



Peter Jennings

Was the Evening News Anchor for ABC News from 1982 until he disclosed to the world that he had lung cancer on his final news cast in 2005. Peter was the one I turned to every evening to listen to the news of the day. He was always honest, sincere and you always felt you could trust his news stories. Peter Jennings died on August 7, 2005 of complications from lung cancer.

Most assuredly, sometime during his life, Peter sat down in front of a short wave radio and tuned the dial listening to the news and short wave broadcasts. He may have even listened to a few ham radio stations thus qualifying him as a bona-fide SWLer.

I made this video clip of Peter Jennings on Thursday November 13, 1986. He is reporting the news of the day from the ABC News Bureau in London. This is the live feed back to New York. You will notice that Peter is in total control of the news room. The people are having fun, laughing and clowning around until Mr. Jennings enters the room then all are down to business. He edits the scripts, just moments before he reads them and even has time for a couple of cigarettes during the broadcast. In the middle of Clip 3 he is seen throwing his empty cigarette wrapper across the room then smiling for all to see. I believe he enjoyed his many trips back to London.

Charles Gibson is now my man for the news. Charlie knew he had a large pair of shoes to fill as the Anchor for ABC News and I believe he is well on his way to doing just that! I'll bet that Charlie often thinks about Peter Jennings when he stands in front of the camera just before going on the air and wonders how Peter might present the news that he is about to read.

Peter Jennings set a new standard for broadcast journalism in the tradition of Walter Cronkite. Walter was a Ham and SWLer and is listed under my VIP section of "QSL Cards from the Past".

Now to the clips, a “behind the scenes” side of the news that many people have never seen before. It’s the 30 minute newscast seen in three 10 minute clips. It was recorded on 1980s antiquated VHS equipment so enjoy the video content and excuse the quality. Listen on your computer headset to get the better audio and full effect of the broadcast. Just follow the LINK to my YouTube page and start with PJClip 1. I am currently working on a 4th and final clip that shows Peter ending the broadcast and doing the follow-up business before the next half hour live feed for the West Coast broadcast. I hope to have this final Clip available soon.

Be sure to leave your comments for each clip and enjoy.

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