

Hans Knot writing:

Early Sunday, June 1st 2014 the sad news came in that another of our radio legends died: 'It is with a heavy heart and profound sadness that I inform you of the untimely passing of **Larry Tremaine, 'the Geator with the Heater'**.

Larry Tremaine, the American who took over from Roger Day as Programme Director of Radio Northsea International in the summer of 1970. He later becoming Managing Director of Meb...o Ltd., the company that operated the station. He had been involved in the music business for some time, having worked with the Beach Boys early in their career, sung with his own band Larry Tremaine and His Renegades (later to become the Sunrays) and hosted 'Casino Royal', a nationally syndicated U.S TV dance show. He went on to work for KRLA, KBLA, KDAY, KABC-TV, KTTV-TV and KCET-TV. The Geator broadcast daily on RNI during election week June 1970 when the station was temporary on the air as 'Caroline International' and later presented a weekly rock'n'roll show on Sunday afternoons. After the September 1970 closedown, he moved back to the United States. He lived in Beverly Hills, California and ran the Carol Lawrence Fine Art Gallery chain. The 'Geator with the Heater' nickname had previously been used on American radio by DJ Jerry Blavat. 'Geator' is slang for an alligator (with thanks to Jon at the Pirate Hall of Fame).

Another radio friend who was in contact with Larry on regular base is Paul Rusling who wrote me: 'Very sad news that Larry Tremaine died. Only two weeks ago I spoke to him with a report about the RadioDay in Amsterdam. A very big loss for me, he was very helpful for me in many ways. Good fun and so entertaining to chat with about music. He was a huge man in radio, even though he was only on the air in Europe for a short time. This is so sad.'

Edwin Bollier, one of the owners of Mebo Ltd, the company behind RNI wrote: 'Dear Larry - the most beautiful monument that you can get is compassion in the heart of others.' Larry didn't make it to one of the RadioDays in Amsterdam, although he tried to plan it twice. I was in contact with him during the past 13 years by mail and it was always fun to have 'talks' with

him about the memories to RNI and Europe in the early seventies of last century.

But also interesting to see that more than 30 years after he left the radio scene in Europe he was found back in Beverly Hills, by reading one of my stories on internet. See the next report: <http://www.radiolondon.co.uk/jocks/whofound5.html>

I wish Larry's Donna, family and friends a lot of strength to carry this sudden loss.