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ULTIMATE HISTORY: My **Ultimate History** is now revised with all the information that was in the 3 supplements combined with the original book. There is a lot more information acquired this year also. Cost is \$46 plus \$4 P&H for new purchasers and \$36 plus \$4 P&H for purchasers of earlier book and supplements. **The first supplement** to the Revised edition will be ready in October. I need information on all new shows, logs and related information. **Please get it to me by October 1.**

CONVENTION 1996: We have several items for sale: **New FOTR Canvas Bags** are on sale for \$7.00 plus \$2.00 P & H. **20th Anniversary Mugs** are available for \$4.00 plus \$4.00 P & H. **Convention booklets** are on sale for \$2.00 plus \$1.00 P & H. **New Blue 1996 FOTR Bic Click pens** are on sale for \$2.00 plus .50 P & H. We still have **FOTR flashlight-key chains and FOTR Magnets** for \$1.00 each plus \$1.00 P & H.

CONVENTION 1997: All information is in the enclosed flyer. **We are looking for original articles** for the Convention Booklet, one or 2 pages long. If you have one that is camera ready, please send.

If you play a trumpet, saxophone or other wind or reed instrument, contact Dave Warren and see if he can use you in Duffy's Tavern. Dave's number is 513-741-3432.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The **Fourth** 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 The Shadow, Jack Benny, etc. The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today.

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.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 1998 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by **August 15th, 1997**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (908) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

The winning script in our first contest was won by Michael Giorgio. The second was won by James Nixon. The third winner is Edgar Russell, Jr. whose script will be performed at our 1997 convention.

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: **Tape Squeal**, May - Jun; article about The Right to Happiness...**Return With Us Now**, June; article about Electrical Transcriptions...**Radio Recall**, June; articles about Straight Arrow and Orientals in OTR by Jack French...**Illustrated Press**, June; articles about Today's Children; Part 8 of active radio people...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Jun; articles about Radio Classics Live VIII recently held in Brockton, Mass; Arnold Stang; A Brighter Day...Jul; List of Old-time Radio Web Pages...**Radio Active**, Mar (For hob-

byists with interests in the "Popular Music and News" radio format).. **Tradition**, May – Jun (For preservationists of traditional country and Folk music)...**Daily Sentinel**; Jul – Aug; articles about Chester Morris; audition shows; Norman Corwin; Web-radio; The Cranston and Spade Theater Company which is in New York; the voice of Canada, Peter Gzowski...**Silver Bullet**, Jun; for Lone Ranger fans...**Thrilling Days of Yesteryear**, Jul – Aug; articles about Jack Armstrong; Buck Rogers; Graham McNamee; 1937 and the Big Band era.. **RLL On the Air**, Jun; articles about Lum and Abner...**The Cantor Connection**, Jul – Aug...**On the Air**, Jul – Aug; Details about 25th anniversary Banquet, September 6th...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Jul – Aug; article about Romance of Helen Trent...**Nostalgia Digest**, Aug – Sep; articles about Al Jolson; Radio's Theme Songs; The Shadow; John McCormack; Harpo Marx; Peter Quill.

BOOKS: **Greenwood Publishing Group** has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 73 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800...**James Nixon** (using the name Fredric James) has written a book, "**Champion of Justice**" about two 21st century Texas lawmen who pursue a deranged kidnapper through a time-travel experiment into the 19th century Old West. You may recognize The Lone Ranger character. The book definitely has its roots in OTR. The paperback is \$13.95. For the book contact James Nixon at Box 302, North Reading, MA 01864. You may remember that James wrote the winning Lone Ranger script that was performed at our convention last year...Those who bought "**Science Fiction on Radio**" by Meade Frierson III and James Widener may receive a free Addenda and Errata by writing to Meade at Box 130969, Birmingham, AL 35213 or e-mail <afab@wwisp.com>...Michele Hilmes has written a new book, **Radio Voices, American Broadcasting, 1922 – 1952**. It is 320 pages long, published by University of Minnesota Press, 111 Third Ave South, Ste 290, Minneapolis, MN 55401 (612) 627-1970. Cost is \$19.95. Michele Hilmes looks at the way radio programming influenced and was influenced by the United States, tracing the history of the medium. Central to Radio Voices is a discussion of programs and their relationship to popular understanding of race, ethnicity and gender.

ORGANIZATIONS, CLUBS and PERFORMANCES: **July 17** marked the debut of "Americana on the Air," a 2-hour live variety show with music and 2 re-creations directed by Anthony Tollin. It is on WDVR 89.7 FM and 91.1 FM in central New Jersey. The program can be seen at the Great American Music Hall at Northlandz on Rt 202. It can also be heard on the internet at WWW.frenchtown.com via Telos Systems' Audio Active program. The show is produced by Fred Boenig. For information call 1-800-469-3780. It will be on Monthly until September and then weekly.

CONVENTIONS:

22nd Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 25 – Sep 1 at Pottawatomie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577.

25th Anniversary Golden Mikes Awards and Broadcasters Reunion, Sep 6, Baltimore Boumi Temple, MD. For information call Gene Leitner (401) 477-3051

Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 23 – 25 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 7 - 9; Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles; Contact Larry Gassman (562) 947-9800.

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 on the Internet e-

mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@airwaves.com>...New Members include: **Laura Lee** (change) <Laura.lee@zool.airtouch.com>...**Sam Levene** (change) <a.levene@utoronto.ca>.. **Jim Cranshaw** <cranshaw@e-tex.com>

LOGS: **Chris Lembesis** and **Randy Eidemiller** have updated their **Suspense Log**. It contains an introduction by Ray Bradbury and also has an alphabetical listing of Suspense in addition to a chronological listing, program authorship and Escape comparison. It also contains various articles about casting, announcers, technical excellence. Cost is \$25. Send to Randy Eidemiller, 7700 Lampson Ave. #37, Garden Grove, CA 92641

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS: **Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465; Flyer #7 has Mysterious Traveler, Chandu, Dimension X, New Adv. of Nero Wolfe...**Martin Grams, Jr.**, Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 has all of Studio One except (1947) 6/17; 7/8 (1948) 2/3; 2/10; 8/12; 6/8; 7/6...**Great American Radio** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437 (810) 686-5973 latest June flyer contains wide variety including Frank Sinatra; Great Gildersleeve; Speed Gibson; Chandu...July flyer contains variety including Boston Blackie; Big Show; Hop Harrigan; Space Patrol...**Henry Hinkel**, 254 Florida Ave., Amsterdam, NY 12010 <hinkel@worldnet.att.net> has the complete Eddie Condon Town Hall Concerts, all 46 from 5/20/44 - 4/7/45...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 510264, Livonia, MI 48151 (313) 277-3798 <platecap@aol.com> has new CBC shows called Tangled Web Audio. The 10 shows are about murder, intrigue and suspense...**SPERDVAC** has many new Family Theaters...**Adventures in Cassettes**, 5353 Nathan Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55442; 92nd edition. A wide variety including new Baby Snook skits...**Mel Fischer**, 414 E College Way, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 <nipper@fidalgo.net> has a very large Sherlock Holmes collection including new ones: 5/6/46 (Man With the Twisted Lip); many British, CBC and south African shows including 51 Hobbs/Shelley...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305; latest supplement has Whistler; Man Called X; Nightbeat; many others...**Ed Carr**, 216 Shaner St, Boyertown, PA 19512 just acquired 4 Romantic Bachelor from early 1933.

NEW ADDRESSES: **Richard Hayes**, HC 81 Box 8568, West Newfield, ME 04095

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: **Anthony Ambrosio**, 125 Mann Ave., Staten Island, NY 10314...**Dr. Kenneth Robson**, 107 Westerly Ter., Hartford, CT 06105...**Mel Shlank**, 56 Huntington Rd. #3, New Haven, CT 06512...**Dean Hanson**, R2 Box 11, Goodridge, MN 56725 looking for several Marx Brothers movies and promos: Too Many Kisses 91925; Screen Snapshots #8 (1943); Showdown at Ulcer Gulch; promo for Sat Eve. Post (1958; Got It Made, (1961) Ford promo.. **Paul Parla**, Box 1154, Sierra Madre, CA 91025 looking for early pictures of Ed McMahon for a book...**Helen Crawford**, 420 West Palm Dr., Covina, CA 91723 wants all information on radio appearances by Nelson Eddy...**Fred Fox**, 13150 El Capitan Way, Delhi, CA 95315...**Patrick Harrigan**, 103 Highland Ave., Rensselaer, NY 12144...**Kristine Rutti**, 233 Dickens Trail, Elgin, IL 60120 (847) 882-2288 is writing a book on The Great Gildersleeve and would like information, tapes, etc.

OLD FRIENDS: **Nat Berman**, 175 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238 has 12 BBC versions of Flywheel, Shyster and Flywheel. Same scripts are used and actors sound like Groucho and Chico...**Bill Anthony**, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 still looking for serial Jungle Jim (1937) on VHS and Lux, Man Who Came To Dinner with Clifton Webb (3/27/50). I am not aware that this is available...**Martin Grams, Jr.**, Box 189, Delta, PA 17314 wants any and all logs to radio dramas for upcoming book by Scarecrow Press. Martin also has available "Gildersleeve's Ghost," a black and white 1944 film starring Harold Peary as Gildersleeve. He has a few copies on video for \$10 each plus \$3 P&H...Martin also mentions that all Bing Crosby materials are wanted for book by McFarland. Send materials to Timothy Morgereth, 5 Beach Dr.,

Baltimore, MD 21222...**John Barber**, Box 70711, New Orleans, LA 70116 was in a serious accident and cannot continue business for a while. Checks will be returned as soon as possible...**Roger Hill (Nothings New)**, #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Buono, CA 94066 has many early TV shows on Video and is always looking for more; Roger is also looking for: Jeanette MacDonald appearances in Vick's Open House (9/26/37); Lux "Smiling Through" (1/5/42 and "Maytime" (9/4/44) and appearances in State Door Canteen; Screen Director's Playhouse and any other radio and TV shows or concert recordings; also looking for several 1951 - 53 Lone Ranger; Don McNeill's and Sam Hayes Breakfast Clubs.

IN FOND MEMORY: **George Fenneman**, May 29; 77; Announcer (Dragnet, You Bet Your Life)...**Dennis James**, Jun 3; 79; Game show host and commercial spokesman on television; Did some radio announcing including Thanks to the Yanks...**Radcliffe Hall**, Mar 11; sportscaster, announcer. .**Edythe Meserand**, Jun 2, 88; first female radio network newscaster, starting in 1926 with NBC in New York...**Richard Jaeckel**, Jun 14; 70; character actor (Lux)...**Thelma Carpenter**, May 17; 77; singer (Eddie Cantor)...**Rita Morley Harvey**, Jun 28; 69; actress; spokesperson for Coty Co. in 1950's on TV. Was author of "Those Wonderful Terrible Years" the story of AFTRA...**Robert Mitchum**, Jul 1; 79; well known actor; was in one Lux...**Jimmy Stewart**, Jul 2, 89; enjoyed him when he and Gloria were guests with Jack Benny; was the Six Shooter and performed in many anthology shows...**Charles Kuralt**, 7/4; 62; had just done a radio recording with Norman Corwin.

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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One Man's Family & The Cisco Kid look at life again at the 22nd Friends of Old Time Radio Convention

Oct. 23-25, 1997
Holiday Inn North, Newark, NJ

Guests

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

West Coast Guests

Parley Baer – Gunsmoke
Harry Bartell – Fort Laramie; Gunsmoke
Jeanne Bates – One Man's Family; Shorty Bell
Frank Coghlan – (Serials) Captain Marvel
Sam Edwards – One Man's Family; Fort Laramie
Ray Erlenborn – (Sound effects artist)
Eddie Firestone, Jr. – One Man's Family; Goldbergs
Barbara Fuller – One Man's Family; Stepmother
Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews; (Television) McHale's Navy
Rex Koury – (Musical Director) Gunsmoke
Tyler McVey – One Man's Family; Gene Autry
Bob Mott – (Sound effects artist)
George Pirrone – One Man's Family
Elliott Reid – March of Time; Lorenzo Jones
Jean Rouverol – One Man's Family
Dick Van Patten – Aldrich Family, Duffy's Tavern
Janet Waldo – Meet Corliss Archer; Date with Judy
Peggy Webber – Fort Laramie; Dragnet
Alan Young – Alan Young Show; (TV) Mr. Ed

New East Coast Guests

Eddie Bracken – Eddie Bracken Show
Dix Davis – One Man's Family; Blondie; Date With Judy
Florence Freeman – Dot and Will; Young Widder Brown
Betty Johnson – (Singer) Breakfast Club
Kitty Kallen – (Singer) Curt Massey Show

Returns

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets
George Ansbro – (Announcer) ABC
Jackson Beck – (Announcer) Superman, Mark Trail
Vivian Block – Let's Pretend
Lon Clark – Nick Carter
Louise Erickson – Meet Corliss Archer
Earl George – Captain Midnight, Doc Savage
Ed Herlihy – (Kraft Spokesman)
Pat Hosley – A Brighter Day

Will Hutchins – (TV) Blondie, Sugarfoot
Raymond Edward Johnson – Inner Sanctum
Ruth Last – Let's Pretend; Quiet Please
Abby Lewis – Road of Life; House in the Country
Peg Lynch – Ethel and Albert
Ted Mallie – (Announcer) The Shadow
Bill Owen – (Announcer for Mutual)
Peter Rankin – Buster Brown, Shadow, Lux Radio Theater
Clive Rice – Bobby Benson
Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews; (Television) I Remember Mama
Ken Roberts – (Announcer) the Shadow; Ellery Queen
Adele Ronson – Buck Rogers, John's Other Wife
Terry Ross – Sound effects artist
Margot Stevenson – The Shadow
Sybil Trent – Let's Pretend
Frances von Bernhardt – (Casting Director)

Events

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

Wednesday

Wine and Cheese for overnight guests and committee: 6 – 10 pm

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am – 5 pm
 Radio Books and Magazines (Frank Bequaert and Dave Siegel)
 Improving sound (Bob Burnham)
 Favorite Holiday shows (Gary Yoggy)
 Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
 The winning original drama of 1996 by Edgar Russell III will be presented; Guests include **Rex Koury**
One Man's Family Reunion II; hosted by Mike Sprague and Ed Titus with an all-star cast

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 A visit with Frank Coughlin, Jr. and others
 More Science Fiction on Radio (Gordon Payton)
 Asians on Radio (Jack French)
 Superman Panel (Anthony Tollin)
 More CBC Radio (Carl Banas, Sam Levene, others)
 Saute to Walter Gibson (Anthony Tollin)
 Author Panel; with **Bill Owen, Frank Buxton, Leonard**

Maltin; Tom DeLong, Anthony Tollin
Dave Warren Players present Duffy's Tavern

Friday Night

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

A light look at sound effects with Ray Erlenborn and Bob Mott

Re-creation: Young Widder Brown with Florence Freeman

Re-creation of Fort Laramie with Sam Edwards, Harry Bartell, Peggy Webber

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Atlanta Radio Theater Company presents **Dr. Geoffrey Stanhope**
"In the Hour of the Wolf"

The Andrews Sisters; with Boogie Woogie Girls, Gary Yoggy, Ed Clute

Radio to Television Transition (Mitchell Weisberg)

Gotham Radio Players Present **The Green Lama** "The Adventures of the White Lady" Prod. and Dir. by Steve Lewis and Max Schmid

Salute to Big Bands and Singers with Betty Johnson, Kitty Kallen (hosted by Mike Henry)

The Hindenburg (Lee Munsick, Bill Jaker)

Raymond Edward Johnson presents...

Re-creation of Meet Corliss Archer with Janet Waldo, Louise Erickson, Sam Edwards

Saturday Night

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

Re-creation of "I Remember Mama" with Rosemary Rice, Dick Van Patten

Ethel and Albert with Peg Lynch and Parley Baer

Re-creation of Cisco Kid with Jackson Beck

Awards, raffle, donations, brief guest appearances

Getting There

By Air: **Continental Airline is the official air line** for our convention. Details on **attached sheet**. 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 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 early-bird special described on attached sheet.

Wednesday, October 22nd; Complimentary wine and cheese from 6 - 10 pm

Thursday, October 23rd; Daytime only (9 - 5); \$10

Thursday, October 23rd; Daytime and evening including dinner (9 am - closing) **\$33.00** (\$30.00*). Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. **Please indicate** choice when you make your reservation.

Friday, October 24th: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) **\$10.00** if paid in advance; **\$15.00** at the door.

Friday, October 24th: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) **\$44.00** (\$41.00*). Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 25th: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) **\$10.00** if paid in advance; **\$15.00** at the door.

Saturday, October 25th: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) **\$51.00** (\$47.00*). Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

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

Dealer's Tables are \$50 or more each plus appropriate registration fees. If paid after October 1st, cost will be **\$55 or more plus appropriate registration fees.** **Details on special sheet**

Hotel: Rooms are **\$68**, no matter how many in a room. **Starting this year, ALL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED THROUGH THE HOTEL.** Call 201-589-1000 and ask for Grace in reservations (Ext. 7011). **Mention FOTR.** Reservation must be placed by **October 1.**

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

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