

AIR CHECK

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Radio Memories

Before a full house in the beautiful Emerald Heights auditorium, **Radio Memories** came to life. It was dream come true time for Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound founding president, chairman Mike Sprague. Hall of Fame radio shows were recreated by top Hollywood stars to the joy of REPS members and Emerald Heights' residents.

The day began with each guest receiving a bag of Bayer® Health Care products, a motivational book, Think Big, and a CD of popular radio shows.

The Shadow was the opening show featuring Hal Stone, Gil Stratton, Anne Whitfield Phillips, Paul Herlinger, and a host of REPS actors. Frank Rosin and Cheryl Jacobs did the sound effects, with Jim Jansen on the studio organ. Director Larry Albert opened the show by rehearsing the audience in **Oooooohs**, **Aaaaaahs**, and **Oooooofs** and they took part in the Alka-Seltzer commercial.

Mike Sprague then hosted a *Memory Lane* segment with Hal Stone, Gil Stratton, Anne Phillips, Jim French and Dick Beals. The audience joined in by asking questions of their favorite radio, cartoon and

film performers.

And that's the way it went. In the *Do Twist that Dial* session the audience was all smiles and laughs with Jim French as the Great Gildersleeve, then came a walk down Allen's Alley. Larry Albert changed hats and became **Dr. Radio**, and brought down the house in a fast moving trivia time.



The audience enjoys the show at **Radio Memories**.

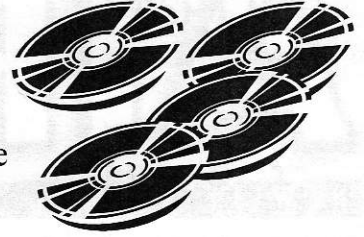
The final performance had Pat and Jim French getting the laughs as Ethel and Albert. Just before the

laughs was some serious time in Dodge City with the pilot show of *Gunsmoke*. It featured Hal Stone as Matt Dillon, Gil Stratton as Chester, Dick Beals in his original role as Billy the Kid, David Selvig was Doc, plus Frank Buxton, Pat French, Peg Jordan, and Bill Brooks. Chris and Randy McMillan created the music in amazing fashion.

As a smiling, happy audience slowly left the auditorium they were greeted by all the performers and Board members with hand shakes, pats and hugs. **Radio Memories** was a winner. Long time member Terry Campbell was heard to say at the end, "This was like the REPS of old. I feel really good and had a great time."

A note about ... the Library

The first of the CDs in the REPS library are printed in this issue of Air Check. Next time the list will continue with more *Dragnet* episodes and then continue with episodes for other series. Check out the website (www.repsonline.org) in the CD catalog section for more CDs as they are added to the library. The CDs will be in a separate section. There are some exciting new things in the works.



Some video DVDs will be available in the new DVD section in the next few weeks. They will be on the web site and printed in the Air Check as they are put into the library. By using the website you may be able to check them out before they are printed in the next Air Check.

The CDs and DVDs are checked out of the library the same way as cassettes. The only difference is to indicate CD or DVD and their number when ordering. The material in the CD or DVD part of the catalog has no relationship to the numbering in the cassette catalog. You **must** use the numbers in the respective catalogs to order the CDs or DVDs. You may want to list some alternate choices because in most cases there is only one copy in the library until we know what the checkout demand is.

Frank Rosín

A note about ... DVDs

Most DVD players and computers will play commercial DVDs. The ones in our library are dye based, not commercially manufactured. They will not play in some older DVD players. Experience has shown they do work in a CyberHome player from Radio Shack, an Apex player from Wal-Mart, and a LaCie or Yamaha burner player on a computer here. These are given as examples we know will work, they will play on many others. If anyone has had some experience with this play-or-not-play DVD issue, please let me know, perhaps there is a remedy. Some of our library DVDs were obtained with copy guard and although they will play fine, those particular ones will not copy. There are not very many with this copy guard in the library.

Frank Rosín

A note about ... Membership

The annual REPS membership dues for 2005 were lowered to \$20.00. If your dues were due in January and you already sent in \$23, you will receive a \$3 refund. The 2005 REPS Board of Directors wants all future dues to come due in January. Look for a new pro-rated schedule to be published soon.

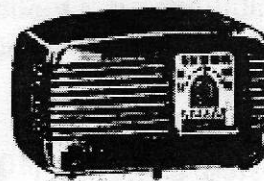
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This ad is from February 1953. Know anything about Zemo?

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Remarkable range,
reception and tone!
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cabinet.

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Choose Now From Our Large Selection!

Gene's Radio & Appliance
3908 So. 12th 3902 No. 26th

Did you get this radio for Christmas? 11/24/48

SHOWCASE: JUNE IS COMING!

After considerable research and review, the REPS Board is in a "full speed ahead" mode to do a tremendous Showcase in the familiar Northwest Rooms at Seattle Center. Chairman Mike Sprague commented "We made a major effort to find a hotel environment for the entire event, but that just wasn't possible, given the limited lead time for this year." Sprague added, "Seattle Center has been a great place to work with and our search had nothing to do with the site. It had everything to do with the comfort and convenience of our honorary guests."

Dates: June 24 & 25 — each day will go from 10 AM until 9 PM (sharp!).

Theme: The Showcase theme will be "The Good Ol' Days", reflecting both a love for Old Time Radio and the desire of the Board to hearken back to warm and fuzzy Showcases of the past. There will be a number of connections to this theme throughout the weekend.

Program: There will be a controlled number of re-creations scheduled to:

- ◆ Give fun and involvement to the actors.
- ◆ Not work them too hard.
- ◆ Fully satisfy the fans' collective appetite for great performances.

New and fresh panels, workshops and interviews will be popping up all over, and a nice dealer's room will be ready for attendees.

Guests: Yes, many of our favorites will be back and the list, within the limits of a very tight budget, will be confirmed in the very near future. Members will like the choices. New guests will include Bill Idelson of *Vic & Sade* fame, along with at least one other new friend.

Silent Auction: Our special guests and regular members have always been so generous in making donations of items for the auction. Naturally, the more related to old time radio, the better.

Hotel: Within the theme of "The Good Ol' Days", we have selected The Inn at Queen Anne, right across the street from the meeting rooms. It is quaint and classic with kind of a throwback flavor even as it has been refurbished. The great location and the room rate were both reasons for this choice.

Dining With the Stars: At some Showcases, we have had challenges with the caterers. This year, we believe we have a winner, both in the caterer and in the format. More details later, but look forward to a magnificent, meandering, mellow and mighty friendly meal. There will be various stations in the room with different offerings. Attendees will be able to select what they want and to wander from table to table as you wish. Maybe you will stop by a couple of tables to connect with the stars and with other old friends. You might even like to stand a while as you enjoy your meal.

Registration: The form is included in this [Air Check](#) and there is one on the website: (www.repsonline.org). Questions can be directed to Mike Sprague 480-474-4480 or Registrar Mary Fichtenberg (FICHTENBERG2319@msn.com).

Come and enjoy "The Good Ol' Days" and help create some more for the future! See you in Seattle in June!

REPS Radio Showcase June 24-25, 2005

"The Good Ol' Days"

Seattle Center

NW Rooms

A really friendly, first class event celebrating the Golden Age of Radio. There will be an intimacy and a feeling of quality and fun that you will enjoy.

Warm, caring treatment of all guests, Honorary and fans alike. REPS has a tradition we want to re-capture. If our Honorary members are having a good time, so will the rest of us.

Relaxed surroundings and schedule! You'll experience a schedule that allows the actors and the rest of us to smell the roses as the weekend of great "stuff" unfolds.

The roster. There are so many great folks who have made our Showcases special. The professional accomplishments and bios of these folks are superb. We are hoping to include:

OTR Professionals ... Alice Backes ... Dick Beals ... Sharon Douglas ... Herb Ellis ...

Ray Erlenborn ... Art Gilmore ... JoAnna March ... Anne Whitfield Phillips ...

Hal Stone ... Gil Stratton ... Ginny Tyler ... Janet Waldo ... Doug Young ... Bill Idelson

Others Who Will Be Performing ... Larry Albert ... Frank Buxton ... Jim French ...

Pat French ... Cheryl Jacobs ... Ilona Herlinger ... Paul Herlinger ...

Chris McMillan ... Randy McMillan ... Esther McVey ... David Persson

We remember and love what came out of them!

REGISTRATION

This Showcase will be more affordable for more people. You can register for Friday only, Saturday only or both. We are offering a 3 hour "Sampler" on Saturday afternoon. These are the simple choices. (Saturday and Friday/Saturday combo includes dinner.)

Name(s) _____

Address(es) _____

Email _____ Phone _____ REPS Member? Yes ___ No ___

___ Friday only (10 AM until 9 PM-no catered meal) @\$49 each \$ _____

___ Saturday only (10 AM until 9 PM-**includes** dinner) @\$69 each \$ _____

___ Sampler only (1:30-4:50 on Saturday) @\$29 each \$ _____

___ Friday & Saturday @\$118 each \$ _____

Prices shown are for Club members and their guests. If you're not, please add \$5 to Friday only, Saturday only and Sampler. For Friday and Saturday combined, add \$10. Why not join? \$20 will do the job. Just write it in on your check.

TOTAL \$ _____

Mail registration form and check payable to REPS to:

Radio Showcase—M. Fichtenberg, 109 NW 83rd Street, Seattle, WA 98117. 206-789-2319

e-mail: FICHTENBERG2319@msn.com Send me an acknowledgement letter Y ___ N ___

Hotel. The classic, quaint and newly appointed Inn at Queen Anne is the hotel. It is right across the street from the meeting site and offers a pleasant "Good Ol' Days" atmosphere. The special "Showcase" rate is \$84 plus tax. This includes a continental breakfast. The Inn is small and they will hold a limited number of rooms for a limited time. So call early. Phone is 1-800-952-5043.

Silent Auction

- A tin containing Silvertone recording wire.
- A Don McNeill Blue Breakfast Club charter membership card with your name on it — if your name happens to be Miss Helen L. Horsch of Camrose, Alberta, Canada. And, with it, a folder with the lyrics to all the club's theme songs, including "Swift's Call to Breakfast."
- A collection of old-time radio audio cassettes.
- An oak cabinet for "top drawer" stowing of your cassettes.

These are among the items rolling in for the popular silent auction for June's REPS Radio Showcase "The Good Ol' Days." Neal Shulman and Terry Campbell are in charge of the vendors' room and the silent auction, the sole fund-raising event during this year's Showcase. They hope that the silent auction will be as big in volume of goods as it is quiet in bringing in money for the guest travel fund.

They appeal to REPS members, friends and guests for donations of silent auction items. Past years' goods have included all kinds of items that gladden the heart of the OTR fan: scripts, books, photographs, magazines, radios and shows, whether they are recorded on transcription disc, vinyl, reel-to-reel, cassette, CD or MP3.

The donations are tax-deductible. After the auction, donors will receive a letter from REPS for IRS purposes, telling how much their item or items sold for.

So if your closet is jam-packed with stuff — poised to tumble, crash, plummet and swoop down on anyone unwary enough to open the door, donate some of it to the Showcase Silent Auction.

Give your auction goods to Neal at a REPS meeting, call him at (206) 528-5712 or e-mail him at Njshulman@aol.com.

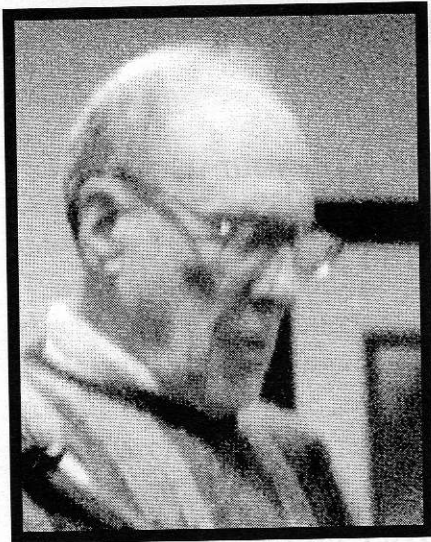
Neal is also the person to contact if you know of an individual, group or business that would be a great addition to the vendors' room.

Bring your shekels, dimes and dollars for frequent bidding.

Terry Campbell

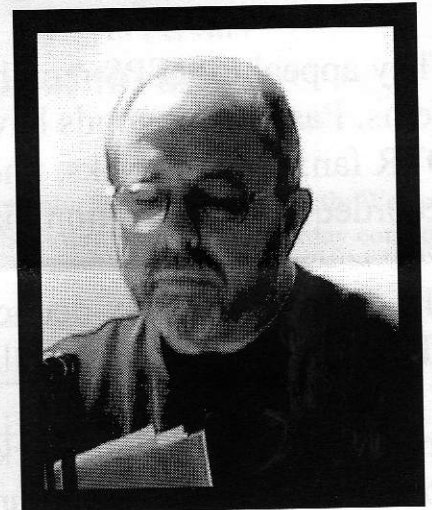
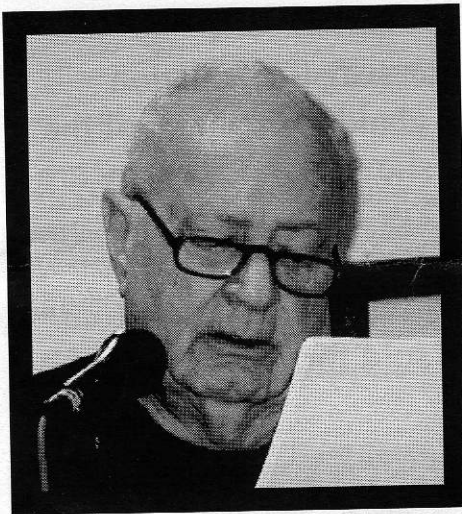


A tin containing recording wire made by Silvertone, Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s signature brand, is among the items already donated for the Showcase silent auction.



Paul Herlinger as Lamont Cranston has to rescue Margo (Anne Phillips) who has her mind clouded in this episode of *The Shadow*.

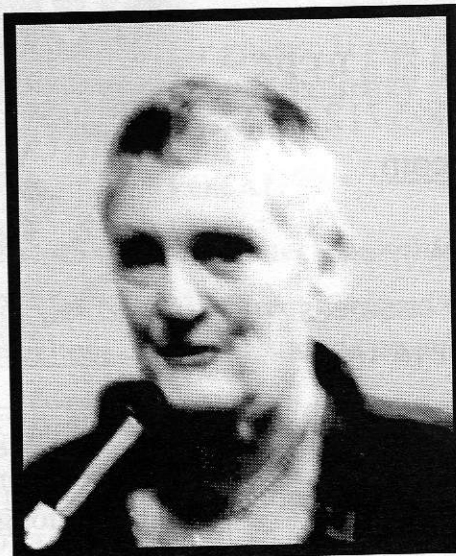
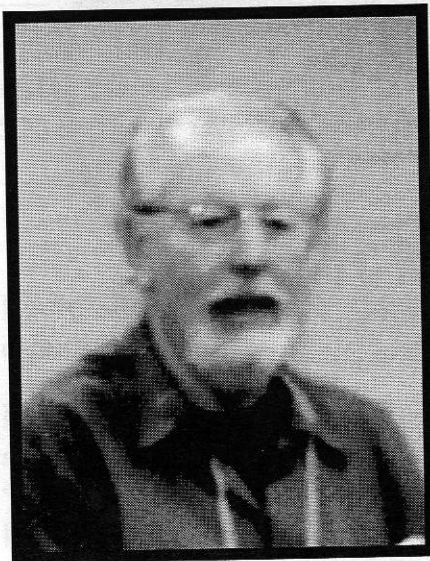
Dick Beals once identified himself to the gentlemen in the control tower as having voted for Thomas E. Dewey.



Hal Stone was featured as Matt Dillon in the *Gunsmoke* recreation of the pilot show.

Gil Stratton taught Marlon Brando how to ride a motorcycle for *The Wild Ones*.

Larry Albert was *Dr. Radio* in the audience participation section of the program.



Left to right: Frank Buxton, Peggy Jordan and Ilona Herlinger shared their considerable talents at **Radio Memories**.

Dr. Radio's Old-Time Radio Quiz

1) Match the Western Hero to his Title

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| Roy Rogers | A) Masked Rider of the Plains |
| Lone Ranger | B) Robin Hood of the Old West |
| Six Shooter | C) Most Famous Hero of Them All |
| Gene Autry | D) King of the Cowboys |
| Cisco Kid | E) America's Favorite Cowboy |
| Hopalong Cassidy | F) Texas Plainsman |

2) Match the Western Hero to his Actor

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| Cisco Kid | A) Howard Culver |
| Red Ryder | B) Guy Madison |
| Hopalong Cassidy | C) Jimmy Stewart |
| Wild Bill Hickock | D) William Boyd |
| Six Shooter | E) Reed Hadley |
| Straight Arrow | F) John Mather |

3) Match the Western Hero to the Show Title

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|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Steve Adams | A) <i>Frontier Gentleman</i> |
| Britt Ponset | B) <i>Dr. Six Gun</i> |
| Palidan | C) <i>Six Shooter</i> |
| J.B. Kendall | D) <i>Gunsmoke</i> |
| Matt Dillon | E) <i>Have Gun Will Travel</i> |
| Ray Matson | F) <i>Straight Arrow</i> |

4) Match the Western Hero to his Slogan

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| <i>Frontier Gentleman</i> | A) "Nowhere in the pages of history can one find a greater champion of justice." |
| <i>Hopalong Cassidy</i> | B) "The most amazing man ever to ride the prairies." |
| <i>Six Shooter</i> | C) "... as a man with a gun, he lives and becomes part of the violent years of the new territories." |
| <i>Gunsmoke</i> | D) "He left behind a trail of still remembered legends." |
| <i>Dr. Six Gun</i> | E) "The symbol of justice and mercy in the lawless west of the 1870's." |
| <i>Lone Ranger</i> | F) "The first man they look for and the last they want to meet." |

5) No Western Hero is complete without his horse. Match the Western Hero to his Horse.

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| Lone Ranger | A) Fury |
| Roy Rogers | B) Scar |
| Hopalong Cassidy | C) Thunder |
| Red Ryder | D) Topper |
| Six Shooter | E) Trigger |
| Straight Arrow | F) Silver |

6) Here is a toughie! What was the Lone Ranger's real name?

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| John Reid | Butch Cavendish |
| Dan Reid | Jack Deeds |
| Paul Reid | George Stenius |

Hopefully, Dr. Radio will provide the answers for the next issue of Air Check!!!!



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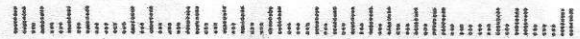
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REPS Officers and Committee Chairs for 2005

Meetings

Board meeting

March 4, 2005: 7 pm
Mercer Room, Comfort Suites (near the Space Needle)

Membership meeting

March 5, 2005: 2 pm
Norse Home
Larry Albert and his radio adventures.

Showcase

June 24 & 25: 10 am-9 pm
Northwest Rooms, Seattle Center
Theme: *The Good Ol' Days*

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