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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... I hope everyone has a happy holiday season. On November 25 I turned 70.

We lost a friend and OTR collector. Barry Hill, our English friend, died on Oct 13. He was 55. If you want to remember him, send a gift to the Parkersburg Humane Society, Box 392, Parkersburg, WV 26102. Barry will be very much missed at our OTR conventions.

Also Edgar Russell III lost his father. They were at our last convention where we performed Edgar's award-winning radio play. Our thoughts are with Edgar and his brother Frazier.

**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 Third Supplement to the 2nd Revised Ultimate History is now available for \$6.50 including P&H. All 3 supplements are \$16.50 including P&H. Any 2 are \$11.50 including P&H

The 2001 "2nd Revised Ultimate History" with the first, second and third supplement is \$63 including P&H. Please send information for the 4th supplement when you can, the earlier the better. I will need the information by October 1, 2005.

**CONVENTION 2005:** Dates are Oct 20 - 23, 2005 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 2004:** 2004 Convention booklets are available for \$3.00 including P&H. There are many guests bios and pictures. Special 25th Anniversary small desk clocks are available for \$5 including P&H. Past Convention Booklets are \$3.00 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: fsberney@verizon.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...**Illustrated Press**, Sep; article about Hollywood's Lady Fictional Sleuths...Nov; article about Fibber McGee and Molly...**Chattanooga Airwaves**, Sep - Oct; article about the book "Storytelling in the Pulp" by Tim DeForest...Nov - Dec; articles about Radio Engineering and the Metropolitan Opera...**RLL on the Air**, Sep; articles about Inner Sanctum, Agnes Moorehead...**Radiogram**, October; A remembrance of Cliff Caplinger, longtime OTR collector, who recently died, by Chris Lembesis...**Old-time Radio Digest**, Fall; reprints of various OTR articles...**Return with us Now**, October; article about the Man Called X...Nov; article about Agnes Moorehead...**The Jot 'em Down Journal**, October; more about Lum and Abner and Mildred Funnell. also a nice memory of Sam Edwards.. **Traditions**, Sep - Oct; articles about bluegrass Music; Porter Wagoner

**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

**Radio's Captain Midnight** by Stephen Kallas, Jr. This is a paperback version (2004) of his hardcover book published in 2000 by McFarland (1-800-253-2187); Cost is \$29.95. Tells all you everything you wanted to know about the fictional radio character popular in W W II.

### CONVENTIONS:

**19th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention**, April 15 - 16, 2005; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (859) 282-0333.<haradio@hotmail.com>

**30th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival**, Aug 29 - Sep 4, 2005 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>

**30th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention**, Oct 20 - 23, 2005 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** <Screensound.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** <reponline.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/douglkosmonek>>...new email is <douglkosmonek@shaw.ca>...**Radio Spirits** <radiospirits.com>...**The MWOTRC** web site is now operational and can be accessed either by [www.mwotrc.com](http://www.mwotrc.com) or [www.readiorecall.com](http://www.readiorecall.com)...**Radio Memories (NEW)** [www.radiomemories.com](http://www.radiomemories.com)...**Ivan G. Shreve, Jr. (Thrilling Days of Yesteryear)** <<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](http://www.rhac.org)>

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS** (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039...**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](http://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](http://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](http://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>

**All listings below list sampling of shows.** **McCoy's Recordings**; I received 16 catalogs from Pat McCoy. Some cover certain shows and some cover a variety, all on cassette; contact him for details; he also still sells reel-to-reel...**Roger Hill's Nothing's New**; He now has a 4th Fibber McGee movie from 1937 ((This Way Please); cost is \$12 plus \$2 postage...**Vintage Broadcasts**: Walk Softly, Peter Troy; You Bet Your Life...**AVPRO**; Fall 2004; Words at War; Casebook of Gregory Hood; Space Patrol

**NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Tom Riggs**, 263 Central Ave., #168. Jersey City, NJ 07307

**IN FOND MEMORY: Jerry Goldsmith**, July 29, 75; movie, television and radio composer (CBS Radio Workshop. Romance)...**Al Schaffer**, Sep 23; sound effects artist...**Jean Hay**, Sep 18, 87; hostess of Reveille with Beverly...**Janet Leigh**, Oct 2, 77; actress in various anthologies on radio...**Lester Lanin**, Oct 27, 97; Society Bandleader, many remotes on radio...**Bob Guilbert**, Oct 19, 1990; Don Winslow; attended our convention several years ago...**Robert Merrill**, Oct 23, 87; singer; on many musical programs including RCA Victor Show...**Howard Keel**, Nov 7; 85; on various anthology shows...**Norman Rose**, Nov 12, 87; on many anthology shows including Dimension X and CBSRMT...**Ed Kemmer**, Nov 9, 84; guest at our FOTR convention; Star of Space Patrol on television.

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## CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

2004

The Friends of Old-time Radio held its 29th Annual Convention from October 21 – 24, 2004 at the Holiday Inn, Newark, New Jersey. Celebrities who received awards were: **Jack Bivans, Jane Kean, Louise O'Brien, Ruth and Ted Reinhart, Jean Rouverol, Robert Lewis Shayon, Elena Verdugo.** Other celebrities present were **Arthur Anderson, George Ansbro, Don Buka, Paul Carnegie, Cliff Carpenter, Jill Corey, Shirley Eggleston, Fred Foy, Bob Hastings, Pat Hosley, Will Hutchins, Elaine Hyman, Will Jordan, Ruth Last, Jimmy Lydon, Corinne Orr, Bill Owen, Paul Petersen, Bobby Ramsen, Elliott Reid, Rosemary Rice, Larry Robinson, Lynne Rogers, Soupy Sales, Hal Stone, Joyce van Patten.** The guests socialized with fans, participated in panels and workshops and re-created 9 radio shows.

The convention began Wednesday Evening with complementary Wine and Cheese and informal visiting. Thursday Morning the dealers opened at 9 am. There were five afternoon panels: **OTR Publications (hosted by Derek Tague); Digital OTR, The Mini Disc Solution (hosted by John Gallagher and Fred Berney); One-on-One with Joyce van Patten; hosted by Hal Stone; James Pegolotti talked about Deems Taylor; Tom Powers and Friends read Superman; We then had cocktails and dinner. 58 fans attended during the day. 153 fans and guests attended in the evening. Arthur Anderson directed Edgar Russell III original script "You Are There." We then met Robert Lewis Shayon; "Those Were the Days Players" presented "Duffy's Tavern;"**

Friday began at 9:00 with the opening of the dealers room. Sixty-one dealers' tables were active during the convention. 224 people attended dinner with another 88 in the afternoon. Workshops and panels included the following: **John Gallagher led a panel about the Greatest Radio Actor; Anthony Tollin with Jeff David led an emotional tribute to Jackson Beck; Dave Zwengler led a Quiz "What's My Name"; Michael Hayde and Derek Tague let a presentation of "Jack Benny in Cartoons;" Hal Stone and Bob Hastings were Bob and Ray; Derek Tague and Mary Lou Wallace led a comedy panel with guests: Elena Verdugo, Jane Kean, Bobby Ramsen, Will Hutchins, Will Jordan; Dave Zwengler had a One-on-One with Arthur Anderson; The Gotham Players gave an original presentation of "The Battle of the Warsaw Ghetto" by Morton Wishengrad**

On Friday evening we had 4 programs: **"Great Scenes from Great Plays" directed by Arthur Anderson; Ted and Ruth Reinhart gave the first of their two Nostalgia shows; Rosemary Rice and Bob Hastings were "The Bickersons;" "My Favorite Husband" with Paul Petersen was directed by Gary Yoggy**

Saturday the panels and workshops included the following: **"Who Wants to be a Millionaire" with Mitchell Weisberg; "Husband and Wife Detective Teams" with Jack French; Fun with Hal Stone, Bob Hastings, Jimmy Lydon, Paul Petersen and Ed Clute; The Dave Warren Players presented "Baby Snooks"; George Downes led a panel of children's shows with Arthur Anderson, Bob Hastings, Hal Stone, Jimmy Lydon and others; We remembered Judy Garland; hosted by Gary Yoggy with Scott Schecter, John Meyer and Roberto Gari; The 8th Annual Singers' and Musicians' panel, hosted by Stu Weiss and Brian Gari; Guests were Jill Corey, Louise O'Brien, Jane Kean, Patricia Timberg and Jerry Samberg; Bill Nadel then directed "Sherlock Holmes - the Lost Special."**

Saturday's events culminated with cocktails and buffet dinner for 284 people with another 112 coming for the day. After dinner **Anthony Tollin directed The Green Hornet with Fred Foy, Paul Carnegie and Elaine Hyman; Ruth and Ted Reinhart presented their second, well-received, Nostalgia Show; Rosemary Rice and Bob Hastings were "The Bickersons;" Don Ramlow directed "A Crime Letter From Dan Dodge" with Shirley Eggleston; Bart Curtis supplied the sound effects. Ed Clute with Nana Clute supplied the Music**

Besides the awards mentioned earlier, the Allen Rockford Award was presented to **Brian Gari, Alice Anderson, Eva Weisberg and Ellen & Fred Berney** for their outstanding efforts in keeping radio and this convention alive. The Ray Stanich Award was given to **Jack French** for all the excellent writing he has done. A special **Florence Williams** award was given to **Lynne Rogers.** She has attended our convention for several years and have always been willing to help. Donations will be given to various organizations throughout the year.

Sunday morning found about 113 people having breakfast and listening to an entertaining and sometimes very hilarious panel consisting of **Jack Bivans, Paul Carnegie, Cliff Carpenter, Shirley Eggleston, Bob Hastings, Jimmy Lydon, Hal Stone.** It was hosted by **Anthony Tollin.**

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

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