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A PERSONAL NOTE: Hello Again is going out earlier so everyone can get the Convention Update in a timely fashion. Bill Pfeiffer, the man behind the Old-time Radio Digest (Round table), was killed in a car accident on Sep 1 at the age of 43. He and Lou Genco were the men who started OTR on the Internet. The future of the Digest is unsure. Bill will be missed.

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 Third Supplement to the Revised Ultimate History will be available by October 15th for \$4.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. Supplement #1, 2 and 3 are \$15 plus \$2.00 P&H. #2 and 3 are \$11.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including all 3 supplements is \$58 plus \$4 P&H.

The Third Supplement of the Necrology will also be available around October 15 also. Both supplements will be at the convention.

CONVENTION 1999: The dates are October 21 - 24 at the Holiday Inn - North, Newark. Update is included.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: NARA News, Summer; articles about Gene Autry; Home Front Preparedness during WWII; The Shadow; Battle Lines in the Daytime; Vintage Radio Trains; Carlton E Morse; Roy Rogers; Ray Erlenborn; Father Coughlin...**Radio Recall**, Aug; articles about Library of American Broadcasting; Superman; Development of Audio Tape Recording; World Series Classics - A review about John Rayburn...**SPERDVAC Radiogram**, Aug; articles about Art Gilmore; Charlie McCarthy's Dec 12, 1937 broadcast with a complete log of Charlie McCarthy from 5/9/37 to 6/3/40 by Martin Grams, Jr. **Return With Us Now**, Aug; article about OTR for the Digital Age...Sep; Articles about Imagination Theater; more on OTR for Digital Age...**OTR Digest**, Spring; article about the 12th Cincinnati Convention.. **Jot 'em Down Journal**, Aug; articles about Fred Foy; the 1999 NLAS Convention.. **Tradition**, Jul - Aug; articles about Merle Haggard...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Jul - Aug...**RCA Newsletter**, Aug; article about Vic and Sade...**Nostalgia Digest**, Oct - Nov; articles about Buddy Clark; Frank Buck; Fred Allen;

BOOKS: 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..McFarland (1-800-253-2187) or (336-246-440) recent book is **Will Rogers, Performer**; An illustrated biography with a filmography (very little about radio) by Richard and Mary Maturi. Cost for the 285-page book (1999) is \$60...**Broadcasting Freedom; Radio, War and the Politics of Race (1938 - 1948)** by Barbara Dianne Savage; 1999; University of North Carolina Press; (919) 966-3561 <uncpress@unc.edu>. Cost is \$19 paperback. This book examines radio's treatment of race as a national political issue and how radio influenced a national debate about racial inequality.

CONVENTIONS:

10th Annual Lone Pine Film Festival, Oct 8 - 10, Lone Pine CA. For information call 760-876-4314

24th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 - 24 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

16th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 12 - 14 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles Int. Airport; For information contact Larry Gassman, Box 1163, Whittier, CA 90603 (562) 947-9800.

2000 edition of the Williamsburg Film Festival. It's Feb. 24-26 in Williamsburg, VA at the Holiday Inn - Patriot. Major stars this year will include Gale Storm, Joseph Campanella, Harry Carey, Jr., and Johnny Western. The person to contact is Cindy Peery at 1-757-566-1855.

16th Annual Lum and Abner Convention June 26 - 27, 2000 in Mena, Arkansas at the Best Western Lime Tree In. For information contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062 (205) 648-6110

REPS Radio Showcase V111, June 26 - 27, 2000 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518

25th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 28 - Sep 3, 2000 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363.

ORGANIZATIONS:

I (Steve Lewis) am very happy to announce that, thanks to supreme generosity of Charlie Summers, the Gotham Radio Players' most recent production is now available for on-demand listening off of the web. On July 18th the Gotham Radio Players broadcast a live recreation of one of the missing episodes of THE AMAZING MR. MALONE, "Never Judge By Appearances". If you were unable to tune in for the actual broadcast, you still have the opportunity to hear the production exactly as it went out over the air. You can download the show in either ReadAudio or MP3, or you can listen to it streamed in RealAudio - the choice is yours. The link to use is: <http://www.olderadio.net> (Keyword to: <http://www.olderadio.net>) And then just look for the Gotham Radio Players. Enjoy, and please let us know what you think.

SPERDVAC is making its duplicate scripts available for any non profit OTR organization that wishes to build their script library. We have scripts from network programs, Mutual-Pacific Network, and Mutual-Don Lee in Los Angeles. We are already sending scripts to NARA and REPS. If any organization would like to get our duplicate scripts, they can write to me at: Harold Gordon, 1030 N Orange Grove Avenue, #306, Los Angeles, CA 90046. I will have to submit their names to the SPERDVAC Board of Directors for its approval. Thanks.

The **Radio Hall of Fame** in Chicago has announced its 1999 inductees: Kate Smith, Rick Dees, Jim Dunbar, Gale Gordon, Robert Q Morgan, Bruce Williams. It will be held on Saturday, Nov 20th at 10 pm at the Chicago Cultural Center. Tickets are available for \$500 each.

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@broadcast.airwaves.com> (**For the time being** the Digest is on hold)...To get on Charlie Summers Old Radio Mailing list email <olderadio-request@lofcom.com>: Charlie's mailing list is a moderated one dedicated to Old Radio between the

1920's and the end of 1962. New Members include: (Change) **Bill Jaker** <bilj@hancock.net>...**Arlene Osborne** <OsborneAM@aol.com>...**David Easter** (Change) <davideaster@eclipsetel.com>.

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. All begin with <http://www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mgmemories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <otrsite.com/kneebone>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>

LOGS: Finally an **Edgar Bergen/Charlie McCarthy Log**. Martin Grams, Jr. has prepared this complete 30-page log. Cost is \$10 plus \$3.20 P&H. It also has a lot more information including summer replacements, trivia, history about Mae West and more. Write to MG, Box 189, Delta, PA 17314

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"** #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, 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...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Rainy Day Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...**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... **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 <thescifiguy@juno.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. **Lewis West** is selling OTR under the name **Radio Gems**, Box 23568, Charlotte, NC 28227. He has a variety of shows. Lewis is looking for a copy of the CBS show, "Somebody Knows."...**Radio Memories** supplement has Hedda Hopper; Amos 'n' Andy; Our Miss Brooks...**Travis Conner** has (new) Jack Armstrong 9/17/40.. **Gordon Payton** would like to find about 15 collectors to contribute about \$5 an hour for many Australian shows such as Superman, Tarzan, The Shadow, many others. Gordon can get them from the Australian Radio Archives. In Gordon's supplement he has **NEW** Fear on Four, Tales of Tomorrow, Aussie shows, over 100 Dr. Who, others. He also has all Arch Oboler Shows, little dramas he did on variety shows and interviews. Also he has many new episodes of the Canadian science fiction show called **Johnny Chase, Secret Agent of Space**. Gordon is also looking for other people who taped episodes of Johnny Chase. Gordon also mentions that much **new** audio drama is going straight to audio tape in bookstores of they are going out over the Net for a small fee or for free. The Sci-Fi Channel's Seeing Ear Theater is the most prolific of these. Dr. Who is available on the net. **Gordon** is in the early stages of a partnership with Lodestone and Ziplow Productions to sell commercially release science fiction and horror at a bargain price...**SPERDVAC** has (**NEW**) Hedda Hopper (12/3/40 - 12/14/40); Jergen's Journal (5/13/45); Aunt Mary (12/11/50); Rhythm Boys (1931) with Al Rinker, Bing Crosby, Harry Barris, probably the earliest broadcast of the group; 2 new Dr. Christian; 2 new Results Inc.; Meet the Press (5/31/46).

NEW ADDRESSES: John Barber, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116...A
R Jones, Box 21, Filey, North Yorkshire, Eng YO14 9AU

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Sheila Maniar is looking for the following items: 1.) Any sound recordings on Marcus Garvey, the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA), and the African Communities League. 2.) Any sound recordings dealing with the Black Star Line, a shipping line organized by Garvey. 3.) Any sound recordings on the Back to Africa Movement from 1917-1930. She may be contacted at (212) 234-1324/tel, and the fax number is (212) 234-6688. Our email address is : stanelson@aol.com. Again, much thanks for your time and attention...**Jim Fritts**, 13681 Southampton Dr., Bonita Springs, FL 34135...**Tom Salome**, 492 4th St., Brooklyn, 11215 <Tomdirty10@aol.com> has had some medical problems and would like to hear from his friends.

OLD FRIENDS: Durell Roth, 902 Youpon Valley Rd., Austin, TX 78746 is looking for a Lone Ranger episode that has the sound of a telegraph...**Don Berhent**, 807 Glenhurst Rd., Willowick, OH 44095 is looking for repo pin-back buttons and new postcards of Capt. Midnight, FM&M, Gene Autry, etc.

IN FOND MEMORY: Everett Greenbaum, Jul 11, 79; comedy writer...**Norman White**, Jul 19, 97; radio pioneer with WJR in Detroit. He helped spearhead several shows including Ford Sunday Evening Hour. **Kathryn Murray**, Aug 6, 92...**DeForest Kelley**, Jun 11, 79; Star Trek actor was in an episode of Suspense...**Bill James**, Jul 26, 75; sound effects (Gun-smoke, Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar)...**Martin Agronsky**, Jul 25, 84; radio and TV commentator...**Anita Carter**, Jul 29, 66; singer (Grand Ole Opry)...**Victor Mature**, Aug 4, 86; actor was in Lux and Suspense...**Ross Elliott**, Aug 19, 82; Radio and TV personality (War of the Worlds).. **Mary Jane Croft**, Aug 24; 83; actress (Beulah, Mel Blanc Show)...**Martha Rountree**, Aug 23; 87; creator and first moderator of Meet the Press...**Norwood Smith**, Aug 24, 84; singer, actor (American Rhapsody)...**Merle Russell**, Aug 25; 74; child performer on Radio on WOR...**Allen Funt**, Sep 5; 84; Created Candid Microphone and Candid Camera...**Marquerite Chapman**, Aug 31, 81; actress (Several Lux)

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CONVENTION '99: UPDATE # 2

October 21 - 24, 1999

General Information

All information about **Seating, Ads, Registration, Rooms** are on the first update that came with the flyer. **Also, don't forget to let me know what you are eating for Thursday and please preregister.** If you do not let me know what food you want on Thursday, you will get London Broil. Those coming for the day will save \$8 a day by preregistering. Also, if you are coming for the day only, you will not have to stand in line and fill out a registration card if you preregister. Don't forget the package prices. ...Remember: **Those people paying for the day must pay an extra \$5 if they want to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres.** The cocktail hour is for **dinner guests only.**

Parking overnight is now \$10 a night per car. All convention goers are **NOT** being charged.

Guest Changes

New Guests:

Returns: Harry Fleetwood, Will Hutchins, Ruth Last, Adele Ronson

Not Coming: Sandra Gould, Bob Hastings, Kay Armen (doubtful), Rosemary Rice, Fred Foy, Les Paul, Marian Seldes, Alan Young (Iffy)

Dealers

There are a few tables left. The **Third Supplement** of my **Ultimate History of Network Programming** will be available. Please send me any last minute information by October 1, especially new shows. Also available will be the third supplement to my **Necrology Log.**

Workshops and Re-creations

The complete schedule as of September 7th is enclosed. Re-creation, workshop and panel leaders please take notice. Please make sure that all your participants are aware of the times for rehearsals and performances. If you need anything special, please let me know. If your people need rides, make sure Bill Nadel knows what time they have to be at the convention. He should be called by October 1st (212) 724-0763.

Raffle

There will be a raffle on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. If you would like to donate prizes, please let me know. We depend on the money received from the raffle and the sale of books, records, tapes, t-shirts and pins at the FOTR table to help pay for the many guests we have at our convention. We also will have tote bags and mugs for sale

Books

Books on sale at the convention as of now follow. If authors are tentatively coming, they are marked by an asterisk (*): **Think Big** by *Dick Beals; **The Laugh Crafters** by *Jordan Young; **Bix, The Leon Bix Beiderbecke Story** by Phil and Linda Evans; **The Great Radio Soap Opera** by *Jim Cox; **So Far, So Funny** by *Hal Kanter; **Radio Programs, 1924 - 1984** by Vincent Terrace.

I will also have the third Supplement for the **Ultimate History** and the **Necrology** for sale.

Hotel

Don't forget to reserve your rooms quickly; Call 1-888-800-8869 and tell the person answering the code (OTR). All details on first flyer including other 800 numbers.

A tentative schedule Follows (As of September 7th)

Wednesday Night and Thursday Morning: The sound equipment and the stage will be set up. Dealers will set up.

Thursday: Dealers will be open at 10 am.

4:45 - 5:30 Batman on radio (Tom Powers)
5:30 - 8:00 Cocktails and Dinner; raffle
8:00 - 8:45 Original re-creation by Arlene Osborne (The Shadow; with Richard Herd, John Hart and others; directed by Arthur Anderson)
9:00 - 10:00 A visit with relatives of radio stars (Derek Tague will lead this). As of now it will be a tribute to Eddie Cantor with Brian Gari, Janet Cantor Gari and perhaps surprise guests.

Friday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 - 9:45 People who play Old-time Radio (Bill Eberle and guests)
10:15 - 11:15 Arthur Anderson and George Ansbro present 2 programs with Ed Clute; Rehearsal 8:30 - 9:45
11:45 - 12:30 New-time Radio; The Future of Radio (Steve Lewis with several special guests)
1:00 - 1:45 A Visit with Will Rogers with Will Hutchins as Will Rogers
2:15 - 3:00 Fred Allen Panel (Dave Zwengler, Joe Senter)
3:30 - 4:30 Jordan Young's comedy writers. Guest is Hal Kanter
4:45 - 5:30 (Re-creation) Challenge of the Yukon with John Hart (Directed by Anthony Tollin) (May change to a Lone Ranger re-creation)

Friday Evening

5:30 - 7:45 Cocktails and Dinner, raffle
8:00 - 8:45 (Re-creation) Box 13 (Directed by Don Ramlow and Jack French)
9:15 - 10:00 (Re-creation) My Client Curley with Dick Beals and Will Hutchins (Directed by Arthur Anderson)

Saturday Morning and Afternoon

9:00 - 9:45 Doctors on Radio (Gary Yoggy)
10:15 - 11:00 OTR's 4-footed friends (Jack French)
11:30 - 12:15 (Re-creation) Gotham Radio Players present **The Witch's Tale** "The Tenant;" produced and directed by Steve Lewis and Max Schmid
12:30 - 1:30 Beverly Washburn talks about Jack Benny and others; (Hosted by Mitch Weisberg)
1:45 - 3:00 (Panel) CBS Radio Mystery Theater with following guests; Gordon Gould, Catherine Byers, Corinne Orr, Jackson Beck, Russell Horton, Bob Dryden, Joan Shea, Norman Rose, Mildred Clinton, Martha Greenhouse, Gil Mack, Kim Hunter, Teri Keane
3:00 - 3:30 Last call for dealers
3:30 - 4:45 Singers Panel, Part 3 (Stu Weiss and Michael Henry) with following guests; Larry Stevens, Paul Evans, Kay Armen (possibly), Ann DeMarco, Phil Brito, Steve Ames
5:00 - 5:30 Re-creation: A Brighter Day with Pat Hosley, Jay Meredith, Margaret Draper; directed by Bill Nadel

Saturday Evening

5:30 - 8:00 Cocktails and Dinner, raffle, awards
8:15 - 9:00 Re-creation of Ethel and Albert with Peg Lynch and Jess Cain
9:15 - 10:15 (Re-creation) Jack Benny (Directed by Gary Yoggy) Guests include Will Jordan, Larry Stevens, Mary Diveny, Charlie Mullen, George Ansbro, Joan Benny, Richard Herd, Beverly Washburn, Charlie Mullen

Sunday Morning

8:00 - 11:00 am This will be a buffet breakfast; Informal panel from about 9:30 - 10:30 will tentatively consist of Richard Herd, Toni Gillman, John Hart, Dick Beals and Alan Young (unsure at present).

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