

William V. Stancil -8PF - W6PF - 1909-1991 * Of Royal Oak Michigan and Hollywood Calif.
Sound engineer and inventor/manufacturer. Bill Stancil was among the first companies in the world to manufacture tape recorders and first to design them for long term voice logging.

Logging began an industry and a tradition of continuously pushing the technology envelope to record more, record it more reliably, to find it faster, to understand and to analyze the content. These early precision mechanisms have evolved into our fully PC based Voice XP series recorders making tape a distant memory.

Stancil's only mission has been to design and manufacture voice logging recorders. While the company traces its origins to 1946, having roots in the sound industry reaching back into the 20s.



Voice logging or telephone recording, is the practice of regularly recording audio, usually in a business situation. Most commonly telephone lines or business radio channels are recorded. This allows business to keep records, improve customer service, increase security and decrease errors. In a call center environment it is often called "agent monitoring" or "logging." The word (Logging) comes from the log of calls or audio files that are generated as each recording is made.

The original logging system was a large analog tape recorder, refrigerator sized, designed by Bill Stancil. His company is yet in business more than 50 years later.

The period of the 20s, young Stancil barnstormed with aviation pioneer Eddie Stinson and demonstrated the Stinson Bi-Plane to none other than Henry Ford. Then

Ford developed the Tri Motor and crimped the Stinson operation. Interested in wireless the 15 year old Bill Stancil received an early amateur radio permit in 1925, awarded by Secretary of Commerce. Ham operators today will recognize the vintage 8PF, which Washington Street, Royal Oak Michigan will never be the same.

In the 1930s Stancil worked as sound man for Howard Hughes and in the MGM Lab. He made one of the earliest Stereophonic demonstrations to the Audio Engineering Society. Worked at most major film studios; Goldwyn, MGM, RKO Republic - On pictures such as "Stella Dallas" and Gone With the Wind. Arranged the first APCO (Associated Public Safety Communications Officers, North/South California meeting. Then a Motorola engineering specialist for a State of California contract for the "CHP." about the state.

The 40's brought Bill new patent applications and a design engineer on the Manhattan project. In 1946 Wm. V. Stancil founded his company and began his pioneering work on the designs for most of the components that became common in tape recorders. 10 December 1948 renamed the company "Stancil-Hoffman" and became publicly held. Partially scripted from stancil.com w8SU 2006