

## HELLO AGAIN

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**A PERSONAL NOTE:** I now have a FAX machine. The number is (203) 281-1322.

**CONVENTION 1991:** The audio tapes of the re-creations are available for \$15. The video tapes of the entire convention are available for \$35 (two 8-hour tapes). Send amount to Don Ramlow, 509 Velvet Ave., Portage, MI 49002. Louise Erickson would like a picture of her receiving the flowers from her son after the Gildersleeve re-creation. You can write her at 65 West 95th st. #9A, New York, NY 10025. A pair of glasses in a brown case were also found and ended up in the registration box. I have them here. Let me know...Douglas Lutz, President of the Veterans Bedside Network, thanks the Friends of OTR for their donation. The VBN started in 1948 and encourages veterans in military hospitals to participate in their own entertainment including radio shows. They rely on private donations. If you wish to contribute, send what you can to VBN, 250 West 54th St., 9th Floor, New York, NY 10019.

**CONVENTION 1992:** The dates are Oct 22 - 24 at the Holiday Inn North...Our committee meeting to plan the 1992 convention will be held in January or February. If you have ideas for guests (addresses please), workshops, panels please let me know. Also please give me general suggestions. So far the advantages of separating the dealers far outweighed any disadvantages. Even though more people attended the dinners, there was very little crowd problem.

**RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL:** Kathleen Turner will play fictional detective V. I. Warsjawsli in a radio serial later this year on BBC's Radio 4. It will be a six-part dramatization of "Killing Orders" by Sarah Paretsky...Burt Brazier is alive and well in New Port Richey, Florida. He was the subject of an article in the Suncoast News...The **Blue Ridge Players**, Box 933, Hendersonville, NC 28793 is selling three of their performances on cassettes (The Monkey's Paw, The Spectre Bridegroom and The Gift of the Magi). They are \$7 each, much less for contributing members (write for details). The repertory company is headed by Hank Booraem, Jr. and Betty Mandeville...SPARKS Media with Otherworld Media will produce a 50th Anniversary version of WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS, Norman Corwin's classic radio play on the Bill of Rights. It will be offered to all stations for broadcast on December 15th

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** All addressees of publications are contained in my Publication list included with your first newsletter. A special list is included...If you are interested in Straight Arrow you would be interested in **Pow-Wow**, dedicated to the memory of the real Straight Arrow. This several page newsletter comes out periodically. Send a SASE for information to **Bill Harper**, 301 East Buena Vista Ave., North Augusta, SC 29841...**Listening Guide Newsletter**; Apr - Jun; article on Juvenile radio programs...**Nostalgia Digest**, Oct - Nov; articles on Lux Radio Theater; War of the Worlds...**The Manhattan Radio Club** now has a newsletter called **Direct Wire**; articles in the first issue on the new headquarters of The Museum of Broadcasting in New York; Joan and Jack Benny; Early Radio stations. For information on joining the Club (\$15 a year) contact Arlene Sabba, 433 East 83rd St., New York, NY 10028...**Air Check** (Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound) 11732 NE 148th Pl., Kirkland, WA 98034; article on Henry Aldrich...**Daily Sentinel**, Nov - Dec; articles on Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy; Amos 'n' Andy...**Illustrated Press**, Oct; article on Little Orphan Annie...**Memories**, Vol. 17 (irregular publication of Old-time Radio Club); story of Bobby Benson and the Tunnel of Gold...**NARA News**, Vol. 19; articles on Red Ryder; quiz shows...**Old-time Radio Digest**, Jul - Aug; 1946 article on Henry Morgan; 1937 article on We, the People; 1938 article on Fanny Brice...Sep - Oct; articles on the Cincinnati convention; Ezra Stone. Their next convention is April 24 - 25 at the Marriott Inn in Cincinnati; for information write Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042...**Past Times** (7308 Fillmore Dr., Buena Park, CA 90620), Fall; articles on V-discs...**Modern Radio Drama** (Box 12631, Berkeley, CA 94701), Fall; articles on Tom Lopez; SPERDVAC profiled; Midwest Radio

Theater Workshop; David Ossman...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, October; article on Cavalcade of America

New magazines are **SPARKS**, Magazine of Creative Audio (similar but independently written from Modern Radio Drama (Box 3450, Grand Rapids, MI 49501); \$3.50 each...**Radio Forum Newsletter** (Box 3509, Lakeland, FL 33802) (written by H. Edgar Cole and Bob Burnham); written for broadcast personnel and electronics hobbyists; cost is \$20 a year; articles in A Look at Wave Propagation; Shortwave; History of Florida Radio; FM...**A-1 Gazette** (Jim Mayor, 26824 Howard Chapel Dr., Damascus, MD 20872); 1st issue; newsletter is dedicated to Carlton Errol Morse. Cost is \$10 a year for 4 issue and use of the cassette library...**Through the Horn**, fall/winter; articles on Carlton E. Morse and Steve Allen's remembrances of War of the Worlds.

**BOOKS AND MAGAZINES:** **The Official Couch Potato Book Catalog** lists many books and magazines in areas such as Adventure, Art, Comedy, Fantasy, graphic novels, Sci Fi, Westerns, Music and Film; cost is \$5; send to C P Inc., 5715 No. Balsam Rd., Las Vegas, NV 89130...**Tomart's Price Guide to Radio Premium and Cereal Box Collectibles** by Tom Tumbusch, Wallace Homestead Books, Radnor, PA 19089 (1-800-695-1214); cost is \$22.95; this is the 5th edition of the book originally published in 1989. The scope has been broadened to include actual cereal boxes and materials from the '60s through the present...Greenwood Press, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881 has recently published several books including three bio-biographies: 1. **Tallulah Bankhead** by Jeffrey Carrier; \$42.95; 2. **Mary Martin** by Barry Rivadue; \$39.95; 3. **Jessica Tandy** by Milly Barranger; \$39.95. All three contain broadcasting information as well as all other appearances...**Berlin Calling** by John Edwards; Greenwood Press; \$21.95. This an extremely detailed biographical account of five American expatriates who broadcast on shortwave for the Nazis...**Quiz Game** by Thomas DeLong, Greenwood Press; \$22.95. This is a detailed book on radio's quiz shows and the people behind them...**Life as a Third Banana** by Bob Bruce, #4 Troon, Hilton Head, SC 29928; \$14. Bob was at our convention selling this audio autobiography...**Tom Mix: Portrait of a Superstar** by Dr. Richard Seiverling, Keystone Enterprises, Box 336, Hershey, PA 17033; \$32.95. This box covers Mix's entire career and private life with great attention to his radio show...**Reruns on File** edited by Donald Godfrey, Lawrence Erlbaum Assoc., 365 Broadway, Hillsdale, NJ 07642, 1991; \$29.95. This is a listing of private and institutional collections of radio, tv and film material. It is rather detailed and worth getting.

**ORGANIZATIONS AND CONVENTIONS:** A 15" Plush Paddy O'Cinnamon Bear is available for \$35 plus \$3.50 postage from SBP, Box 93531, Los Angeles, CA 90093. Brigade members receive 5% discount.

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS:** **BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 2645, Livonia, MI 48151 just issued their 1991 Holiday audio cassette brochure. New programs include Dragnet; some others are Have Gun, Will Travel; The Chase; Jack Benny; The Falcon.

**LOGS:** From **Ray Stanich**, 173 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, NY 11201; NBC Star Playhouse; Arthur Hopkins Present. Both or one are available for a SASE

**NEW ADDRESSES:** **Phil Evans**, Box 10507 Stockdale Station, Bakersfield, CA 93389...**Charlie Stumpf**, Box 1274, Conyngham, PA 18219...**Stephen Scott**, 11636 Queen Nicole Ter., Germantown, MD 20876

**NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES:** **James Pegolotti**, 158 Brushy Hill Rd, Danbury, CT 06810...**Stan Kamen**, 2147 E 17th St., Brooklyn, NY 11229 wants to know de-

tails of Mutual Family Theater version of "Tale of Two Cities" such as who starred and directed it. **Thomas Visegrady**, PECS, Kulich Gyula v. 45, 7621, Hungary is looking for much help in getting programs and information of the late 40's and 50's when information was not sent to Hungary...**Andrew Charity**, 315 E 56th St. #3H, New York, NY 10022...**James Yoder**, 312 Belmont Dr., Cocoa, FL 32922 wants to find all versions of Phantom of the Opera on radio and any program with Richard Boone...**Bob Arnold**, 870 Hillside Ave., Albany, CA 94706 (510) 527-7686 is writing a biography of Jack Miller, Kate Smith's conductor and needs information on him. Also information on "Uncle Jim" Harkins. Was he the same James Harkins who was a vocalist for Victor Records. Also information on Jeannie Lang, Jacques Renard, Paul Small, Merek Weber and The Light and Mellow Show with Armand Camgros...**Lisa Jones (Blackside)**, 486 Shawmut Ave., Boston, MA 02118. Blackside is a film and tv production company. Right now they are producing an 8-part PBS series on "The Great Depression" and are very interested in radio programs from the 1930's...**Robert Lewis (The Mind's Eye)**, 4 Commercial Blvd., Novato, CA 94949. Bob is very interested in Let's Pretend shows...**Ruth Tiniski**, 465 No. Hamilton, Lindenhurst, NY 11756...**Patrick King**, Box 24072, Waco, TX 76702 is doing a research project on The Columbia Workshop and is looking for many shows including Big Ben, RUR, Drums of Conscience, Supply and Demand, Paul Revere...**Marshall Smith**, 520 N. Main St. #7, Lodi, NJ 07644 is looking for Inner Sanctum with R E Johnson; shows with George Petrie; the original broadcast used for our Gunsmoke re-creation...**Carl Amari**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176.. **Dennis Olsen**, 1207 O St. NE, Auburn, WA 98002...**Barry Hill**, 4 Prospect Ter., Farsley, Leeds, England LS28 5ES...**Wayne Kozak**, 2406 Orchard Ter., Linden, NJ 07036...**Sam Kriegel**, 432 Meadowbrook Ave., Ridgewood, NJ 07450...**Dick Mullins**, 11473 Lev Ave., Mission Hills, CA 91345...**Harvey Satty**, 3155 Grand Concourse, New York, NY 10468...**Tom McConnell**, 303 North 3rd St., Bardstown, KY 40004...**Reg Farrar**, 319 Euclid Ave., Loch Arbor, NJ 07711...**Michael Molloy**, 81 East Ave., Attica, NY 14011...**Richard Fry**, 7701 Iroquois Ct., Falls Church, VA 22043...**Dennis Millard**, 20 Buckingham St., Waterbury, CT 06710...**James Mite**, 1203 Clinton St., Linden, NJ 07036.

**Ed Malone**, Vice President Radio, Baptist Radio-Tv Commission, 6350 West Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76150...**Jim Moulder**, 826 Stewart Dr. Dallas, TX 75208...**Robert Brown**, 517 Harward Ct., Edmond, OK 73034...**Ted Davenport**, 1600 Wewoka, North Little Rock, AR 72116...**Kathryn Selness**, 200 1st Ave NW #1301, Rochester, MN 55901 was a show in which a man tries to explain a baseball game to his girl friend as they watch the game...**William Lurie**, 8503 Heather Pl., Boynton Beach, FL 33437 wants a copy of Break the Bank (Spring 1948) in which his father, Edwin Samuel Lurie, appeared. He broke the bank for \$7500, the largest at that time...**Philip Lieberman**, 8 South Hazel St., Tunkhannock, PA 18657 is writing a book on morning men and wants tapes of memorabilia of such men as John B. Gambling, Jack Sterling, Bob Steele, Bob Smith, Johnny Andrews, Rayburn and Finch, etc...**Don Adamovich**, 81 Waring Pl., Yonkers, NY 10703.

**OLD FRIENDS:** **Lawrence Rao**, 700 Cherokee Rd. #E, Portsmouth, VA 23701 has a new OTR cassette catalog. It costs \$10 and is illustrated. Cassettes are made in "Real Time." Lawrence is also looking for excellent copy of Command Performance #156 12/24/44...**James Mayor**, 26824 Howard Chapel Dr., Damascus, MD 20872 is looking for someone with big collection of Carlton E. Morse such as ILAM, Adventure by Morse...**John Dunning**, Box 18514, Denver, CO 80218 (303) 693-2293 is finally revising his book, "Tune in Yesterday." It will be published around 1994 and John needs your help. If there is something in the first edition that was an error or mistake, now is the time to called it to John's attention...**James Mayor**, 26824 Howard Chapel Dr., Damascus, ND 20872 wants to start a Carlton E. Morse fan club, especially those interested in ILAM, Adventures by Morse and I Love Adventure...**Max Salathiel**, 4712 Spiva Dr., Del City, OK 73115 is still looking for a tape of Moonglow with Martin featuring Dick Martin. He was on WWL in New Orleans in the late 50's; then KMOX in St. Louis and KRMG in

Tulsa...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70172 (504) 943-6091 wants to have a memorial get-together for Arthur Godfrey around August 31, 1993 when he would have been 90. Contact John if you are interested. John also has more OTR scripts for sale; write for details...

**Lora Palmer**, 176 Atwater St., West Haven, CT 06516 wants a turntable that plays 78's...

**Harold Feinstein**, 2043 Miramar Blvd., South Euclid, OH 44121 wants title and date and cassette copy if possible of a Lone Ranger episode broadcast between 1950 and 1953 that had two characters named Hardtack and Tulsa...**Brad Richards**, 110 Maple Ave, Closter, NJ 07624 just graduated from college with a degree in film and wants a job related to old films and OTR. Can anyone help?

**IN FOND MEMORY:** **Kathryn Cravens**, Aug, 29; author and radio commentator (News Through a Women's Eyes)...**Daniel Ocko**, Aug, 29, 78; theater, film, radio and tv actor (Fat Man, Buck Rogers)...**Andre Baruch**, Sep 15, 83; long time radio personality; most popular show was Your Hit Parade which he announced. Survived by Bea Wain whom he married in 1936...**Fred MacMurray**, Nov 5, 83; appeared in 17 Lux Radio Theater...**William "Bill Ring" Ringenberg**, Sep 15, 77; had own show on ABC from 1952 - 1954...**Carolyn Long**, Oct 3, 76; lyric soprano; (Harvest of Stars)...**Curt Massey**, Oct 20, 81; singer-songwriter (own show for almost 20 years)...**Gene Tierney**, Nov 6, 70; beautiful actress; appeared in 7 Lux...**Don Becker**, Oct 18, 83; soap opera writer (Life Can Be Beautiful, Light of the world)

JAY HICKERSON, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887. \$12 a year

## PUBLICATIONS and ORGANIZATIONS

### OLD-TIME RADIO PROGRAMS

A-1 GAZETTE (Jim Mayor, 26824 Howard Chapel Dr., Damascus, MD 20872) quarterly; \$10; dedicated to Carlton E. Morse

DAILY SENTINEL (Robert Brunet) 21 West 74th St., New York, NY 10023; bi-monthly; \$9 a year

HELLO AGAIN (Jay Hickerson), Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514; bimonthly; \$12 a year

THE LISTENING GUIDE NEWSLETTER (Bob Burnham), Box 2645, Livonia, MI 48151; quarterly; \$12 a year

MODERN RADIO DRAMA (J. Steven Coleman), Box 12631, Berkeley, CA 94701; quarterly; \$10

NARA NEWS (Janis DeMoss, 5291 Jacks Creek Pike, Lexington, KY 40515; quarterly; \$15 a year

NOSTALGIA DIGEST (Chuck Schaden), Box 421, Morton Grove, IL 60053; bimonthly; \$12 a year

OLD-TIME RADIO DIGEST (Bob Burchett and George Wagner), 4114 Montgomery Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45212; bimonthly; \$12.50 a year

SPARKS (Michael Packer, Box 3540 Grand Rapids, MI 49501) occasional; \$3.50 each; efforts in modern radio programming

### OLD RADIOS AND PHONOGRAPHS

HORN SPEAKER (Jim Cranshaw), Rt 3, Box 79, Dallas, TX 75103; 10 times a year; \$10 a year

MID-ATLANTIC ANTIQUE RADIO CLUB (Joe Koester), 249 Spring Gap South, Laurel, MD 20810; \$12.50 a year

OLD TIMERS BULLETIN (Bruce Kelley), Main St, Holcomb, NY 14469; quarterly; \$5 a

year; journal of the Antique Wireless Association

### NOSTALGIA - MISCELLANEOUS

COLLECTRIX, 389 New York Ave, Huntington, NY 11743; 3 times a year; \$7.50 a year.  
Lists books and magazines on antiques and collectibles.

MOVIE - ENTERTAINMENT BOOK CLUB, 15 Oakland Ave, Harrison, NY 10528;  
monthly offering of books on all areas of entertainment and nostalgia.

PAST TIMES (Jordan Young and Randy Skretvedt) 7308 Fillmore Dr., Buena Park, CA  
90620; \$9 for 4 issues; articles on Movies, music, OTR, popular culture, tv, theater

RADIO FORUM NEWSLETTER (Edgar Cole and Bob Burnham) Box 3509, Lakeland,  
FL 33802; \$20

CLUBS Many have newsletters indicated in ( ).

CINCINNATI OTR CLUB (George Wagner) 2411 Ohio Ave. #2, Cincinnati, OH 45219  
CINNAMON BEAR FAN CLUB (Carolyn Breen Kolibaba) 10419 NE Knott, Portland,  
OR 97220; \$2.00 a year

GOLDEN RADIO BUFFS (Owens Pomeroy), 3613 Chestnut Dr, Baltimore, MD 21211;  
\$20 a year (On the Air)

ILLINOIS OTR SOCIETY, 10 South 540 county Line Rd., Hinsdale, IL 60521

INDIANA RECORDING CLUB (William Davis), 1729 E 77th, Indianapolis, IN 46240  
(Tape Squeal)

JACK BENNY FAN CLUB (Laura Lee), 15430 Lost Valley Dr, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

LUM AND ABNER FAN CLUB (Tim Hollis), Rt 3, Box 110 Dora, AL 35062

MANHATTAN RADIO CLUB (Paul Mellos) 331 East 81st St., New York, NY 10028  
(Direct Wire)

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON OTR CLUB (James Burnette), 6704 Bodensee Ln,  
Manassas, VA 22111; \$15 a year (Radio Recall)

MILWAUKEE AREA RADIO ENTHUSIASTS (Ken Pabst), 4441 N 77th St, Milwaukee,  
WI 53218

NORTH AMERICAN RADIO ARCHIVES (NARA)...See NARA News; also publishes  
Through the Horn

OLD-TIME RADIO CLUB, 100 Harvey Dr, Lancaster, NY 14086; \$17.50 a year  
(Illustrated Press) (Memories)

OLD-TIME RADIO SHOW COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION OF ENGLAND (ORCA)  
(Barry Hill) write to Tom Monroe, 2055 Elmwood Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107; \$15 a year

OLD-TIME RADIO SHOW COLLECTORS' ASSOCIATION (ORCA - Canadian counter-  
part) (Reg Hubert), 45 Barry St, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada P3B 3H6; \$6 a year

RADIO COLLECTORS OF AMERICA (Bob Levin), 8 Ardsley Cir, Brockton, MA 02402

RADIO ENTHUSIASTS OF PUGET SOUND (W. Michael Sprague) 11732 NE 148th  
Pl., Kirkland, WA 98034 (Air Check)

RADIO HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORADO (Vicki Blake), Box 1908,  
Englewood, CO 80150; \$20 a year (Return with Us Now)

REVIVAL OF CREATIVE RADIO (Tim Coco) Box 1585, Haverhill, MA 01831; \$12 a  
year (Wavelengths)

SOCIETY TO PRESERVE AND ENCOURAGE RADIO DRAMA, VARIETY & COME-  
DY (SPERDVAC), Box 1587, Hollywood, CA 90078; \$25 first year; \$15 following years  
(SPERDVAC Radiogram)

VIC AND SADE SOCIETY (Barbara Schwarz), 7232 N. Keystone Ave, Lincolnwood, IL  
60646

## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

1991

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 16th Annual Convention from October 24th - 26th, 1991 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities present who received awards were: **Harry Bartell, Bob Bell, Vivian Block, Oscar Brand, Bob Bruce, Lillian Buyeff, Sam Edwards, Harry Fleetwood, Ray Kemper, Ruth Last, Tyler McVey, George Petrie and Frances von Bernhardt**. **Anne Hummert** received an award but was unable to attend. Other celebrities present were **Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, John Archer, Parley Baer, Barney Beck, Jackson Beck, Joan Benny, Fran Carlon, Lon Clark, Bob Dryden, Louise Erickson, Ray Erlenborn, Earl George, Bob Hastings, Raymond Edward Johnson, Robert E. Lee, Abby Lewis, Peg Lynch, Gil Mack, Charlotte Manson, Shirley Mitchell, Bill Murtough, Bill Owen, Stella Reynolds Moss, Adele Ronson, Terry Ross, Sidney Slon, Margot Stevenson, Ezra Stone, Arthur Tracy, Sybil Trent, Willard Waterman, Florence Williams, and Betty Wragge**. The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 5 radio shows.

The convention began on Thursday with dealers opening about 2 pm; then cocktails and dinner. 154 fans and guests attended and talked informally throughout the evening. **Barbara Grossman**, author of *Fanny Brice* talked and signed autographs. **Shirley Mitchell and Sam Edwards** presented "The Bickersons." Then a group of special guests reminisced informally. **Jim Albert** then presented big band music and also on Friday evening.

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. 52 dealer tables were active during the convention. 250 people attending dinner with another 91 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included: **Gary Yoggy** and "Community Groups and OTR;" **Gabe and SuzAnne Barabas** hosting a Gunsmoke panel; **Dave Zwengler** presenting a lively quiz show. The **Dave Warren** players with **Adele Ronson** presented "Buck Rogers." **Raymond E Johnson** presented "The Highwayman." The afternoon closed with **Joe Hickerson and Oscar Brand**. After dinner **Peg Lynch and Bob Dryden** re-created "Ethel and Albert." Then "The FBI in Peace and War" was re-created with **George Petrie and John Archer**.

On Saturday the panels and workshops included the following: **Barry Hill** and the BBC; The **Dave Warren Players** presented "A Christmas Carol" with **Bob Bruce**; **Jack French** led a discussion on Radio Traitors; **Willard Waterman, Shirley Mitchell, Louise Erickson** and others re-created "the Great Gildersleeve." **Arthur Tracy** then reminisced and sang. The fans then heard from authors **Joan Benny, Melvin Patrick Ely, Tom Lewis, Doris Milberg and Jordon Young**.

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 365 people with another 129 coming for the day. After dinner **A Tribute to Radio** was presented with many openings and excerpts of all the shows performed at all the conventions plus many singing commercials. Performing were **Karen and Jay Hickerson** with the singing part and several announcers and performers including **George Ansbro, Arthur Anderson, Lon Clark, John Archer, Ezra Stone**. The **Dave Warren Players** then gave their version of "Allen's Alley." **Ray Kemper** then directed an all-star cast in "Gunsmoke" with **Jackson Beck** as Matt Dillon and **Parley Baer** as Chester.

The awards were then given out. In addition to the ones mentioned earlier, they also included 2 Allen Rockford Awards presented to **Anthony Tollin and Tom Monroe** for their outstanding efforts in keeping radio alive. Special awards were given to **Ezra Stone and Arthur Tracy**. Both have attended our convention for several years and have always been willing to help. **Jay Hickerson** also received an award for 16 years of conventions. One donation was given to the Veteran's Bedside Network.

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