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A PERSONAL NOTE;

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail 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. I am now on Facebook. The Friends of Old-time Radio Convention is also on Facebook and is run by Sean Dougherty.

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 fourth Supplement to the third edition (largest yet) is off the press. Cost is 10.00 plus \$1.50 P & H.

The 2005 "3rd Revised Ultimate History" is \$67 including P&H. which includes the First, Second, Third and Fourth Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$57 including P&H. Please send new information when you can for the next update. I will need the information by October 1, 2010.

CONVENTION 2010: This is our **35th** convention. Dates are Oct 21 – 24, 2010 at the Ramada Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn; same hotel) Newark, NJ. Go online to <www.Ramada.com> to get best rates. You will find 2 hotels in Newark with same address. They are the same. Just book the one with the lowest rate. The Ramada 800 number 800-272-6232. The number of the hotel is 973-589-1000. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: http://www.fotr.net.

CONVENTION 2009: 2009 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

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 Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Four years ago, 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.

<u>PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:</u> 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, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it;-Old Time Radio Digest, Spring; articles about Bold Venture; Radio in 1937; Lifebuoy;-RLL on the Air, spring; article about Cavalcade of America, The Lost shows;-the Jack Benny Times, May - August; devoted to Eddie Carroll;-The Illustrated Press, May; article about Perry Como

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 biobibliographies 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;-Many books are from **McFarland**; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708; 229-436-4265; <Bearmanormedia.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio);-**Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>;-**Scarecrow Press**; <scarecrowpress.com> 1-800-462-6420.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

REPS Showcase XVIII, June 25 – 27, 2010; Bellevue Coast Hotel, Seattle, WA; Contact 206-542-6231 for questions and details or go to <www.repsonline.org>

5th Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 23 – 25, 2010. Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com

35th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 – 24, 2010 at the **Ramada Plaza Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn)**, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 728-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: http://www.fotr.net)

Cincinnati's 25th Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, May 20 - 21, 2011; Crowne Plaza Hotel; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (888-477-9112) hotmail.com

Friends of Old Time Radio Convention

Original Script Contest

Original script entries for 2010 may be mailed any time after February 1, 2010. Next year's theme will be to write an original, 30 minute script for a 1940s old time radio show—your choice! It can be a comedy, drama, variety, or any other type of actual show that was popular in that decade. The story line should include several references to the external world as it existed at the time. If your show occurred during World War II, perhaps you will work in ration coupons, scrap drives, war bonds, black market purchases and the like. If after the war,

you may want to mention the housing shortage situation or the Berlin Blockade.

The cast should not exceed eight character (including announcer/narrator) roles,

though bit parts can be doubled if you need to go beyond eight for an additional

character or two, with a few lines each. Commercials can be excluded. If you

choose to include commercials, they should be short, and no more than three.

All scripts must be double-spaced with type no smaller than 12 point. They must be ready to be produced, with all musical bridges and sound effects clearly indicated in the script.

First place prize winner receives a \$200 award, with the show being performed at the 2011 FOTR Convention. Second place winner is the recipient of a \$100 award.

Deadline for submission is August 31, 2010. All entries must be mailed to: Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. If you want to 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>; Let **me know if any are out of date.**

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. (also) http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/;-Eddie Cantor eddiecantor.com;-Old time Radio Researchers Group http://www.otrr.org;-For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the OTRRLibrary http://www.otrrlibrary.org;-For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars,check out OTRRPedia located at http://www.otrrpedia.org;-Stu Weiss www.ramtownlive.com/pop-shoppe>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): McCoy's Recording (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039; <www.old-time.com/mccoy.html> Jerry Haendiges, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> Radio Memories (Ted Davenport), Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> Vintage Broadcasts (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-283-9770); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; Great American Radio (GAR) (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; 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) Redmond Nostalgia Co. (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 SPERDVAC Library (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) 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 < Thomasmartin 245@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

 dob@brcbroadcast.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 02467 < www.heritageradio.com Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>Stu Weiss <www.ramtownlive.com/pop shoppe> All listings below list sampling of shows. " 'Spring 2010 old time radio supplement' offers shows from most of the most popular categories. Long runs and mainstream shows like the Whistler, Suspense, Lux, and Benny are included along with lesser known shows like "I Want a Divorce", "That's Life," and others.

Various British drama, adventure and science fiction are included as well as oddities like the South African version of Suspense, a few of the "half missing" Suspense shows, and others. Regular CD's are available as low as \$2.75. Convention overstock "grab-bags" are 12 titles for \$10. Supplement is free via pdf or regular mail. Send e-mail to bob@brcbroadcast.com, or BRC Productions, P.O. Box 158, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127-0158.""

<u>OLD FRIENDS:</u> Joe Webb is looking for copies or for a loan of some catalogs that were very popular among 1970s collectors. They are the Golden Age Radio catalog (run by Rex Bills, whose business was in Oregon) and that of collector John Olsen (also from Oregon). The GAR catalog was a perfect bound book; the Olsen catalog was collated mimeographed pages. Please contact him at drjoewebb@yahoo.com.

IN FOND MEMORY: Jack Grimes, Mar 10, 2009, 92; actor (Aldrich Family; Let's Pretend); attended FOTR convention;-Fess Parker, Mar 18, 85; actor (Guest Star);-Robert Culp, Mar 24, 79; actor (Philip Morris Playhouse; Anthology);-Ira Skutch, Mar 16, 88; tv producer, director, author (NBC Page on radio); attended FOTR Convention;-Blanche Thebum, Mar 23, 94; Singer (Telephone Hour, Met. Opera Broadcasts);-June Havoc, Mar 28, 97; actress (Columbia Workshop, Theater Guild, Suspense, Sam Spade, many others);-John Forsythe, Apr 1, 92; actor (Theater Guild; Broadway is my Beat);-Eddie Carroll, Apr 6, 76; best known impersonator of Jack Benny; voice of Jiminy Cricket from 1973 following the death of Cliff Edwards in 1971; attended FOTR convention;-Shirley Mills (Hanson);-Mar 31, 83; child actress (Lux Radio Theater);-Allen Swift, Apr 18, 87; voiceover artist; cartoon characters and tv commercials (Gang Busters; Casey, Crime Photographer);-Myles Wilder, Apr 20, 77; writer (The Whistler);-Helen Wagner, May 1, 91; actress (Theater Guild on the Air);-Lena Horne, May 9, 92; actress, singer (Command Performance; Jubilee);-Rosa Rio, May 13, 107; last of the theater and radio organists, a good friend and attended FOTR conventions many times.

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970

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