Association of Professional Engineers

of the

Province of Manitoba

Merit Award

to

DOUGLAS ERNEST MEGGET ALLEN

B.Sc. E.E., P.Eng.

Doug Allen was born and educated in St. James, Manitoba. After high school, he joined the Royal Canadian Navy in 1940 and served until 1948 as a radio operator. His fascination for radio led him to the University of Winnipeg where he majored in Physics. He transferred to Engineering at McGill University and finally came back to the University of Manitoba where he graduated in 1953 in electrical engineering.

Doug's engineering career began with RCA Victor in Montreal where he gradually assumed more responsibility in the field of radio communications. In 1959 he returned to Winnipeg as a sales engineer for RCA Victor. The first major contract he worked on was the implementation of Moffat Communications Limited, Channel 7 television station.

In 1964 he moved into private practice. Today, D.E.M. Allen and Associates is the largest consulting engineering firm in Canada specializing solely in the broadcasting and communications field. D.E.M. Allen has been involved in most of the 50 kw A.M. installations in Canada operated by private companies.

Doug has another great interest — skiing. While at the University of Manitoba he served as President of the Ski Club and was successful in having lighting installed behind the Agriculture Building for night skiing. This was the beginning of a lifetime of devotion to the betterment of skiing, not only for the physically advantaged but in developing the recreational and social aspects of the sport for the disabled.

As a volunteer, Doug has been involved in innumerable activities in the Winnipeg Ski Club, the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance and as Chef de Mission for the Canadian Ski Team for the Disabled Olympics in 1984. He started the Disabled Skiing Association of Manitoba in 1974. Later he served as a member of the Board of Directors for the Canadian Alliance of Disabled Skiers of which he is a past president.

Doug Allen was honored for his efforts on behalf of skiing by being awarded the Order of Canada by Governor General Jeanne Sauve on April 9, 1986.

In awarding Doug Allen the A.P.E.M. Merit Award the Association acknowledges his outstanding contributions as an engineer and a member of the community.

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