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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...**The committee meeting for the next convention is Feb 22 at the Holiday Inn-North.** If you have any ideas, please let me know before then.

SECOND 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 Second Supplement to the 2nd Revised Ultimate History is now available for \$6.50 including P&H. Both supplements are \$11.50 including P&H

The 2001 "2nd Revised Ultimate History" with the first and second supplement is \$55 plus \$4. Please send information for the third supplement when you can, the earlier the better. I will need the information by October 1, 2004.

I did not write a Supplement 6 for my Necrology. Most of the information is in HA anyway and there is much info on the internet.

CONVENTION 2004: Dates are Oct 21 - 24, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, NJ. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note new web site name at end of HA.

CONVENTION 2003: 2003 Convention booklets are available for \$3.00 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. Our handouts were letter openers this year. Send me a SASE for one. 2002 pens are available for \$1.00 including P&H. 2001 pens are available for \$1.00 each including P&H. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Past Convention Booklets are \$2.50 each 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: berney@fred.net

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...**NARA News**; Fall; articles about Radio Memories by Ray Erlenborn; Nostalgia by Frank Bresee; Suspense...**The Illustrated Press**, December; article about the FOTR convention. Many thanks for the kind words by Jerry Collins; also Bill Stern...**Nostalgia Digest**; Winter; articles about Don Wilson; Tom Mix; The Goldbergs; Glenn Miller; The Big Story; Electrical Transcriptions...**Tradition**, Nov - Dec; articles about Johnny Cash; The Orange Blossom Special; Bill Monroe; Happy Haines...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Dec; more Lum and Abner material...**Return With Us Now**, Dec; articles about Christmas on Radio; Johnny Celebrates 25 Years Calling for Philip Morris...Jan; articles about Ray Rogers and Dale Evans; Jack Benny...**Radio Recall**, Dec; articles about The Sounds of Christmas; Bloopers; Discovery of "The Affairs of Peter Salem;"...**Jack Benny Journal**, Jan - Apr; dedicated to Gisele MacKenzie...**Radiogram**, Jan; article about Les Tremayne

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..**Speaking of Radio**; Chuck Schaden's conversations with the Stars of the Golden Age of Radio; Nostalgia Digest Press, Box 421, Morton Grove, IL 60053; 2003; \$27; 410 pages; photographs; this is a unique book; Chuck interviewed 46 of the greatest radio stars and their conversation are in this book...**Information Please** by Martin Grams, Jr.; BearManor Media. Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827 <info@ritzpros.com> \$29.95; 245 pages; all the information you wanted to know. Martin's 10th book since 1998.

CONVENTIONS:

18th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention, April 16 – 17, 2004; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333.<haradio@hotmail.com>

15TH RADIO CLASSICS LIVE! April 30 – May 1, 2004; Massasoit Community College - Buckley Center, Brockton, MA; Contact: Buckley Center Box Office, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508) 427-1234. Web Site: www.radioclassicslive.org

REPS Radio Showcase XII, June 24 – 27, 2004 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518 <HRRMIKES@aol.com>; also check web site: (www.repsonline.org)

29th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 30 – Sep 5, 2004 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>.

29th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 - 24, 2004 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)...**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** <Screenound.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/douglasosmonek >...new email is <douglasosmonek@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/>...

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"** 711 San Mateo Ave., San Bruno, CA

94066 (650) 871-6063...**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@aol.com> (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**, 46-07 28th Ave. Floor 2, Astoria, NY 11103 <mschmid@rcn.com> <www.oldtimeradio.com>

All listings below list sampling of shows. BRC Productions; Holiday themed classic video and audio; new big bands on video...**Vintage Broadcasts;** many Christmas shows

OLD FRIENDS: Ray Nemeck, 1424 Heatherton Dr., Naperville, IL 60563 (basebalray@aol.com) looking for "So the Story Goes" by John Nesbitt...**Dom Patrissi**, 93 Augusta Dr., Newington, CT 06111 is looking for any copies of Death Valley Sheriff. He is also trying to contact William Frier for a trade which wasn't completed. He is a member of the South Hill OTR club in Jackson, MS.

From **Bob Burnham (BRC Productions)**...January 2004: A year ago, I resumed my OTR show offerings including a limited number of shows on CD. Some of the shows were never released by me in any form (cassette or reel), although they are not necessarily new to circulation. Many titles have since been added to the CD selection. All are available on cassette as well. The shows have been cleaned up and reprocessed in full stereo, but most notably, each show on CD is divided up by scene, station break, etc. into separate tracks (similar to DVD movies). If you get interrupted, you can easily find where you left off.

I have also resumed sending out printed catalogs free of charge every 2-3 months. To receive the catalogs, send an email to info@brcradio.com or send a card or letter by mail.

The BRC web site has also been rebuilt, now with a searchable OTR catalogs as well as Video and OTR Stars on Video. Excerpts of the "Digital Remasters" OTR titles can be clicked on and played on the web site. The URL is www.brcradio.com. Shows or videos can also now be ordered through secure online shopping cart via Paypal.

Finally, my Tech Guide to OTR third edition is still available and includes 3 supplements. The cost including all supplements is \$14.95 + \$5 shipping/handling. Supplement #4 will be out in late spring. My columns will also continue to appear in NARA News.

Further information on the book is available on the web site: www.brcradio.com/techguide3.html or write directly to BRC Productions --- P.O. Box 158 --- Dearborn Hts. MI 48127-0158 --- fax 313 277-3095 --- www.brcradio.com

NEW ADDRESSES: Ken Gackler, 410 W Johnson St., Caldonia, MI 49316 (gackler@iserv.net)...**Richard Pirodsky**, 19 Pine Rd., Syosset, NY 11791

IN FOND MEMORY: Henry Senft, Jul 20, 86; actor, announcer on radio...**Ken Coleman**, Aug 20, 78; The voice of the Red Sox for 20 years...**Ellen Drew**, Dec 3, 89; actress; in many radio

anthology shows...**Jeanne Crain**, Dec 14; 78; in several Anthology radio shows...**Les Tremayne**, Dec 19, 90; one of our favorites; attended the FOTR convention...**Bob Dryden**, Dec 16, 86; A frequent attendee at our convention...**Eddie Gallaher**, Nov 26, 88; Washington, DC area radio broadcaster...**Roger Forster**, Nov 115, 86; CBS Staff Announcer...**Helen Kleeb**, Dec 28, 96; actress (Dr. Kate)...**Bill Brownell**, Dec 30, 2003; 78; Sound man (Candy Matson)...**Sidney Miller**, Jan 12, 87; Actor, director, composer (many anthology shows)...**Harry Fleetwood**, Jan 18; 86; Host of first all-night classical music show in New York; attended our convention...**Ann Miller**, Jan 22; 81; Actress, dancer; appeared in at least 2 anthology shows on radio...**Bob Keeshan**, Jan 23; 76; "Capt. Kangaroo;" was a page for NBC...**Philip Crosby**, Jan 20; 69; appeared on father's radio shows; last surviving son of Bing and Dixie Lee...**Billy May**, Jan 22; 76; Orchestra leader, arranger; worked with Stan Kenton, Frank Sinatra and Stan Freberg.

All below died in 2002. Information from "Obituaries in the Performing Arts" by Harris Lentz:

Joe Allison, Aug 12; 77; Disc Jockey...**B J Baker**, Apr 2; 74; Singer (on radio)...**Stanley Black**, Nov 26; 89; Composer, Conductor (BBC Dance Orchestra)...**Mende Brown**, Feb 2; 82; Director, writer (Affairs of Peter Salem)...**Lillian Green Caran**, Jan 2; 85; Actress (FM&M, Goldbergs)...**Mel Diamond**, May 4; 82; Comedy writer (Kate Smith; Milton Berle...**Martin Esslin**, Feb 24; 83; British writer, producer on radio...**Louis "Deke" Heyward**, Apr 3; 81; Writer, producer of many radio shows (Quick as a Flash)... **Paul Kasander**, Oct 17; 80; Director, actor (Green Hornet, Lone Ranger)...**Beecher Ray Kirby**, Oct 27; 90; Comedian (Grand Ole Opry)...**John Kohn**, May 4; 76; writer and producer (Radio, TV, movies)...**Bob Larson**, May 1; 72; child Actor (Lux)...**Horace Lee Logan**, Oct 13; 86; Founder of Louisiana Hayride...**Charles Longenecker**, Dec 10; 93; radio producer (Kate Smith; Lum and Abner)...**Red River "Dave" McEnery**, Jan 15; 87; country singer, songwriter; on radio...**Jim McReynolds**, Dec 31; 75; Bluegrass musician (Grand Ole Opry)...**Howard Merrill**, Apr 20; 85; TV and radio writer (You Are There)...**George Mitchell**, Aug 27; 85; British entertainer and conductor; arranger on "Cabin in the Cotton"...**Gene Moss**, Jul 15; 75; Voice of Smokey Bear in the 1980's...**Remo Palmier**, Feb 2; 78; Jazz guitarist (Arthur Godfrey)...**Harold Russell**, Jan 29; 88; wounded WWII veteran; lost both hands; in "The Best Years of Our Lives"; same role in (This is Hollywood)...**Frank Shuster**, Jan 13; 85; team of Wayne and Shuster; own radio show in Canada and the US...**Henry Slesar**, Apr 2; 74; Writer including radio plays...**Jack Speirs**, Nov 29; 86; Film, TV and radio writer (Defense Attorney; I Fly Anything)...**Stanley Unwin**, Jan 12; 90; BBC engineer and actor...**Bobby Worth**, Jul 17; 89; songwriter; own radio show as child in New York...**Gene Wyckoff**, Jan 15; 76; writer (Adventure Parade)

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