

Obituaries



John Eargle, award-winning recording engineer and author, passed away suddenly on May 10, 2007, at his home in Hollywood Hills, CA. He was 76.

Eargle was born on January 6, 1931, in Tulsa, OK, and played piano as a child. He earned degrees in music from the Eastman School of Music

and the University of Michigan and engineering degrees from the University of Texas and the Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art.

Eargle worked as a consultant for electro-acoustical product development for JBL Inc. in Northridge, CA, where he specialized in loudspeaker systems for motion picture and recording operations for 31 years. Before that, he worked as a recording engineer. During his career, he recorded more than 275 CDs for Delos, RCA, and Mercury.

In 2001, Eargle received a Grammy for Best Classical Engineering. Then, in 2002, along with two other JBL engineers, he received a Science and Engineering Award from the Motion Picture Academy for development of loudspeaker systems. He wrote numerous books, including *The Handbook of Recording Engineering*, *The Microphone Book*, *The Handbook of Sound System Design*, *Electro-acoustical Reference Data*, and *Music, Sound and Technology*. He also wrote *The Loudspeaker Handbook*, *The JBL Story: 60 Years of Audio Innovation*, and many articles for the *Journal of the Audio Engineering Society* and the *SMPTE Journal*.

Eargle was a member of SMPTE, a senior member of IEEE, and a fellow and past president of AES International Industries. His latest accolade was a fellowship to the Acoustical Society of America (ASA), which he was to receive in June.

Raphael Hannahs, 91, passed away April 25, 2007, at JFK Hospital in Edison, NJ. Hannahs had been a member of SMPTE since the 1960s.

Hannahs was an R&D engineer who held five patents issued

from 1953 to 1964, in electronic circuits and automated production systems. He was the author of over 50 published articles on electronic circuitry and communications technology.

From 1943 to 1954, Hannahs worked for Sylvania Electric (later GTE) in Pennsylvania and New York, where he developed lighting devices, radio, TV, and video equipment, and integrated circuits. From 1954 to 1968, he was an independent research consultant in New York and Connecticut; his R&D projects included photographic technology, TV and radio components, and automated production systems. From 1968 to 1974, he worked on developing digital and video telephone technology for Bell Labs in New Jersey, and from 1979 to 1986 in broadcast technology for CBS in New York.

Hannahs held a BA in physics and chemistry from Ohio Wesleyan University and a BS in education from Ohio State University, and he completed some graduate studies at Columbia University. He was also a member of IEEE throughout his career.

He is survived by his daughters Michelle Hannahs of Washington, DC, and Christine "C.J." Hayden of San Francisco, CA; granddaughters Mary and Charlene Hannahs, by his late son Roger; and their children.

George Sollenberger, a Life Member, has passed away. He was 65 years old. Sollenberger had been an active member in the Society since 1948. He served the Rocky Mountain Section as Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and many terms as Manager. He worked in the film, radio, and television industry until retiring in 1986. Before his passing, he was the owner of a video installation repair service.



Richard Suter, IBC's director of operations, died unexpectedly at his home in the U.K. on Saturday, May 26, 2007. Suter was 51 years old and joined IBC eight years ago at the end of a successful career as a huntsman. His wife Rachel and two children, Stephanie and Charles, survive him.

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