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Test broadcasts of KGON began between the 23rd & 27th of June 1947, 1AM to 6AM on 1230kc. with the power of 250 watts. Then on July 4, 1947 at 7AM KGON began commercial operation. KGON was owned by Clackamas Broadcasters (Dr. John H. Fitzgibbon, President, Roy Jarman, owner of "Jarman's Buick & Chevrolet" dealership, Temple V. Ehmsen, Chief Engineer & station builder. For more on Mr. Ehmsen see "Oregon's First FM Attempt"). Studio & transmitter were located on "Super Highway" (McLoughlin Blvd., Pacific Hwy. 99E) in Gladstone. KGON cost \$50,000. to build.

The one story modernistic building held a main studio, a control room studio, news, program & writer rooms & a business office. A 12 person staff ran KGON. Hale Byron, General Manager, Bob Roberts, Program Director & Chief Announcer, Douglas Bates, News Editor (Director), Ray Cummins, Chief Operator, Rod Cain & Gene O'Brien, Announcers & John Ford (Soap) Opera Announcer. KGON call meaning, city of license: oreGON city. KGON operated 7AM to Midnight, Monday through Saturday & 8AM to 11PM Sundays. KGON broadcast live & transcribed programs. The station was also big in sports, first broadcasting local high school games, then later expanding into regional college play by play. KGON slogan: The Voice of Clackamas County.

In late 1947 Floyd C. Bain became G.M. On July 15, 1948 broadcast hours were reduced. 7AM to 10PM Monday through Saturday & 8AM to 10PM Sundays. By October 1948 KGON slogan: Your home town station. On March 28, 1949 broadcast hours expanded 7AM to Midnight Monday through Saturday & 8AM to Midnight Sunday. Also in 1949 licensee name changed to Clackamas Broadcasters, Inc. & Irwin S. Adams became G.M. By February 1950 KGON slogan: Oregon City Radio. By March 1950 Bob McAnulty was doing Sports Play By Play on KGON.

On March 11, 1950 KGON affiliated with LBS, The Liberty Broadcasting System. The 249 station network broadcast Major League Baseball through re-enactments. (LBS studios & flagship: KLIF Dallas TX). Later in 1950 LBS expanded into entertainment programming. On April 29, 1950 KGON became the first station in the Portland area to begin 24 hour operation. Slogan: Serving the Portland metropolitan area 24 hours a day. By December 1950 H.I. Jackson was Assistant Manager, Delmar Lundbom, P.D. & N.D., Gene Good, Jr., Sports Director & Robert Brower, Chief Engineer.

By January 1951 Sammy Taylor was on KGON 11AM to 2PM. On May 16, 1952 The LBS Radio Network folded. By December 1952 Sonora B. Hoffman was Program Director, Frank Faro, News Director, H.I. Jackson, Sports Director & Edward G. Saxe, Chief Engineer. By November 1954 KGON slogan: The 24 hour station. By December 1954 Vincent Coyle was Sports Director. By December 1955 Ray Brooks was Sports Director & William R. Watson, Chief Engineer.

On July 30, 1956 KGON switched frequency to 1520kc. and raised power to 10KW directional, using a mult-tower array. (Collins transmitter, single pattern all hours). For the 1230 frequency continuation see "Gresham's KRDR". KGON slogans: First in sports. Tops on your dial at 1520. By December 1956 Robert J. Hartke was President & Co-Owner of Clackamas Broadcasters, Inc. with Irwin S. Adams, Secretary-Treasurer & G.M. At this time KGON was referred to off air as K-Gone.

On December 17, 1956 KGON became Portland area's NBC affiliate. (KGW dropped NBC for ABC, from KEX). In 1958 KGON's studios were assigned a numbered address. (1065 McLoughlin Blvd.). By August 1958 Sidney Roach was Chief Engineer. By September 1958 Bob McAnulty was doing mornings on KGON. On April 17, 1959 KGON added an affiliation with the Mutual Broadcasting System. On January 7, 1960 KGON lost the NBC Radio Network, when KGW became the affiliate once again. In 1961 KGON shortened broadcast hours 6AM to Midnight.

Between April 16 & 20, 1962 KGON raised day power to 50KW directional (single pattern day & night) from it's new 12-acre transmitter site in Clackamas OR (15201 S.E. Johnson Rd.). Three towers, 162 feet high, Gates BC-50 transmitter. The (future studios &) transmitter site cost \$250,000. The KGON air staff included: Larry Holloran 7-10AM, Bob Stevens (formally on KISN) 11-1PM, Larry Curran 1-6PM & Vic Knight 7:30-Midnight.

On September 3, 1962 KGON switched format to modern music (top 40) & news exclusively. MBS entertainment programs were dropped. Slogan: KGON, clear channel 15. The KGON air staff included: Jack Par (formally on KGRO & KISN) 6-9AM & 11-1PM, Larry Holloran 9-11AM, Ray Willis 1-3PM & 5-8PM, Vic Knight 3-5PM & 8-11:30PM.

On November 12, 1962 the FCC gave KGON permission to move studios to their transmitter site. (15201 S.E. Johnson Rd.). KGON's original studio location (1065 McLoughlin Blvd.) was later "Oregon City Honda". About 1985 McLoughlin Blvd. implemented five digit address numbers, plus S.E. was added to the addresses. The location is currently "Thomson Used Cars". (19380 S.E. McLoughlin Blvd.).

On January 21, 1963 the KGON air staff included: Jack Par 6-10AM, Ben Tracy (formally on KAYO) 10-Noon & P.D., Don Chapman noon-3, Bill Western (formally on KISN) 3-6PM & Vic Knight 6-11:30PM. Between August 12 & 16, 1963 KGON began 24 hour operation once again. Air staff included: Ted Behr 6-9AM, Roger Hart (formally on KEX & KISN) 9-Noon, Ben Tracy noon-2 & P.D. (later moving to KGRL & becoming the voice of "Les Schwab" tire ads since 1964), Bill Western 2-6PM, Paul Anthony 6-Midnight, Russ Reed Ripley III midnight-6 & Don R. Hughes, News Director.

On January 20, 1964 the KGON air staff included: Roger Hart 6-10AM, Ken Chase (formally on KISN) 10-noon & P.D., Joe Allen noon-3, Bill Wittman 3-7PM, Tom Mix 7-Midnight & Russ Reed Ripley III midnight-6. Also in early 1964 KGON changed from one directional pattern to two. (day & night).

On March 1, 1964 it was announced that KGON was sold to Republic Broadcasters, Inc. (Kenneth E. Palmer, President & John C. Hunter, Vice-President) for \$980,000. (plus assumption of \$830,000. in debt). Transfer took place on 7-1-64.

Mr. Hunter was also President of KIMN Denver, with Mr. Palmer as V.P. & G.M. Their top 40 station was in fierce competition with KBTR in the Denver market. KBTR was partly owned by Don Burdon. Speculation at the time was that 50KW KGON would take on Mr. Burdon's 1KW KISN.

On August 1, 1964 KGON became KYMN. Call slogan: Kim radio 1520. (calls based on sister KIMN Denver). Format: top 40. Douglas J. Taylor, General Manager, James Jobes, Chief Engineer. The Kim air staff included: Tom Mix 6-10AM, Jack Merker 10-Noon & P.D., Larry Curran noon-3 & N.D., Steve Lee 3-7PM & Russ Ripley 7-midnight. KYMN slogans: More music and more entertainment from fabulous Kim in Oregon. The 50,000 watt voice of the

great Northwest. The peak of your dial, move up to Kim. The Kimcasters call for fair skies in Kimland. 65 Kim counted degress at 4:23 Kim time. Radio to live by.

On October 1, 1964 the Kim air staff included: Bill Western 6-10AM, Jack Merker 10-noon & P.D., Larry Curran noon-3 & N.D., Steve Lee 3-7PM, Joe Allen 7-Midnight & Bill Davison midnight-6. On October 25, 1964 KYMN dropped the Mutual Network. (KPOJ picked up MBS once again).

On February 1, 1965 KYMN changed format to Good Music. (instrumental, familiar tunes, standards & some classical). The music was from taped sources. Four breaks an hour. Three spots per break with 12 minutes of un-interrupted music. Slogan: Elegance without affectation. John C. Hunter, V.P. & G.M., Jack Merker, Operations Manager, Bill Western, Program Director, Robert W. Scott, News Director.

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On June 1, 1966 at 5PM Oregon Governor Mark O. Hatfield dedicated the new emergency broadcasting facilities at KYMN. The 300 square foot underground control room, fallout shelter was encased in 16 inches of cement. The communications center was also equipped with a shortwave two-way monitoring system with the Clackamas County Civil Defense headquarters. The initial shelter was expanded by 700 square feet to include the music library, space for off air personnel, stocked with 14 days of food rations and a generator with a 5,000 gallon fuel supply. By October 1966 John C. Hunter was President & G.M., with Lee Williams as News Director. KYMN slogans: Fine Kim music. Aren't you glad you listen to KYMN? Don't you wish your children did?

On August 21, 1967 KYMN's licensee was reorganized. Wally Nelskog became Vice-President & James B. McGovern, General Manager. On September 18, 1967 KYMN became KYXI. Call slogan: KiXIe. (calls & format based on KIXI Seattle). Format: Good music a.k.a. Beautiful music. KYXI slogans: Metropolitan radio. Beautiful music 24 hours a day. By October 1968 Jim Liniger was Program Director (later on KYTE-FM & KLLB as Laid-Back Lenny) & Harry Christensen, News Director.

On May 2, 1969 KYXI announced it had applied for an FM station in Oregon City, frequency unknown. (103.3?). The FCC never granted the application. KYXI slogans: The sound of beautiful music. In the air everywhere, KYXI Oregon City.

On November 20, 1969 it was announced that KYXI was sold to Pacific & Southern Company, Inc. (DeSales Harrison, President) for \$6,493,550. (price included KIMN AM&FM Denver). Transfer took place 17 months later on January 7, 1971. (FCC approval on 4-15-71). Kent Burkhart, Radio Division President, William Gott, Chief Engineer. On July 19, 1972 James B. McGovern became V.P. as well as G.M.

On January 15, 1973 KYXI was sold to McCoy Broadcasting Co. (Arthur H. McCoy, President) for \$1.5 Million. (Transfer took place on 1-26-73). On March 13, 1973 licensee name changed to KYXI, Inc., James B. McGovern, President & G.M. (group owner: McCoy Broadcasting Co.). By September 1973 KYXI's format had changed to MOR with Harry Christensen & Mark Andrews as Co-News Directors.

On October 1, 1973 it was announced that KYXI, Inc. had purchased KLIQ-FM for \$400,000. Calls changed to the AM's pioneer letters (KGON) on 11-1-73. In March 1974 Craig McCoy became KYXI Station Manager. (son of owner). In October 1974 KYXI affiliated with the NBC

Radio Network. (KGW dropped NBC). By November 1974 Robert Reed was P.D. & N.D. In August 1975 Craig McCoy became G.M. & Herbert H. Smith became President of KYXI, Inc. Slogan: The sound of the Northwest.

On July 12, 1976 KYXI changed to an All News format. Also on this date KYXI added an affiliation with NBC's News & Information Service. A press release said KYXI had the largest News staff in the Northwest. Slogans: This is your news & information station. News 15. The news authority. On the scene with News 15. Herbert H. Smith, President & General Manager, Paul Hansen, News Director & Mike Cooley, Chief Engineer.

On May 2, 1977 KYXI added an affiliation with the CBS Radio Network. (KOIN/KYTE dropped CBS). On May 29, 1977 The NBC News & Information Service ended nationally. By December 1977 Gary Johnson was News Director & Norman Smith, Chief Engineer. On April 14, 1978 licensee name changed to McCoy Broadcasting of Oregon, Inc.

On April 8, 1979 it was announced that KYXI was sold to Western-Sun, Inc. (The Des Moines Register & Tribune newspaper) for \$27.7 Million. (price included KGON(FM) Portland, KLAQ & KPPL(FM) Lakewood/Denver, KHON(TV) Honolulu & satellite KAI(TV) Wailuku). FCC approval on 6-1-79. Also in 1979 KYXI dropped it's NBC affiliation and picked up the Mutual Broadcasting System. By December 1979 Craig McCoy was President & General Manager & KYXI added an affiliation with AP Radio. On April 8, 1980 Larry Holtz became Chief Engineer. By December 1980 Michael Johnson was Broadcast Director.

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In 1981 KYXI installed a new Harris MW-50-A transmitter. Also in 1981 KYXI dropped the Mutual Network. Slogans: News radio 1520. The only one in Oregon. If it's going on, it's going on KYXI 1520. In early 1983 KYXI dropped AP Radio & began airing the audio feed from CNN Headline News from cable TV. In April 1983 Linn Harrison became Station Manager, Jeff Davis, Traffic. In January 1984 Linn Harrison became General Manager. On February 1, 1984 it was announced that KYXI would switch later in the month to Satellite Music Network's "Stardust" nostalgia format, keeping it's old time radio programs at night. CNN Headline News was dropped. Later in 1984 Linn Harrison became President of Western-Sun, Inc.

On September 1, 1984 KYXI became KSGO. Call meaning: Solid Gold Oldies. KSGO began an Oldies format. CBS Radio was dropped. Michael Johnson, Program Director. KSGO slogans: 1520 KSGO solid gold. The music you grew up with. Solid gold rock & roll. By December 1984 Jeff Davis was Program Director.

In July 1985 KSGO was sold to KSGO/KGON, Inc. (group owner: Ackerley Communications, Inc., Barry A. Ackerley, President, Donald Carter, Executive V.P.) for \$6,750,000. Dan Hern, V.P. & G.M., Peter Bolger, Operations Manager. In late April 1988 KSGO moved studios with FM sister to 4614 S.W. Kelly Ave. in Portland. In June 1988 Donald Carter became President of Ackerley. Between June 20 & 26, 1988 KSGO began broadcasting in AM stereo. (Motorola C-QUAM). By February 1989 Eric Worden was Program Director.

On August 18, 1989 KSGO began playing the song "We Built This City" by Starship, for hours. Then the sound of a baby being spanked! Next an announcement: "The-X has come to town to kick ass!" Followed by "Welcome To The Jungle" by Guns 'N' Roses. The-X's P.D. was Dave Numme. On September 12, 1989 KSGO became KFXX. Call slogan: The-X. Other slogans: Pure rock, The-X. X-Marks the spot. X-Rated. X-tasy. In early 1990 licensee name

changed to KFXX/KGON, Inc.

On September 1, 1990 KFXX changed to a Sports/News/Talk format. Call slogan: The Fox. Mike Turner, Program Director. KFXX slogan: X-ceptional sports. KFXX affiliated with CNN Radio. In January 1991 KFXX changed format slightly to Sports/Talk. Slogans: Sports Radio 1520 AM. 24 hours of sports. Portland's sports radio. Sports & nothing but sports. Also in 1991 Steve Feder became General Manager & Duane Link, Program Director.

On September 25, 1992 KFXX was sold to Apogee Radio Limited Partnership I (group owner: Apogee Communications, Inc., Roy P. Disney, Owner. Great nephew of the late Walt Disney) for \$5.5 Million. (price included FM sister). Steve Feder became V.P. & G.M. In 1993 James A. Johnson became President & General Manager & Kevin Toon, Program Director. By June 1994 KFXX slogans: Sports Radio 1520, The Fan. We're talkin' sports. In July 1994 KFXX added an affiliation with ESPN Radio & Steve Arena became Program Director (former K-2 sports anchor).

On August 1, 1995 KFXX was sold to ECI License Co. L.P. (group owner: Entertainment Communications, Inc., Joseph M. Field, President, David J. Field, CFO & Senior Vice-President). Also in 1995 KFXX added an affiliation with USA Radio. In January 1996 Thomas C. Baker became Vice-President & General Manager. In Spring 1996 KFXX dropped CNN & USA Networks, picking up abc, CBS & Westwood One Radio Networks.

On August 7, 1997 KFXX raised night power to 15KW directional. On October 6, 1997 Scott Masteller became Program Director. In early 1998 KFXX dropped the abc Network, picking up The 1 On 1 Sports Radio Network. KFXX slogans: Sports Radio 1520. Portland's real sports leader, The Fan 1520 AM.

On March 30, 1998 KFXX became KKSUN, when KFXX & KKSUN switched frequencies. (Entertainment Communications, Inc. purchased KKSUN on 3-1-98). KFXX moved to 910khz. "The Fan, moving to 910 AM". KKSUN-Sunny 910 became Sunny 1520. "Tell a friend we've moved and share the songs on Sunny 1520". 1520khz. did move studios to the "Pioneer Tower" building. (888 S.W. 5th Ave., Suite 790). KKSUN broadcasts Westwood One's "Adult Standards" satellite format and is an abc News affiliate.

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On June 19, 1998 licensee name changed to Entercom Portland License LLC. On July 2, 1998 Entertainment Communications, Inc. became Entercom Communications Corp. On September 28, 1998 David J. Field became President of Entercom. On January 7, 1999 Gary M. Hilliard became Chief Engineer. On November 12, 1999 Jack Hutchison became Vice-President & General Manager. On December 20, 1999 KKSUN moved to The Bancroft Building. (0700 S.W. Bancroft St.).

On February 1, 2000 KKSUN changed its transmitter (access) address to 8200 Cypress Ave. In April 2001 Allan Davis became Program Director. KKSUN slogans: The station for great songs & great memories. We're Sunny 1520.

A Special Thanks To: Cyn Bolsta, Bob Brooks, Jeff Davis, Iris Harrison, Roger Hart, Larry Holtz, Mike Johnson, Brien Morris, Steve Naganuma, Denise Nelsen, Steve Taylor, Ben Tracy, Mike Turner, Amy Welp & arrived Wayne for their invaluable assistance in this radio history.

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I still have a copy of KFXX "The-X" official sign-off , before they commenced to play every CD in their Library...

Author: **Semoochie**

Saturday, February 08, 2003 - 6:06 pm

Just before the change to KYXI, KYMN was scheduled to return to Top 40 and take on KISN. They were within days of the change, with a new airstaff ready to go when they got a call from the owners of KIXI asking how much they wanted for the station. KYMN was sold, it became KYXI and that was the end of that! This is significant. If it hadn't happened, KGW probably wouldn't have challenged KISN, Craig Walker may not have worked there and it might have changed the entire local radio landscape as we know it. For more information on this, see Robin Mitchell's site. <http://www.rm1.com>



A large crowd gathered at the after-game dance, where Dick Novak spun records.

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## DICK NOVAK

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A DICK NOVAK Memorial was held Saturday 7/27/02 at Vermont Hills Methodist Church, SW 55th & Iowa St., near Pendleton Park.

**Dick Novak** succumbed to cancer Friday, July 12th at 10:30am. At his side were his wife of 54 years, **Jeanette**, and **Dr. Bill Prescott**, his half-brother.

Born June 25, 1924, the family just celebrated Novak's 78th birthday together.

Daughter **Kim Novak** reports, "He was a fighter to the end, and was able to speak with a clear mind right up until his death."

My earliest memories of Dick Novak are on **KPOJ** (1330AM), where he reigned supreme from 1954-1961. I spoke with Dick in early March 2002, and he said, "I coined the name '**Rhythm Room**,' because I hated the 'Race Records' tag some gave the music later known as Rock'n'Roll."

Novak believed strongly in racial equality. As the economy faltered in the 60's, Dick helped organize Albina's Christmas Parade. He secretly arranged for **Sammy Davis, Jr.** to be the parade's black Santa.

Unfortunately, Sammy's agent backed him out at the last minute due to "a scheduling conflict." (Agents are often at odd's with their stars' altruistic endeavors. 15% of \$0 is \$0 to them.) Kim will never forget Sammy Davis, Jr. calling their house to personally apologize to her Dad.

Novak was a Foster Child during the Depression era. This had a huge impact on him. During his broadcast career he focused upon helping underprivileged children. Kim reports, "I was brought to these parties to help out as a child."

Dick Novak was a 42 year veteran of the broadcast business. Following his radio tenure, he spent many years at Portland's **KATU Channel 2** as the staff announcer.

Dick was a ranger (sharp shooter) in the Infantry during World War II, and fought in the Battle Of The Bulge." Novak received at least 2 Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. Trapped and surrounded by Germans in Belgium, Novak stayed awake for an entire week...in the snow...continually radioing for help until "...all his guys were saved."

Novak was hospitalized with hypothermia and battle fatigue, and remained unconscious for a week.

Looking back, Dick was most proud of the fact that he never had to shoot anyone, as he had a deep reverence for life...yet he was able to "do his part" in the war effort.

After the war, Dick came home to Portland. He found a new hobby: repairing cars and driving them in **The Destruction Derby**. He also graduated from **Pacific University** on the G.I. Bill. Dick Novak married Jeanette in 1948. The marriage resulted in 3 children: **Michelle, Richard Scott**, and Kim.

How did Dick Novak get into radio? He won a contest, which turned into a job. But it was more than a job. It was a passion.

In March, Dick told me it all started for him at 250 watt **KGON-AM**, where he got quick ratings playing "today's hits." He then joined **KPOJ**, after telling the General Manager he would make them #1 in 30 days on the night show.

HE DID!!! First it was "**Scotty's Party Line With Dick Novak**." Monday-Saturday, Dick broadcast 7pm-2am from Scotty's Drive-In. 2,000 teens converged nightly to consume over 3,000 burgers and make requests and dedications. In addition, Novak got 600 mailed requests/dedications daily.

DICK NOVAK, the "Alan Freed of Portland," owned the market 1954-56 as Rock'n'Roll exploded onto the scene. The tremendous audience interaction GUARANTEED that the Top 50 posted at Scotty's Drive-In accurately reflected LOCAL POPULARITY.

By mid-1956, after 2 1/2 years, Portland Police declared the nightly broadcast a nuisance and threatened to revoke Scotty's business license.

Novak responded by putting on a coat and a tie and taking his KPOJ broadcast to **Amato's Supper Club**, renaming it **Richard's Rhythm Room**. An "under 21" room was added at Amato's so kids could watch and interact with Novak. The show's theme: Open The Door Richard.

In late '58, Dick Novak joined **KGW 620am** 6-10am AND 3-7pm daily. Saturdays Dick hosted Channel 8's "**Portland Bandstand**." Novak was so huge, KGW hired Canada's #1 DJ, **Red Robinson**, when Dick returned to KPOJ in 1959.

The nightly Requests & Dedications format raged on through 1961 with Novak at the helm, sponsored by **Stacy's Cleaners**, and later **Gillette Razor Blades**.

In the future, we hope to add DICK NOVAK pictures & audio to this website, courtesy of the Novak Family.

A Memorial for Dick Novak was held 1PM Saturday 7/27/02 at Vermont Hills Methodist Church at SW 55th & Iowa Street near Pendleton Park.

Thanks for the memories, Dick!!!



DICK NOVAK

KGON (1230AM)  
KPOJ (1330AM)  
KGW (620AM) & KGW-TV  
KPOJ (1330AM)  
KPOK (1330AM)  
KYXI (1520AM)  
KXL (750AM)  
KATU-TV



**Story:** Alan Freed was the man who invented the term Rock & Roll.

*Reality: Unsure. This one is another of those that requires some sort of documentation, but rarely is it offered. We offer two citations: (1) the late Dick Novak (Portland, OR DJ) was said to have used the phrase when playing "Rock Around the Clock" ("... and the kids were rolling in their cars") in the early 1950s; and (2) In the Wynonie Harris song "Good Rockin' Tonight," Wynonie apparently ad libs into the second chorus "rock .. and roll".... this being in 1947 (on the King label).*

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## **DICK NOVAK**

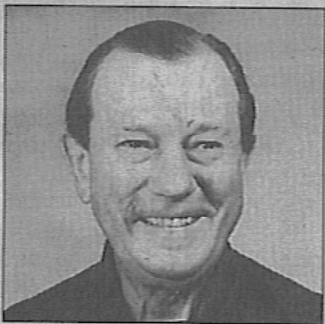
**Born:** June 25, 1924

**Died:** July 12, 2002, Portland

**Stations:** KGON, KPOJ, KGW Portland

**Notes:** Portland's first Top 40 deejay, was famous for his show "The Rhythm Room." Died of cancer at age 78. <http://rockradioscrapbook.ca/heavenn.html>

## Dick Novak



Dick Novak, Veteran Portland radio and TV announcer succumbed to cancer on July 12. Dick was a popular radio personality for over 29 years and was the staff announcer for KATU-TV for 14 years until his retirement in December 1992. During his tenure he performed many special tasks without compensation. He focused on helping underprivileged children and helped to organize the first Albina Christmas Parade. Dick had a large fan club and conducted weekly record hops. The broadcast from Scotty's Drive-In was a popular draw for young people during the 1950's. He regularly took requests and dedications on his program.

During WWII Dick was an Army Ranger (sharp shooter) in the infantry. He fought in the "Battle of the Bulge" and received two Bronze Star medals. He was credited with staying awake for a week to radio for help until his entire unit was saved. Upon returning from the war he graduated from Pacific University.

In 1958, while at KGW, he hosted "Portland Bandstand" on TV. It was a popular forerunner to Dick Clark's "American Bandstand". Mr. Novak enjoyed golfing and league bowling in his spare time and was always ready with a joke.

Dick Novak is survived by his wife Jeanette, son Richard Scott, daughters Kimberly Johnson and Michele Novak Gruber and six grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 27, 2:00 p.m. at Vermont Hills United Methodist Church located at SW Iowa Street and 55th Drive. Remembrances may be sent to St. Vincent Hospice.



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