



I was barely 16 and working hard to get my First Class license. I really wanted to be a disc jockey. So much so that every evening I would go over to KMAK in my hometown of Fresno and peered through a little glass window to see Dave Michaels on the air in a real studio.

One day he looked up and saw me, which scared me half to death. But then, he walked out of the studio and a moment later appeared at the door asking me if I wanted to come in and watch. I sat in awe watching Dave hoping that one day I too could be behind the mic.

He gave me some pointers on how to go about getting into the business. He gave me the beginning. The foundation that helped me to create an air check!

Ultimately after much practice at a small station that hired me to basically turn off the transmitter each night, Dave helped me to present my short resume and small amount of talent to the Program Director at KMAK. And, with Dave's recommendation and help, I was hired! All nights from Midnight to 5:30am when Gary Dee came on the air. My first real job in radio.

Dave Michaels started my career. I'll always remember that little window and Dave on the other side. Most of all, the lesson he taught that stays with me more today than ever; to always do all that you can to help others do well.

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