

Obituaries



James Redmond

SMPTE has been informed of the death on October 17, 1999 of SMPTE Fellow, James Redmond. He was born in Muiravonside, Falkirk, Scotland on November 8, 1918. His first post in a long career with the BBC was in Edinburgh as a junior maintenance engineer in 1937. When World War II broke out, Redmond served in the merchant navy as a marine radio officer. Around this time he also earned an "on screen credit," when he acted the part of a radio officer in the Crown Film Unit's documentary *Western Approaches* (1944).

Following the war, Redmond returned to the BBC and resumed his rise through the corporation's engineering ranks. His

obituary in the *London Independent* on October 20, 1999 characterized him as part of a new breed of engineers; one of "...the first to come from television..." who grew with the burgeoning technology.

Redmond was involved with the planning, implementation and launching of BBC2, a complex proposal replete with challenge. The system-wide switch to color transmission, broadcasting of frequency bands that had never been used before, and the requisite technical modifications required to handle the new service had to be accomplished while the existing service, renamed BBC1, continued in tandem with the old standards.

Redmond retired from the BBC, as director of engineering, in 1978. In addition to SMPTE, he was a member of the Institution of Electrical Engineers and served as president of the group from 1978-79.

Douglas O. Williams

Douglas O. Williams, a Life Member, has died at age 82. He contributed to the war effort as an associate engineer at the University of California, Division of War Research at San Diego from 1943 to 1946, by aiding in the development, circuit design, manufacture, and installation of secret underwater sound equipment that was used on combat ships. In 1966, he retired from Twentieth Century-Fox, after a 37-year career. Williams, of Los Angeles, CA, joined the SMPE in 1949.

David S. Newborg

David S. Newborg of New Jersey, has died at the age of 80. Newborg began his career as a technician in a radio station. After graduating from Georgia Tech in 1943, he worked for RCA. During a stint in the Air Force during WWII, he worked on Shoran, a radar bombing device; and was eventually appointed electrical engineer in charge of the Shoran Range Extension Project. He returned to RCA following the war and remained there until he retired and became president of his own electrical engineering firm in 1984, the same year he joined SMPTE.

Willis I. McCord

SMPTE recently received notice that Willis I. McCord of Columbus, OH, died in 1999 at the age of 85. McCord, a Life Member, joined the SMPE in 1947. He retired in 1984 from the Ohio Educational Broadcasting Network. McCord held a number of patents as the inventor of many television and motion picture devices.

Philip Vogel, Jr.

SMPTE was also recently notified that Philip Vogel, Jr., of Glendale, CA, passed away in 1999. Vogel began a long and varied career with Eastman Kodak Co. in 1968. He was a member of the Society since 1973.

Calendar

SMPTE ACTIVITIES

PASADENA, CA—142nd Technical Conference & Exhibition, *October 18-21, 2000.*

WASHINGTON, DC—35th Advanced Motion Imaging Conference, *February 8-10, 2001.*

NEW YORK, NY—143rd Technical Conference & Exhibition, *November 4-7, 2001.*

MARCH

36th Annual Cinema Audio Society Awards Banquet, Sheraton Universal, No. Hollywood, CA. Info: Laura Long, CAS: (818) 752-8624; e-mail: lslong@earthlink.net. *March 4, 2000.*

APRIL

Inter-Society Color Council (ISCC) and the Color Pigments Manufacturers Assoc., Inc. (CPMA), Conference on "Color Pigments For the New Millennium," Charlotte, NC. Info: (703) 684-4044; fax: (703) 684-1795; e-mail: conference@cpma.com. *April 17-19, 2000.*

NAB2000, Las Vegas, NV. Info: (800) 342-2460; website: www.nab.org/conventions. *April 8-13, 2000.*

JUNE

2000 International Conference on Consumer Electronics, Los Angeles, CA. Info: Diane D. Williams, Conference Coordinator, 67 Raspberry Patch Dr., Rochester, NY 14612; tel: (716) 392-3862; e-mail: d.williams@ieee.org. *June 13-15, 2000.*

JULY

XIXth Congress of the International Society for Photogrammetry, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Info: c/o ITC, Saskia Tempelman, P.O. Box 6, 7500 AA Enschede, The Netherlands; tel: +31 53 48 74 358; fax: +31 53 48 74 335; e-mail: isprs@itc.nl; website: www.itc.nl/~isprs. *July 16-23, 2000.*

SEPTEMBER

IBC2000, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Info: International Broadcasting Convention, Aldwych House, 81 Aldwych, London WC2B 4EL, UK; tel: +44 (0) 171 611 7500; fax: +44 (0) 171 611 7530; e-mail: show@ibc.org; website: www.ibc.org. *September 8-12, 2000.*