

**Johnny Donovan K2KOQ** - Celebrated DJ, announcer and producer, based at New York's WABC (AM) Who can forget that old Top 40 music station Radio 77 out of NYC. Sadly they ran out of gas with that format and went "News" in 1982 - Such are the ratings. They had wonderful night coverage into probably most of America, plus Central and South America.

Lets get back to Johnny Donovan born Richard Ulrich Jr. - Rich was raised in Poughkeepsie NY, nicknamed "Sarge" after his father's former rank in the Army. Sarge, a radio enthusiast from an early age, with his ham radio shack in one corner of the basement, became a DJ "Large Sarge" on WHVW in nearby Hyde Park, after helping build the station.

Next came stations in Kingston, Binghamton NY and Atlantic City NJ. Then WOR-FM and finally WABC (Holy Grail) before the station converted from music to talk.



Should you be a Limbaugh listener you know Rich with his vibrant intro with "Live from the EIB Southern Command in sunny South Florida, via New York City, it's Open Line Friday."

It appears Rich is into ham radio for the long haul at home, has installed a fine tower installation with a Tri bander and 17Meter Mono bander plus VHF.

Your author has made attempts to contact Rich Ulrich, having failed. Note; The ARRL Hudson Div. Beacon of October 2005 (Email edition NR. 55) With the mention that K2KOQ was none other than broadcast great Johnny Donovan. Partially scripted via Wikipedia.com



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