

The period of the 1960's your author heard Andy Devine on the 40 Meter band one summer. Andy was vacationing in his motor home on Interstate 75 northbound in central Michigan. I was in the Coast Guard at the time stationed at Sault Ste Marie. "This is **WB6RER** Red Eyed Rooster calling on 40 and standing by." No doubt about it, that raspy but cheerful voice was none other than Andy Devine!



I remember to this day the pile up he caused and the fact he was running a Swan Transceiver, probably the drifty 350.

Pictured the Devine family - Tad, Dorothy, Andy and Denny.

Andy Devine WB6RER *1905-1977* Born in AZ moving to Kingman as a youngster. His raspy voice became his selling point, his speech was the result of a childhood accident. I loved him as Guy Madison's side kick "Jingles" in TV's Wild Bill Hickcock. Who can ever forget him as "Hap" in Flipper. He appeared in more than 400 movies and films and shared with Walter Brennan the rare ability to move with ease from B Westerns to A Pictures.

He was a star football player at Santa Clara University which led to his first film role in the silent "The Collegians." He expired at age 71.

I can still hear Andy saying "Hey Wild Bill, wait for me!"

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