



**W**alter “Pee Wee” Hunt \*K1AYA\* 1907-1979 Born in Mount Healthy, Ohio. A professional singer, bandleader and Trombonist. Capitol artist Pee Wee Hunt for many years known as the “Happy Face of Dixieland Jazz.”

My guess is that Hunt’s service in WW2 may have provided a clue to his start in amateur radio. He served in The U.S. Merchant Marine during WWII. Forming his own band in 1946 and on to national hits.

Hunt was a familiar name during the 30s playing with Glen Gray’s Casa Loma Band and after the war formed his own band. His rendition of “Twelfth Street Rag” was the 1948 million

selling hit bringing our Buckeye to international fame. (CD Universe)

Pee Wee was not done with a million seller, a Capitol recording artist he had another million hit in 1953, topping the charts with “OH!” a nifty instrumental still played today. He expired at Plymouth Mass in 1979. His music is still available on CD. W8SU 2006

