, W9BSP; together they aired lessons on

Morse code and radio fundamentals over the radio between 1929 and 1941, and were responsible for helping to get at least 900 new amateurs licensed (a huge number, considering that in 1935 there were only 35,000 licensed hams in the U.S.). She was also one of the founding members of YLRL—the Young Ladies' Radio League—and a noted DXer of her time.

**Gunderson, Bob, W2JIO (SK)**—Blind ham who was Editor and Publisher of *The Braille Technical Press* in the 1950s; at the time, it was the only monthly electronics magazine for the blind. Also radio-electronics teacher for 37 years at the NY Institute for the Education of the Blind, recipient of GE's Edison Radio Amateur Award for meritorious public service in 1955; developed many pieces of electronics test equipment for the blind. He also appeared on the TV program "This is Your Life," but is perhaps best known as the "answer man" at Hudson Radio on New York's Radio Row, where he worked three days a week as a technical advisor and consultant for the customers.

**Mahony, Cardinal Roger, W6QYI**—Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles, advocate for immigration reform.

**Margolis, Sylvia (no call) (SK)**—Prolific CQ humor writer in the 1960s and early '70s; first public relations officer for Radio Society of Great Britain.

**McElroy, Ted (no call) (SK)**—World champion radiotelegrapher and key manufacturer. Commercial telegrapher; still holds the telegraphy speed record of 77 wpm, set in a 1939 competition; manufactured namesake McElroy keys and bugs that were popular among hams before and after WW II, and are still popular among collectors today.

**Moorefield, Ron, W8ILC**—One of the guiding lights of the Dayton Hamvention® for at least the past 30



Michael McGirr, K9AJ, 2011 inductee into the CQ DX Hall of Fame. (Photo courtesy Bob Wilson, N6TV)

years; national ham radio coordinator for the 1984 Olympic Torch Relay from New York to Los Angeles; also a noted DXer and DXpeditioner; very active in public service in Dayton area and beyond.

**Raff, Malcolm, WA2UNP (SK)**—Astrophysicist, aerospace engineer and biotechnologist; developed some of the earliest DNA sequencing techniques and contributed software to the human genome project.

**Schmieder, Robert, KK6EK**—Noted DXer and DXpeditioner, physicist, and ecologist. Worked for 25 years at Sandia



John Sluymer, VE3EJ, the 2011 inductee of the CQ Contest Hall of Fame. (Photo courtesy of VE3EJ)

National Laboratories; founder and Expedition Leader of Cordell Expeditions, research group responsible for the creation of the Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary; author of books on island ecology and amateur radio DXpeditions. He has had a Pacific rock formation and several types of marine life named for him.

**Stodola, E. King, W2AXO (SK)**—The “father” of EME (Earth-Moon-Earth communications). Pioneer in development of radar; scientific director of the team that sent radar signals to the moon in 1946 and received them back on Earth. These first radio signal echoes off the moon proved that radio signals could pass through the ionosphere in both directions helped pave the way for communication satellites and advances in radio-astronomy.

**Taflove, Allen, WA9JLV**—Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at Northwestern University and a leading authority in the field of computational electrodynamics. He is one of the principal pioneers of numerical methods for solving Max-

well’s equations and his research and methods form the foundation on which many of today’s electromagnetic modeling software suites are based, including programs for antenna modeling and high-speed analog and digital circuit simulation. 2010 Distinguished Educator Award from the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society. Trustee of Northwestern U. Amateur Radio Society station W9BGX.

### CQ DX Hall of Fame

**Michael J. McGirr, K9AJ**—Mike is a leading DXpeditioner who has operated literally from the ends of the Earth over nearly 30 years. His many radio journeys have ranged from an Arctic expedition to Nunavut to Heard Island, off the coast of Antarctica, and a variety of places in between, including islands in the Indian Ocean, Caribbean, and South Pacific. Mike is also a director of the Island Radio Expedition Foundation (IREF) and 2010 recipient of the W9DXCC Award of Excellence in DXing.

### CQ Contest Hall of Fame

**John Sluymer, VE3EJ**—John has been an active contesteer and DXer since 1973. He is a founding member and current president of Contest Club Ontario, which has grown from 16 to 250 members in less than a decade. John also holds numerous Canadian domestic and DX contest records; is a frequent host for single- and multi-op contest operations from his station; a longtime member of the CQ WW Contest Committee; and a frequent speaker at hamfest forums and club meetings.

This year’s inductees were announced at the 2011 Dayton Hamvention®.

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