

Doctor of Modifications Dies

Bill Cheek, better known as the author of the Scanner Modification Handbooks and Cheek III passed away from cancer on July, 22, 2000. He published the monthly Eleven Meter Times and Journal and has published the influential monthly World Scanner Report. Bill was the author of a wealth of technical and do-it-yourself features appearing in Popular Communications, S-9/Hobby Radio, and other periodicals. He was the columnist of the "Experimenter's Workshop" in Monitoring Times, and was known everywhere as The Guru of the Scanning Hobby. His Hertzian Intercept BBS, for instance, was a rallying point for scannists around the world.



Bill's technical career began as a Navy electronics technician during the Vietnam era, and advanced through electrical engineering, to president/CEO of a satellite communications manufacturing corporation. He was at the cutting edge of both the communication and the computing worlds, as a beta tester for Microsoft, a reviewer of technical books for some of America's leading publishers, and was the acknowledged master of making electronics work better than the manufacturer ever dreamed possible!

Bill's memberships in many professional and hobby organizations included the Radio Club of America, the Institute of Electrician and Electronic Engineers, MENSA, Associated Public Safety Communication Officers, REACT, and the Instrument Society of America.

Bill was the Ultimate Scannist and will be greatly missed by the members of the hobby he held close to his heart.

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