

## Personalities

### John Malone

John's resume' includes program director and air talent at WSM-AM in Nashville, morning drive at Huntsville's WRSA-FM, host and producer in Nashville for Music Country Radio Network, and television weatherman and regional voice-over talent. While at WSM, John helped develop unique programming and events that centered on the rich heritage of Country Music. His knowledge and expertise in the entertainment industry has been tapped by the Alabama Music Hall of Fame, which asked him to serve on its awards show committee. Let John deliver a topical, cheery on-air presence for your Classic Hit Country listeners!

### Lew Jones

Operations Manager for Classic Hit Country, Lew has over 30 years in radio with extensive network experience. Classic Hit Country is the third national format Lew has programmed, including Adult Hit Radio, where he began in 1989 as an on-air personality. Lew's Country experience includes working at Denver's KYGO, and programming a country network in the mid-90's based in Branson, Missouri. Major individual stations Lew has worked at include Phoenix stations KUPD (morning drive), KZZP, and Gene Autry-owned KOOL. Lew was top-rated in morning drive at Tucson's regional 10 kw KTKT, and middays at Southwest Giant 50 kw KRMG, Tulsa. Lew was raised on a farm in the Ozarks, and remembers the first time he was actually paid to play records. It was at age 13 on the p.a. system at a Harrison, Arkansas shoe store and he made \$3. The clerk who hired him later became Porter Wagoner's bass player!

### Marty Montell

Marty Montell is a veteran 30-year plus radio personality having worked at such stations as legendary NBC owned-and-operated WKYC in Cleveland and several major signals in Denver. His country experience includes WXEX-TV/WLEE radio in Richmond, and regional powerhouse WWVA in Wheeling, WV where he participated in that station's legendary Wheeling Jamboree which, along with the Grand Ole Opry, is one of the surviving country "barn dance" programs. In Denver, he worked at former country outlet KLZ, and at recent country-station-of-the-year KYGO. His first job was at an Ohio station so small that the transmitter studios were in a cow pasture which was in active use. With an open-door policy due to no summertime air conditioning, very friendly cows would sometimes poke their heads into the studio and moo right in the middle of the latest news. Talk about Country Radio!

### Dave West

A Texas native, Dave worked at various stations across The Lone Star State including mornings and P.D. at KYKR in Beaumont and KNFM in Midland/Odessa. Dave 's hobbies include mountain climbing and skydiving. His biggest thrill: flying with the Navy's Blue Angels - "Going near the speed of sound is something you can't really describe other than awesome!", says Dave. However, he keeps his feet solidly on the ground musically every night on Classic Hit Country.

## Jack Edwards

Jack has played Country Music at JRN since 1997. He is a veteran of several important Denver stations, including powerhouse KLZ, where he did afternoon drive. Also Oldies outlet KXKL. He first played Country in the 1980s at WFTE in Lafayette, IN.