

Art Bell *W6OBB* Arthur W. Bell, III born 17 June 1945 Camp Lejeune NC to Colonel Art Bell II and Jane Bell. It is said Art's upbringing was unusually traditional. An American Broadcaster/engineer and author, known primarily as the founder and a longtime host of the paranormal themed radio program "Coast to Coast AM" He also created and at one time hosted its companion show, Dreamland.



I am not going to be able to do this subject justice however going to give it a fair go. Art Bell reminds me of the 50-60s WOR Great, the schmaltzy late night host Long John Nebel. Long John was a midnight radio tradition!

No one in talk radio quite compares to Art Bell when it comes to entertaining the notions of UFOlogists, psychics and conspiracy theorists.

From his one man broadcasting center in Nevada, Bell hosted a nationally syndicated all night radio show – Coast to Coast AM – specializing in alleged tales of the supernatural, the paranormal and weird. He showed unusual patience with each caller and was a listener as well and a good participant.

At age 13 Bell obtained his first amateur radio ticket and was called a news junkie because he knew his military parents would go where the action was by the news world. He entered the USAF and became a Medic during the Vietnam war. Migrating from the Pacific and Alaska. Eventually studied engineering and Univ. Of Maryland.

The 50KW giant KDWN in Vegas offered W6OBB a chance to broadcast all night to 13 states, he grabbed the opportunity and never looked back.

Not many of us have a Drive named in our honor, W6OBB does. Las Vegas renamed a portion of a downtown street to Art Bell Drive. After five years on the air Bell's audience was still growing, but on 13 October 1998, he suddenly and mysteriously announced the end of his broadcasting career. Two weeks later he just as mysteriously returned to the air and resumed his broadcasts, only to retire from broadcasting in April 2000. The on and off again continued and by 2003 Bell returning to become the regular weekend host on Coast to Coast AM.



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