

Bob Dean

by Pete Fasciano, Executive Director 2/1/2013

I have never met Bob Dean in person. My loss. I don't even know what he looks like. By all accounts, everyone held him in high regard as a professional and as a person. I know him indirectly in other ways.

I was hired more or less to pick up where Bob left off. Bob suffered a stroke last spring. He is on a long journey of rehabilitation, and all wish him Godspeed.

I meet glimmers of him in brief moments when I mention his name. When I mention past Franklin cable committee business Bob's name comes up. I see the glimmer - a momentary facial reaction - always positive. The most prevalent observations that follow - jovial, upbeat, commanding. I hear these uttered with warmth and respect. Clearly, those who worked with Bob enjoyed a strong, dedicated presence.

I meet him through his craft. When I slip behind some equipment rack in a control room and survey all the wires, I see a thought process. Everything about the place; how the technical gear is laid out; how it's wired together- it all tells a story about the depth of creativity and problem-solving skills of the person who did the work. Bob accomplished a lot, building capable facilities on little means.

I meet him through his writing. Recently, in my efforts to rebuild some corporate memory, I received Bob's computer files. I spent last weekend eyeballs deep in the history of the Cable Committee that preceded and formed Franklin TV. As I read through all the correspondence, I see efficient thinking and logical planning. I also see bits of humanity in thoughtful turns of phrase that offer just a bit more than merely getting a message across.

Have I met Bob? No! Do I know him? It is said that we are known by our works. In that sense, I cautiously venture a "yes". Do I owe him? Absolutely. We all do.

One thing is abundantly clear. The big guy cared very deeply about this place - this little access TV studio - and about Franklin. He lived it and loved it.

I have inherited the house that Bob built. In so many ways I have his huge shoes to fill. So whenever you see someone clumsily flip-flopping about the town in these overly massive shoes - it's just me struggling to do right by Bob's legacy.

Thanks, Bob. You rocked the house. May you rock on.

And, thanks for watching!

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Honoring Bob Dean

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At the start of Town Council meeting the members took a moment to engage in one of its more enjoyable tasks. They honored a man whose long-standing commitment to the Town of Franklin and to Franklin TV demonstrates how good citizenship becomes stewardship.

I have spoken before of Bob Dean's able and unwavering contributions to the enduring success of Franklin TV.



If there is anyone who made our current progress and growth possible, it's Bob. The government channel's control room that Bob designed and piloted for years stands as a legacy to his crisp thinking and deep technical prowess.

I finally got to meet Bob a few weeks ago. He came to visit our Hutchinson St. Studio and saw the early stages of our progress first hand.

We still have much to do. As our new studio construction begins in earnest, this fall Franklin TV will undergo a transformative rebirth. The year ahead will see the culmination of patient plans and abiding vision that began long before my time.

If there is anyone who deserves proper credit for that vision - and our future, it's Bob.

That said, mine is a simple promise.
Make it all happen.

Bob, I promise.

And, thanks for watching!

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