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A PERSONAL NOTE: We lost another OTR fan, **Ed Cole**. Ed and Bob Burnham were very good friends. He was a broadcast engineer, a dealer and writer for OTR and later, radio in general. He helped record the FOTR convention several years ago.

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving and will have a safe and peaceful holiday season. I will turn 67 on November 25.

SECOND 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 2001 "**2nd, Revised Ultimate History**" is now available. The cost is \$47 for new buyers and \$37 for those that bought the 1996 version and all 4 supplements.

CONVENTION 2002: Dates are Oct 24 - 27, 2002 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ. If you have any ideas for our planning meeting which will be held in February or March, please let me know by email or letter.

CONVENTION 2001: 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each plus \$.34 postage. FOTR micro - phone key chains which we gave out last year to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H.

(From Gary Yoggy) The document that I quoted from in my presentation on the radio coverage of Pearl Harbor purporting to be a Dec. 8, 1941 broadcast by Edward R. Murrow has been discovered to be actually an article written for the NATIONAL REVIEW by Victor Davis Hanson. He used the device to "lampoon" calls for understanding and cautious diplomacy rather than military action in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Murrow was technically "on vacation" in Washington at that time and made no broadcast on that date although he had been personally briefed by FDR while visiting the White House for dinner the night before. Unfortunately, I received this document as an email from a trusted colleague at another institution and although I could not verify it from the published broadcasts of Murrow neither could I disprove it so I used it. Never will I make such a mistake again!!! There are "Urban Legend" web sites to check such information and I will use them in the future. My apologies for misleading anyone who attended my presentation.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Return With Us Now, Sep; article about OTR and the comics...Oct; article about I Love a Mystery..Nov; article about I Love Adventure...**SPERDVAC Radio-gram**, Sep; articles about Earl C. Anthony; Sam Benson; Irving Brecher; Gang Busters, Year One..Oct; ; articles about Raymond Edward Johnson; Billy Williams; Light's Out...**Illustrated Press**, Sep; Inner Sanctum Script...Oct; reprints of articles about ILAM; Uncle Don; Owen Jordan...Nov; article about The History of Baseball on Radio...**Air Check**, #4; devoted to a review of their convention on Jun 29-30...#5; article by Harry Bartell; articles about public domain and The Breakfast Club...**Chattanooga Airwaves**; Sep - Oct; article about Don Lee...Nov - Dec; article about evolution of the sitcom...**Tradition**, Sep - Oct; articles about Minnie Pearl; Pee Wee King; Johnnie and Jack; Jerry Behrens; Little Jimmie Dickens...**National Audio Theater News**, Summer-Fall; Review of their 2001 Workshop...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, October; article about Dick Beals...**RLL Of the Air**, Sep; reprint of article by Peg Lynch...**Radio Recall**, Oct; articles about Herb Ellis; telephone ringing to begin program...**RCA Newsletter**, Sep; interview with Dick Beals...**Nostalgia Digest**, Dec - Jan; Articles about Pearl Harbor; Lionel Barrymore; Hollywood Hotel; Van Johnson; Iris Adrian and Sandra Gould; Grace Kelly...**On The Air**; Nov - Dec; reprints of articles about Fanny Brice and Minerva Pious

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.. **Philo T. Farnsworth, The Father of Television** by Donald Godfrey; Univ. of Utah Press, 2001, 300 pages; \$30.00 (1-801-585-9786); The book traces the career of the forgotten father of television...**all the sincerity in hollywood...selections from the Writings of Radio's Legendary Comedian, FRED ALLEN** by Stuart Hample; Fulcrum Publishing; 2001; 200 pages; \$22.00 (1-800-992-2908) (303-277-1623). The collection contains Fred Allen's comic essays, letters, commentaries, radio scripts and pieces from his memoirs...**The Great Radio Audience Participation Shows** by Jim Cox; 2001; McFarland; 278 pages; \$45. The book contains the history of 17 radio audience participation shows. (1-800-253-2187) or (1-336-246-4460)...**Hi There Boys and Girls** by Tim Hollis (Lum and Abner Society); Tim writes about local children's TV programs. Much of the information has not been available before. Published by Univ. Press of Mississippi, 2001, \$25.00 paperback, 380 pages (601) 432-6459. It is a capsule history from the earliest days of radio to the early 1970's.

CONVENTIONS:

2002 Williamsburg Film Festival (WFF), February 28, March 1 & 2, 2002; Location: Holiday Inn, Patriot, Williamsburg, VA. (800-446-6001) ; For up-to-date info, go to the WFF web site: <http://go.to/williamsburgfilmfestival>

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.

National Audio Theater Festival, May 26 – June 1, 2002, Southwest Missouri State University., West Plains, MO; For information call Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11550 (516) 483-8321 <Suemedial@aol.com>. **They also have a script contest.**

27th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 24 – 27 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. 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** <otrsite.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
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(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>...**Dan Riedstra**, 2830 North Rockwell St., Chicago, IL 60618
<daniel.riedstra@wcom.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. **Pat McCoy** issued his 20th Supplement, Among Rocky
Jordan, Broadway is my Beat, Pat has many new **Yours Truly**, **Johnny Dollar** from 1953 to 1962...**Great
American Radio**; Supplement includes Burns and Allen, Family Theater, Let George Do It...Received more in-
formation from **Nothing's New**. Much in the way of radio related material, web sites, videos, etc...(Radio
Memories) **Ted Davenport** has many BBC shows...**John Barber** does "cold" readings at the Chat Noir in
New Orleans. He also has more scripts...**Bequaert Old Books**, #B15; many books and other paper material
about Radio Broadcasting

NEW ADDRESSES: **James Gungoll**, Box 6209, Enid, OK 73702...**Boyd Weed**, Box 34237,
Phoenix, AZ 85067

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Stan Rubenstein**, 2735 Beebe Dr., Cutchogue, NY
11935...**Fred Berney**, 8379 Inspiration Ave., Walkersville, MD 21793 <berney@fred.net>...**Tamin Yur-
caba**, 140 Owen Ave., Lansdowne, PA 19050...**Ray Steinberg**, 760 Brady Ave., Bronx, NY
10462...**Douglas Fox**, 603 South 12th Ave., St. Charles, IL 60174.. **Simon Cook**, 28160 New Bedford Dr.,
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

OLD FRIENDS: **Lee Munsick** is trying to find Frank Parker again. He is somewhere in Florida.
If you know, email him at <leemunsick@earthlink.net>.

IN FOND MEMORY: **Irving Brecher**, recently, 87; writer (Life of Riley)...**Fred De Cordova**,
Sep 15, 90; producer (TV) Jack Benny, Burns and Allen, Tonight Show...**Dorothy McGuire**, Sep 14, 83;
Actress (Various Lux)...**Isaac Stern**, Sep 22, 81; virtuoso on the violin. Frequently was on the Jack Benny
Program...**Sue Read**, Sep 8; radio and TV actress...**Jay Livingston**, Oct 17, 86; prolific composer, especial-
ly with Ray Evans. Jay appeared at one of our FOTR Conventions with Shirley Mitchell, his lady friend
(later wife) at the time. He performed for us and my wife, Karen, who sang a lot at the earlier conventions,
sang "Que, Sera, Sera" to Jay Livingston...**Frederic W Ziv**, Oct 13, 96; Syndicator of many radio
shows...**Bill Lipton**, former attendee at the FOTR convention, died on Oct 29. He was 74. He was on
Let's Pretend, Road of Life and many other radio shows...**Martin Huston**, Aug 8, 60; actor (My Son
Jeep)...**Dave Barry**, Aug 16, 82; comedian (Major Bowes)...**Maurice Rifkin**, Sep 4, 88; Syndicated radio
programs in the 1930's...**Heywood Hale Broun**, Sep 7, 83; Sports broadcaster (America's Town Meeting
and Author, Author)

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

2001

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 26th Annual Convention from October 25 - 28, 2001 at the Holiday Inn – North, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities who received awards were: **Russell Arms, Ben Cooper, Harold Johnson, Kevin O'Morrison**. Other celebrities present were **Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Margot Avery, Dick Beals, Cliff Carpenter, Mary Diveny, Harry Fleetwood, Art Gilmore, Bob Hastings, Pat Hosley, Will Hutchins, Ruth Last, Bill Owen, Ted Reid, Rosemary Rice, Lynne Rogers, Margot Stevenson, Gil Stratton, Jr., Beverly Washburn, Robert White**. The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 8 radio shows.

The convention began Wednesday Evening with complementary Wine and Cheese and informal visiting and music, provided by Ed Clute and Jay Hickerson. Thursday Morning the dealers opened at 9 am. There were three afternoon panels: **Derek Tague and Barbara Schwarz** talked about people mentioned on radio programs but never seen; **Mitchell Weisberg** went one on one with **Will Hutchins**; **Tom Powers** and friends did an episode of the Avenger; We then had cocktails and dinner. 73 fans attended during the day. 134 fans and guests attended in the evening. **Arthur Anderson** directed **K E Bibeau's** parody of Fu Manchu; **Various guests** performed on a Variety Show directed by **Dave Zwengler**.

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. Sixty dealer tables were active during the convention. 214 people attended dinner with another 110 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included the following: **Gary Yoggy** (Top ten mystery shows); **Script Writing Workshop** with **John Gallagher, Arthur Anderson, David Zwengler**; **George Downes** talked about mp3's and computers; **Ben Cooper** reminisced for an hour with **Mitchell Weisberg**; **Stuart Hample** talked about Fred Allen and his book about Fred's writings; **Robert White** accompanied by **Joel Silberman** sang and reminisced about his days as a child actor and singer; **Gary Yoggy** with **Dave Zwengler** discussed Pearl Harbor; "The Man Who Couldn't Make Music," a musical comedy, was presented by the **Living Audio Repertory Company**, a new ensemble group from New Jersey.

On Friday evening we had 3 re-creations: "Charlie Wild" with **Kevin O'Morrison**; "Chick Carter" with **Dick Beals**; and **Red Ryder** with **Dick Beals** as Red Ryder.

Saturday the panels and workshops included the following: "Vox Pop Goes to War" with **Michael Henry**; "Who Wants to Be An OTR Trivia champion, Part 2" with **Mitch Weisberg**; **Kevin O'Morrison** talked about his book "Dead File;" **The Gotham Players** re-created a Suspense play, "Heavens to Betsy" with **Dick Beals**; Then we had a **Dragnet** Panel with **Derek Tague, Art Gilmore, Michael Hayde, Gil Stratton, Jr. and Dick Beals**; **Anthony Tollin** talked about "50 years of the Golden Days of Radio" hosted by **Frank Bresee** who could not make it; The Singers/Musicians panel hosted by **Stu Weiss and Michael Henry** was a hit again; The panel consisted of **Beverly Washburn, Russell Arms, Michael Townsend Wright** and authors **John Jackson and Lou Miano**. It ended with a sing-a-long.

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 248 people with another 156 coming for the day. After dinner **Arthur Anderson** directed **Frontier Gentleman** with **Cliff Carpenter and Will Hutchins**; **Gary Yoggy** then directed **The Life of Riley** with **Rosemary Rice and Ted Reid**; **Michael Townsend Wright** the gave another stirring performance. **Ed Clute** supplied the music for this and other re-creations. **Bart Curtis** with **Bill Nadel** supplied the sound effects.

Besides the awards mentioned earlier, the Allen Rockford Award was presented to **Steve Lewis, Stu Weiss, Michael Henry and Derek Tague** for their outstanding efforts in keeping radio and this convention alive. The Ray Stanich Award was given to **Anthony Tollin** for all the excellent writing he has done. A special **Florence Williams** award was given to **Ruth Last**. She has attended our convention for several years and have always been willing to help. Donations will be given to various organizations throughout the year.

Sunday morning found about 100 people having breakfast and listening to an entertaining and sometimes very hilarious panel consisting of **Arthur Anderson, Ben Cooper, Art Gilmore, Kevin O'Morrison, Gil Stratton, Jr.** It was hosted by **Anthony Tollin**.

I again want to thank all the guests who were very gracious in granting interviews and giving of their time to be with us.