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A PERSONAL NOTE: If anyone wants information in HA, please email me the exact wording if you can. I can then paste it right in the newsletter. Of course I will accept information in regular mail from everyone else.

THIRD 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 2005 "**3rd Revised Ultimate History**" is \$52 including P&H. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$42 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the first supplement. I will need the information by October 1, 2006.

CONVENTION 2006: This is our 31st convention. Dates are Oct 19 - 22, 2006 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note new web site: <<http://www.fotr.net>>

CONVENTION 2005: 2005 Convention booklets are available for \$2.00 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. A special 30th anniversary booklet was also printed with articles and pictures. Cost of this is also \$2.00 including P&H.

All of the sessions were video recorded by Satellite Media Production. You may order them as a complete set or by individual sessions. Please contact Fred Berney at Satellite Media Production, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. Email: fsberney@verizon.net.

Also Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: A complete list of publications mentioned with addresses, contact people, etc. is one of the introductory pages in my current Ultimate History. It is also part of a small package mailed with your first Hello Again. If you don't have one, email me for it and I will email it to you. If you don't have email, please send me a SASE for it...**Air Check**, Vol 15, #7; Review of their Convention...#8, What is a CD?...**The Illustrated Press**, Sep; article about Lillian Randolph...October; articles about William Conrad; Fred Allen...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Sep; articles about Page Cavanaugh; When Radio Made Its Own Music...October; articles about Frank Bresee; Border Radio...Nov - Dec; articles about Fred Fox; Skitch Henderson; Radio's Christmas during the war; **RLL On the Air**, Sep; article about "Romance," Ma Perkins...**Nostalgia Digest**, autumn, articles about Frank Sinatra; Monitor; Suspense; USO Dances; Bob Newhart on Radio; Metropolitan Opera on the Air...**Tradition**, Sep - Oct; articles about Willie Nelson; Dan McElroy...**Return with us Now**, October; article about War of the Worlds...November; Article about John Dehner...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Fall; more about Lum and Abner; also article about Frances Langford...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Sep - Oct; article about WDOD...Nov - Dec; articles about Radio Stars of the South; Grand Ole Opry...**Radio Recall**, Oct; articles about Old-time Radio and New-time Technology... William S. Paley...**On the Air**, Jul - Sep; article about Major Bowes

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. Over 80 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-

3571...(From **Jerry Eskenazi**). I grew up in the time of radio's prime--just after World War II. I wanted to put into perspective the importance radio had on me and my generation, and how it helped acculturate many of us to the broader United States. Of course, it was also the theater of the imagination.

So I spent a year researching and talking and remembering, and came up with a radio memoir that also included interviews with some fascinating people. They include:

*My City College classmate and former Secretary of State Colin Powell, who speaks of doing homework and listening to the radio in his Bronx apartment.

*Tom Brokaw, growing up in the Plains, and for whom radio "might as well have been broadcasting from outer space" because he was introduced to worlds away from his isolated home.

*Bill Parcells, the no-nonsense coach and architect of winning teams with the Giants, Patriots, Jets and Cowboys, and whose earliest recollection was, believe it or not, "Baby Snooks."

*Mason Adams, man of a thousand voices (The Atomic Man on "Superman," Lou Grant's boss, Smucker's, "Grand Central Station," who remembers Clayton Collier with less than fondness.

The book is called "I Hid It Under the Sheets: Growing Up With Radio." It costs \$29.95, and is available discounted, of course, online at Amazon and Barnes and Noble. Also at the University of Missouri Press (1-800-828-1894). The web site is umsystem.edu/upress.

CONVENTIONS:

20th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 21 - 22, 2006; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (888-477-9112) <haradio@hotmail.com>

31st Old-time Country and Bluegrass Contest and Festival, Aug 28 - Sep 3, 2006 at Harrison County Fairgrounds in Missouri Valley, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 492, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363 <bobeverhart@yahoo.com>

31st Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 19 - 22, 2006 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

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**) is celebrating its 10th year on the web...**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com>... **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/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> (Free subscription) <<http://www.radioarchives.org/newsletter.asp>>...**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/>>...**Doug Kosmonek** <<http://members.shaw.ca/douglas Kosmonek>>...new email is <douglas Kosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>...**The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by www.mwotrc.com or www.readiorecall.com...**Radio Memories (NEW)** www.radiomemories.com...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<http://blogs.salon.com/0003139/>>...**Bear Manor Media**, a publishing company (run by Ben Ohmart. Send for their catalog...They have published many OTR books in the last few years. <<http://www.bearmanormedia.com>>...**RHAC** web site is <www.rhac.org>...**Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>>...**Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** <http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html>.

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA

90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com>...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-783-1923); also 1-866-783-1923; <andy@vintagebroadcasts.com>...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> (WEB) www.radiomemories.com...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Bequaert Old Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448 <www.beqbooks.com>; send 2 34-cents stamps for a catalog of books and magazines on OTR...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 3107, Wallingford, CT 06492 (1-800-833-4248)...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**John Barber**, Box 72273., New Orleans, LA 70112 (504) 586-1931 <jbarber@gno.lib.la.us>... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin245@aol.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 Classics Archive (Terry Salomonson)**, Box 347, Howell, MI 48844; 1-877-653-8963 (for orders only) <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>...**Max Schmid**, Box 3449, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com>...**Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010 <www.crabapplesound.com>...**Danean MacAndrew**, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com>...**Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02167 <www.heritageradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>...

All listings below list sampling of shows.

NEW FRIENDS: **Victor Jaskot**, 525 Main St., Fort Lee, NJ 07024...**Tom Riggs**, 263 Central Ave. #168, Jersey City, NJ 07307...**Larry Josephson**, 1 West 89th St. Ste 5E, New York, NY 10024; Larry keeps the memory of the Bob and Ray Show alive...**Johnny Dawkins**, 132 West Fairview Blvd., Inglewood, CA 90302...**Ronald Kula**, 1745 Orville St., SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506

OLD FRIENDS: Will trade DVD with you by exchanging lists by snail mail. I collect old movie serials, old movies including silent movies and TV series too. Write **Bob Vito Sr.** 2033 East 67th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11234

IN FOND MEMORY: **Constance Moore**, Sep 16, 84; actress; in several anthology show on radio...**Ronnie Barker**, Oct 1, 76; BBC actor (Lines from my Grandfather's Forehead)...**Louis Nye**, Oct 9, 92; Actor, comedian (some radio work)...**Lloyd Bochner**, Oct 29, 81; Canadian Actor (Radio)...**Fred S, Fox**, Oct 23, 90; comedy writer (Bob Hope, George Burns)...**Skitch Henderson**, Nov 1, 87; Musician, bandleader (Bob Hope, Frank Sinatra)...**Ralph Edwards**, Nov 16, 92; Host of Truth or Consequences and This is Your Life...

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

2005

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 30th Annual Convention from October 20 – 23, 2005 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities who received awards were: **Shirley Bell (in absentia), Larry Conroy, Sonny Curtis, Jeff David, Mickey Freeman, Susan Gordon, Michael Gwynne, William Herz, Jr., Simon Jones, Noel Neill, Paul O'Keefe, David Parker and Jon Provost.** Other celebrities present were **Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Margot Avery, Don Buka, Cliff Carpenter, Fred Foy, Joe Franklin, Will Hutchins, Elaine Hyman, Ruth Last, Jimmy Lydon, Al Markim, Corinne Orr, Bill Owen, Cynthia Pepper, Bobby Ramsen, Elliott Reid, Rosemary Rice, Larry Robinson, Lynne Rogers, Jean Rouverol, Soupy Sales, Margot Stevenson, Hal Stone, Frank Thomas, Beverly Washburn, Craig Wichman.** The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 13 radio shows.

The convention began Wednesday Evening with complementary Wine and Cheese and informal visiting. Thursday Morning the dealers opened at 9 am. There were four afternoon panels: **An All-star Authors' Panel; Brian Gari and Derek Tague showing Eddie Cantor in Cartoons; Max Schmid Interviews Eugene Bergmann, author of a recent Jean Shepherd book; Tom Powers and his group doing a reading of Buck Rogers;** We then had cocktails and dinner. 76 fans attended during the day. 186 fans and guests attended in the evening. **Arthur Anderson** directed **Michael Leannah's** original script **"The Lone Ranger's Mother,"** a hilarious story. **Bill Nadel** then directed "Light of the World" with **Lynne Rogers;** **Anthony Tollin** directed **Frank Thomas and Al Markim** in a **Tom Corbett** episode; "Those Were the Days Players" presented **"Damon Runyon Theater."**

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. Fifty-two dealers' tables were active during the convention. 277 people attended dinner with another 83 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included the following: **A Game Show with Fred Berney; George Downes gave a panel with child Actors; Anthony Tollin presented 75 years of the Shadow; Jeff David showed a documentary of Jackson Beck; Jack French gave a discussion of Syndicated shows; Simon Jones then gave a very funny talk about his experiences; The Comedy panel followed honoring Soupy Sales including pie throwing; The Dave Warren Players re-created "A Date With Judy."**

On Friday evening we had 3 programs: **Christina Britton Conroy, daughter of Barbara Britton** starred in **"Mr. and Mrs. North;"** The first of 2 **Superman** episodes with **Noel Neill** was re-created; **Anthony Tollin** then directed an episode of the **Shadow** written by **Sidney Slon** with **Jeff David** and **Margot Stevenson;**

Saturday the panels and workshops included the following: **Niel Shell** gave a presentation featuring his grandfather, **Nathaniel Shilkret;** **Elizabeth McLeod** gave a presentation on **Amos 'n' Andy;** **Gary Yoggy** saluted **Orson Welles** with **William Herz, Jr.,** only surviving member of **"The War of the Worlds;"** a very lively 30th Anniversary show with alumni of 30 years filled the **Sutton Room;** **Jimmy Lydon** showed a **Fox Movietone Special;** The **Gotham Players** re-created **"Frontier Gentleman"** with **Simon Jones;** **Gregg Oppenheimer** remembered **Lucille Ball;** **Anne Meara** and **Jerry Stiller** stole the show on a re-creation of **"The Joe Franklin Show;"** The 9th Annual singers and Musicians panel followed with **Sonny Curtis, Paul O'Keefe, Janet Cantor Gari** and **Roberto Gari;** a moving **"Dr. Christian"** with a taped introduction by **Earl Hamner, Jr.** followed;

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 296 people with another 156 coming for the day. After dinner **Gary Yoggy** directed **"The Halls of Ivy"** with **Simon Jones;** **Anthony Tollin** directed the second **"Superman"** episode; **Arthur Anderson** then directed an all-star **"Plot to Overthrow Christmas;"** **Bart Curtis** supplied the sound effects. **Ed Clute** with **Sandy Stage** supplied the Music; **Bill Siudmak** was again our very capable engineer.

Besides the awards mentioned earlier, the **Allen Rockford Award** was presented to **Robert Newman, Walt Mitchell** and **Mary Lou Wallace** for their outstanding efforts in keeping radio and this convention alive. The **Ray Stanich Award** was given to **Elizabeth McLeod** for all the excellent writing he has done. A special **Florence Williams** award was given to **Beverly Washburn.** 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 145 people having breakfast and listening to an entertaining and sometimes very hilarious panel consisting among others of **Cliff Carpenter, Susan Gordon, Michael Gwynne, Jimmy Lydon, Noel Neill, Jean Rouverol, Hal Stone, Beverly Washburn** 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.

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