



The Monday Memo

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William P. "Uncle Bill" Weisinger
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Over 30 years of service to WSTB

William P. "Uncle Bill" Weisinger first joined WSTB in 1975 as a broadcast instructor and station manager. At that time WSTB was a vocational program with two instructors, Steve Foltin being the other. In 1978 the program lost state vocational funding, but continued on with Foltin as the instructor. Bill became the station engineer, and with the exception of a short stint in California, remained the WSTB station engineer until last month.

Bill was always looking for a way to save the station money. His ability to repair things seemingly unfixable was uncanny. He could resurrect almost anything. However, his legacy is The Sunday Oldies Jukebox which began in 1997.

In addition to his service to WSTB, Bill was also the station engineer for WKHR in Kenston and WRMU at Mount Union College. He was a "Lifetime" of the Society of Broadcast Engineers and well respected throughout the radio and TV engineering communities in the Akron/Cleveland area.

Scholarship to honor "Uncle Bill"

To honor the memory of Bill Weisinger, WSTB and Streetsboro High School are establishing an annual scholarship in his name. The scholarship will be offered to a senior WSTB staff member. Criteria is still being determined, however the scholarship should be available this spring for the Class of 2011.

Sunday Oldies Jukebox for nearly 13 years

At 2:30am on Sunday November 30, 1997 WSTB signed on with a live DJ as The Sunday Oldies Jukebox began. (This was before automation.) The idea for a Sunday oldies show originally came from V-ROCK program director Aaron Winters. General Manager Bob Long asked Bill, who had programmed oldies during his tenure as station manager in the mid 70s, to program the format. He said OK and the rest is history. The SOJ will be 13 on November 30th.