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A PERSONAL NOTE: We lost another friend. **Don Brush** died on Feb 10. I knew Don when I was starting in 1970. He lived in Connecticut then and was one of the original group who started collecting in the 1960's. Also we lost **Jim Burnette** recently. He was the founder of the Metropolitan Washington OTR Club in 1984. Today it is a thriving organization.

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The **Fourth Supplement** to the **Revised Ultimate History** is available for \$4.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. Supplements #1, 2, 3 and 4 are \$18 plus \$3.00 P&H. #2, 3 and 4 are \$13.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. #3 and 4 are \$9.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. **The complete book including all 4 supplements is \$60 plus \$4 P&H.**

The **Fourth Supplement of the Necrology** is also available for \$1.00. The complete **Necrology** is \$15.00 which includes all four supplements.

I need all the new information I can get for the 2001 "2nd, Revised Ultimate History." Please start sending me new circulating shows and network information. **I will need all information by Sep 1st** so I can work on the index. This new revision will be sold at a special discount to those who have bought the 1996 book and all 4 supplements and will contain all information found in them plus all new information. The book will be ready in October at the convention.

CONVENTION 2001: The dates are October 25 - 28 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark, NJ. Guests are being invited. Flyers are attached.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Ninth** annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as Jack Benny, Life of Riley, etc. **The only difference this time is that they must be a comedy and must be 30 minutes in length.** The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped. It must be double spaced and have large enough type.

The prize for the best script will be \$200 and will have its live performance at our 2002 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. There will be some rehearsal time. There will also be a second prize winner, who will be awarded \$100, but not performed. Scripts must be submitted by **August 15, 2001.** Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (732) 940-7639. Return receipt is not necessary. A distinguished panel of three judges including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. One of the judges will forward detailed suggestions to non-winners for future improvements. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, III, Donald Dortmund, Joel Senter, Arlene Osborne and Michael Leannah. This year's winner was **K E Bibeau**.

CONVENTION 2000: FOTR microphone key chains which we gave out to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$10 including P&H.

Video and Audio cassettes of the 25th Annual FOTR Convention are available from AVPRO (Don Aston). Price of 3 videos and 5 audio cassettes is \$65. Individual videos are \$20 each and the 5 audio cassettes package is \$20. Individual cassettes are separately priced at \$20 each. Prices include shipping.

Don Aston, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-332-8776) FAX 909-244-0022 <aston@linkline.com>

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Radio Recall**, Jun; articles about Radio on the Silver Screen; Fibber McGee and Meet Corliss Archer; The Bell Sisters; The Green Hornet; Jack Moyles...**Return with Us Now**, June; article about Monitor; the name and address of the newsletter editor now is Carol Tiffany, 1394 Golf Vista Court N. E., Palm Bay FL 32905 (407) 723-7803 <ctiffany@worldnet.att.net> ..July; article about Easy Aces...**Radiogram**, June; article about Radio's Secret codes...July; ; articles about Arlene Francis; Alfred Hitchcock...**The Illustrated Press**, May; Reprints of articles about Minerva Pious; Superman on Radio; It Pays to Be Ignorant...**Galaxy Patrol Spaceogram**, June; articles about Sir Lancelot and Robin Hood (TV Shows)...**Illustrated Press**, June; reprints and original articles about "Murder is My Business"; Martha Tilton; Lucille Ball...**RLL on the Air**, June; articles about Arthur Godfrey; Rosemary DeCamp...**Tradition**, May – Jun; Festival Guide...**Nostalgia digest**, Aug – Sep; articles about Perry Como; Alfred Hitchcock; Arnold Stang; Charlie Chan actors; secret-compartment rings...**Air Check**, summer; article about Ray Erlenborn

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>). **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...**The Alfred Hitchcock Presents Companion** by Martin Grams, Jr. and Patrick Wikstrom. This is a complete look at the Television series. It was just published and is over 600 pages. Cost is \$35 plus P&H. Contact OTR Publishing, Box 252, Churchville, MD 21028...**Russ Columbo, The Amazing Life and Mysterious Death of a Hollywood Singing Legend** was just written by Lou Miano. This 200-page book with over 150 rare photos concentrates on his radio career. HA readers can get the book at a discounted price. Cost is \$17.95 plus \$2.55 P&H. Send this total of \$20.50 to Lou Miano, Box 1150, forest Hills, NY 11375 <lounote@earthlink.net>...**My Name's Friday, The Unauthorized but True Story of Dragnet and the films of Jack Webb** by Michael Hayde; 2001; 315-page paperback published by Cumberland House, Nashville, TN <www.cumberlandhouse.com>. An excellent book showing Jack Webb's influence in all that he did – Radio, Television and films. Radio and television logs included; Cost is \$18.95. Michael plans to be at our convention on the Dragnet Panel.

CONVENTIONS: Unless things change, **SPERDVAC** is not having a convention this year.

26th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 27 – Sep 1, 2001 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 <bobeverhart@yahoo.com>.

26th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 25 – 28 at the Holiday Inn-North,

Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

16th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, Apr 19 – 20, 2002 at the Radisson Hotel in Cincinnati. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. Most begin with <www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney; Pat McCoy) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otr-site.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>...**Jack Benny Fan Club** <Jackbenny.org>...**Radio Broadcast Chronicles** <gna.net/tia>...**Tom Heathwood** <HeritageRadio.com>... **First Generation Archives** <radioarchives.org>...**Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound** <repsonline.org>...**Terry Salomonson** <audio-classic.com> <digitalotr.com>...The **OTR Club** now has a web page at <http://www2.pcom.net/robmcd/otrbuffalo/>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <Tedotr@aol.com>...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, formerly (**Rainy Day Books**), Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116 (504) 586-1931... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, #114 E Cuthbert Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...**Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney)** Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127 <platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Audio Classic Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844 <audio-classic.com>...**Lodestone** (Richard Fish), 611 Empire Mill Rd., Bloomington, IN 47401; 1-800-411-6463 <lodestone-media.com> (Deals in New Audio Theater...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St., Boyertown, PA 19512 <edcarr@enter.net>

All listings below list sampling of shows. (From **Brian Gari**) Jerry Van Dyke does a whole skit and lip sync to the original LONE RANGER radio show on the new DVD release of THE JUDY GARLAND SHOW Vol. 5 (which also has the legendary Ethel Merman and Barbra Streisand segments!) A must have for all entertainment lovers!...**Doug Kosmonek**, #62 3088 Airey Dr., Richmond BC, Canada V6X 4A3 <douglasosmonek@home.com> has several new shows including many Canadian. Web site is <http://members.home.net/douglasosmonek>. He is looking to trade for rare and

hard to find series. He has the first copies of **Viva America** that I have seen (12/7/45; 12/14/45)...**Vintage Broadcasts**; Fu Manchu, Johnny dollar, Chandu, Fibber McGee...**Great American Radio**; Family Theater; Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar, Lux...**John Barber**, More scripts and radio-related paper material.

NEW ADDRESSES: **Peter Fernandez**, 7500 Woodmont Ave., #415, Bethesda, MD 20814...**John Truber**, 416 Woodside Dr., Airdrie, Alberta, Canada T4B 2C6

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Marty Nelson**, Box 673, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.. **James Jordan**, Box 453, Greenlawn, NY 11740

OLD FRIENDS: **Bill Anthony**, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 is looking for copies of **Gangbusters** (5/26/37, 6/2/37, 11/1/40, 3/28/41, 10/23/42, 6/9/44)...**Clyde Benge** has original radio scripts & original radio to TV scripts for sale....from 45 different series...30's, 40's, 50's. He can be contacted at cbenge@Qwest.net or 303-683-0624. Have complete list with prices...

IN FOND MEMORY: **Smokey Montgomery**, Jun 6, 88; Member of the Light Crust Doughboys...**Anthony Quinn**, Jun 3, 86; Actor was in anthology radio shows including Lux...**Hank Ketchum**, Jun 1, 81; creator of **Dennis Menace**...**Imogene Coco**, Jun 1, 92; I saw Imogene in a health care facility in Connecticut. She really enjoyed the music...**Arlene Francis**, May 31, 93 (What's My Line and talk shows on radio for many years...**Betty Mandeville**, Jun 14, 90; first woman producer of a major network radio program (FBI In Peace and War)...**Hugh James**, Jun 17, 85; Veteran radio announcer (Voice of Firestone, Lowell Thomas)...**Jack Lemmon**, Jun 27, 76 (Dimension X, Brighter Day)...**Hal Goodman**, Jun 27, 81; writer (Jack Benny, George Burns)...**George Wright**, May 10, 77; Radio and Theater organist (ABC Radio and TV)


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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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60 years ago some of us were listening to radio when the war started. It wasn't **The Life of Riley** then, but it will be now at the **Friends of Old Time Radio Convention** Oct 25-28, 2001 at the Holiday Inn North, Newark.

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or **tentative** acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

Russell Arms – (Television) Your Hit Parade
Dick Beals – The Long Ranger; Gunsmoke
Frank Bresee – Red Ryder, Major Hoople (The Golden Days of Radio)
Tom Cook – Red Ryder
Ben Cooper – (Movies, Radio) Mark Trail, Second Mrs. Burton
Art Gilmore – (Announcer) Amos 'n' Andy
Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews; (Television) McHale's Navy
Bob Mott – (Sound Effects)
Kevin O'Morrison – Charlie Wild
Elliott (Ted) Reid – March of Time, Lorenzo Jones
Gil Stratton, Jr. – My Little Margie
Beverly Washburn – Jack Benny
Peggy Webber – Dragnet

New East Coast Guests

Harold Johnson – (Sound Effects)
Michael Townsend Wright – (Actor, singer) Had radio show in New York in the '80's

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets
George Ansbros – (Announcer) ABC
Cliff Carpenter – County Seat, Prairie Folks
Mary Diveny – (TV, Movies, Broadway, Radio)
Will Hutchins – (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot
Kitty Kallen – (Singer)
Ron Lackmann – Let's Pretend, Pepper Young's Family
Ruth Last – Let's Pretend; Quiet Please
Peg Lynch – Ethel and Albert
Bill Owen – (Announcer for ABC)
Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews; Let's Pretend
Lynne Rogers – Light of the World

Events

The following events are **tentatively** scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am – 5:30 pm
The Avenger (Tom Powers)
In Name Only (Derek Tague, Barbara Schwarz)
Good Will Hutchins (Mitchell Weisberg)
Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
The winning original drama of 2000 by **K E Bibeau** will be presented (Fu Manchu) - Dir. by A. Anderson
Fans present (Variety Show, 2001) produced by Dave Zwengler

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Top ten mystery Shows (Gary Yoggy)
Radio Script Writing (A Anderson, D Zwengler, John Gallagher)
Mp3's and computers in OTR (George Downes)
Jean Shepard, Part 2 (with Max Schmid and guests)
One on One with Ben Cooper (with M Weisberg)
Tommy Cook celebrates Arch Oboler's Genius and World War II
Remember Pearl Harbor (Gary Yoggy, D Zwengler)
(Re-creation) original presentation "The CEO Who Couldn't Send Email" directed by John Gallagher with repertory group

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
(Re-creation) Charlie Wild with Kevin O'Morrison; Dir. by Don Ramlow
(Re-creation) Red Ryder with Tommy Cook and Frank Bresee (Dir. by Anthony Tollin)

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Radio Visits the Military (Michael Henry)
Who Wants to be an OTR Trivia Champion – Part 2 (Mitchell Weisberg)

The Gotham Players presents **Suspense** "Heavens to Betsy" with Dick Beals; Dir. by Steve Lewis; Produced by Max Schmid

Dragnet Panel with Art Gilmore, author Michael Hayde, Peggy Webber (Derek Tague)

Panel by Jack French: Radio's Breakfast Couples

Panel - 50 Years of "The Golden Days of Radio" with Frank Bresee and A Tollin

Singers, musicians and Big Bands, Part 4 (hosted by Stu Weiss and Michael Henry; guests include Kitty Kallen, Beverly Washburn, Russell Arms, Michael Townsend Wright

(Re-creation) Lorenzo Jones (Dir. by Bill Nadel)

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

(Re-creation) Ethel and Albert with Peg Lynch and Bob Hastings

(Re-creation) Lights Out "Mad World" with Cliff Carpenter; dir. by Arthur Anderson

(Re-creation) Life of Riley with Ted Reid and Rosemary Rice; dir. by Gary Yoggy

Awards, raffle, donations

Sunday Morning

Breakfast from 7:30 am to 9:30; There will be a panel of guests (to be decided) from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport

Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked **FRONTAGE ROAD** after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked **Frontage Road**. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked **FRONTAGE ROAD**. Follow to hotel.

From Garden State Partway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (**Frontage Road**)

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to **FRONTAGE ROAD**.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.**

Thursday, October 25; Daytime only (9 am - 5 pm); \$10

Thursday, October 25; Daytime and evening including dinner (9 am - closing) \$37.00. Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. **Please indicate** choice when you make your reservation.

Friday, October 26: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) \$15.00 if paid in advance; **\$20.00** at the door.

Friday, October 26: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$49.00. Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 27: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) \$15.00 if paid in advance; **\$20.00** at the door.

Saturday, October 27: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$55.00. Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Sunday, October 28: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 7:30 to 11:30 am: \$18

Complimentary coffee, muffins and bagels early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. **Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.**

Dealer's Tables are \$65 and \$95 each plus appropriate registration fees. **Details on special sheet.**

Hotel: Rooms are \$99.99, no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. **ALL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED USING THE HI NORTH NUMBER (1-973-589-1000. Ask for ALICIA.** Reservation should be placed by **September 25th. Rooms are limited. There are other options described on special sheet.**

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. **See attached notice.**

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson

Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. (203) 248-2887; FAX (203) 281-1322; E-mail JayHick@aol.com

On the Web at: www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/fotr (all lower case)

26th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

Oct 25 – 28, 2001

Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk **and save \$5**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$15 if mailed in advance** and **\$20 if paid at the door** for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$15** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is **\$146** instead of \$159 (**\$140** for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is **\$130** instead of \$141 (**\$124** for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is **\$112** instead of \$122 (**\$106** for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE or e-mail address. **It would be easier to send me your email address anyway. I can send you updated information easier.**

Rooms

Rooms must be reserved through the Holiday Inn-North phone number (1-973-589-1000. Ask to speak with Alicia and tell her you are with FOTR. You must call during business hours. Cost of the rooms is \$99.99 a day, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. A deposit might be required (by credit card). If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by September 25th. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. The Holiday Inn has now been totally renovated with a new wing. There is now a \$10 parking charge per car, per night for overnight guests.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night is also \$99.99. There is shuttle service. Call the Holiday Inn-North also for HJ reservation.

If you wish to stay next door at the **Sheraton**, call 1-800-325-3535.

Better rates might be obtained by calling the 800 numbers of Holiday Inn (1-800-465-4329) or The Howard Johnson (1-800-446-4656) as soon as you can. Also try the internet. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is

room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 26th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11	\$90	Half Page – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11	\$55
Quarter Page – 4 by 5	\$35	Two full Pages –	\$150

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 26th annual convention.

For our 26th Convention, we are asking members to send in short articles about an OTR topic. E-mailing them to me would be the easiest so I can print them right away. In any case, they must be camera ready. Keep the articles 1 page or less if possible.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee...Come and join us for complimentary wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night. Also remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. I will be at the Holiday Inn Wednesday afternoon.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Fan Participation

There will be a FAN variety show on Thursday night. Tryouts will be at 12:30 pm on Thursday. We invite everyone to try out, even if you have never acted before. You can sing, act, tell a news story, etc.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$65 to \$95 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$65 a table. Registration fees for dealers will be reduced. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. The Hotel is under new management and is completely renovated. There now is **NO SMOKING ANYWHERE** in the convention area, the lobby or the rest rooms.

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