

I've wanted to write about Dave Bell (W6AQ-W6BVN-W8GUE) for a long time and now have enough personal data for his VIP status!

David L. Bell - By way of Ohio and New York, born in 1932 - Great TV/Film Producer, EMMY Recipient, Speaker/MC and World Wide DX'er and Contester. Dave, currently semi retired in Hollywood CA - with wife Alice W6QLT. Apparently our subject started in ham radio, around 1951 near authors QTH about 25 miles from Warren Ohio at Andover as W8GUE.

In 1956 Dave was DL4NV in Stuttgart and DL4USA the principle operator originating thousands of Phone patches. In 1960 Mr. Bell moved to LA and received W6BVN and with the help of Barry Goldwater K7UGA, Arthur Godfrey K4LIB and others produced "The Hams World Wide"

Dave's claim to fame is producing the first documentary about ham radio that got worldwide distribution and then he made several others before he retired from the ham radio film/video hobby within a hobby and earned a living with producing TV Movies, specials, documentaries (mostly for HBO and TV series and a few theatrical films. One of Dave's TV Movies won an EMMY as best movie and also a Peabody. His documentaries have won numerous film festival awards.

Dave is the former chairman of the ARRL's PR Committee and frequent speaker at ham radio gatherings and MC many of the International DX Convention banquets for the Southern Calif DX Club, which Bell was past president. He received SCDXC Dixer of the Year in 1984.

In November 1998 Dave was honored for a TV program he produced and depicts the daily experiences of members of the LAPD. The National Assoc Chiefs of Police honored Dave along with LAPD hit TV program LAPD: Life on the Beat, which Bell produces. Bell even has time to participate with QCWA and has their awards in 91 and 20004 Dave received ham of the Year award at the Dayton Hamvention, in 84 - and in 2003 received the ARRL first Lifetime Achievement Award

for his work on films and videos about amateur radio.

In 2001 our subject celebrated his 50th anniversary as a ham, by going to E. Malaysia where he was 9M6AQT and 9M6V during the ARRL DX CW contest and in 2003 he was ZK1SSB in the CQWW DX Phone contest with K6IPV. Lately Dave is into QRP contesting with his Elecraft K2. We expect to hear a lot more out of this talented fellow.

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