



Those that know me are aware of my fascination and admiration of TV/Radio personality Dave Garroway 1913-1982 - Dave awoke America at a time when TV was being dominant in our daily lives. His commanding salary from NBC of approximately 350,000 dollars per year was nearly unheard of in those days.

There was a generation of broadcasting hopefuls including myself that patterned themselves and their speech, desiring to sound like Dave and his easy fluid delivery.

Early on as a ham radio operator and learning the things of radio and electronics in the 1950's I heard a conversation over the air that Mr. Garroway was a shortwave enthusiast and owned a top of the line Hallicrafters SX-42 communications receiver. I have no earthly idea how that stuck in my all of these years, but some how I believed it was true. That conversation about Dave was never confirmed until January 2005 when I received a packet of Dave Garroway memorabilia from Ebay. Pat helped me retrieve that packet and I am very pleased with the information. Later on he may have used a new SX-62.

In going over the packet of information about Dave's personal life, sure enough, there it was the old venerable Hallicrafters SX-42 communications receiver with none other than the Maestro at the tuning controls.

Therefore it is incumbent upon me to induct Mr. Dave Garroway posthumously into our Cambridge Radio Boys, in Honorarium.



A lot can be said about this man, his tragedy, talent, interests and one of a kind genius in the broadcasting game. I am sure that Dave would have made a fine amateur radio operator. I only wish he had the time to pursue the radio game.

I love that theme "Sentimental Journey." w8su 2005