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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 had a happy holiday season. Many thanks for the holiday cards.

In August we lost a great fan of OTR, Fred Korb. He had been the secretary of ORCATS for many years and was a frequent attendee at our convention. He also had an amateur radio station...**Dick King**, the driving force behind RHAC since he joined in 1985, died in December

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: This is our 30th convention. 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...**On the Air**, publication of the Golden Radio Buffs; Sep - Nov; mostly articles of local interest and reprints...**Jot 'em Down Journal**, Dec; 20th anniversary article about the National Lum and Abner Society...**Return with us Now**, Dec; articles about The Columbia Workshop; Martin Durkin and Gangbusters...Jan; article about cultural history of Radio Horrors...**Tradition**, Nov - Dec; articles about Kenny Roberts...**The Illustrated Press**, Dec; articles about Dennis Day; Groucho Marx...Jan, articles about new Golden Age of Radio Luring Young Listeners; Ernestine Wade; The Avenger; this is the 30th anniversary of the Old-time Radio club...**Nostalgia Digest**,

Winter; Articles about Jack Benny; Roy Rogers; Dick Tracy in Bb; Black Performers; movie music and radio; radio folks in Mayberry; Virginia O'Brien; A Fred Allen Christmas...**Radiogram** Nov - Dec; article about The Lone Ranger; Your Hit Parade...**Radio Recall**, Dec; articles about the last 20 years of The Metro Washington OTR Club...**RLI On the Air**, Dec; articles about The Green Hornet; Stories behind some Christmas songs; Carlton E Morse...**Jack Benny Times**, Jan - April; interview with son of John Tackaberry about his father...**Old-time Radio Digest**; Winter; article about Gracie Allen running for president; 2004 Cincinnati Convention.

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...**Bear Manor Media** (Ben Ohmart) has published several new radio related books; Order from B M M, Box 750, Boalsburg, PA 16827 or on line at <Bearmanormedia.com>; all books are excellent reading; 1. **Perverse, Adverse and Rottenverse** by June Foray; 52 pages; soft cover; \$14.95; this is a collection of humorous essays from the voice of Rocky, the Flying squirrel; 2. **Spike Jones Off the Record**, by Jordan Young; 420 pages; softcover; \$29.95; this is a revised and expanded edition of his original work; there is nothing left out in this book; it covers everything about Spike Jones and the music business of the time; 3. **Bob and Ray and Tom** by Dan Gillespie; 56 pages; softcover; \$8.95; the story of the guy (Tom Koch) who wrote many of the scripts for Bob and Ray; 4. **The Old-time Radio Trivia Book** by Mel Simons; 136 pages; soft cover; \$15.00; this book is long overdue by a very good friend of mine and OTR; Mel knows as much or more about OTR and nostalgia than just about anybody; Besides 70 quizzes, each with many questions, there are over 40 autographed pictures from Mel's collection...**Mickey Rooney** by Alvin Marill; 2004; McFarland, 1-800-253-2187 or 1-336-246-4460; \$35.00; softcover; this book covers every aspect of Rooney's life from birth to 2003 including his career in radio, vaudeville, television, the stage and movies...**2 books** released by McFarland: both paperback; <www.mcfarlandpub.com>; 1. **Jeff Chandler** by Jeff Wells. Besides a complete record of all his appearances in movies, television, radio, etc., it lists all 68 episodes of "The Private Practice of Dr. Dana" and all the episodes of "Our Miss Brooks" from the beginning to 6/28/53. \$45.00. 2. **Mercedes McCambridge** by our friend Ron Lackmann. This also has a complete bio plus all appearances in all media. \$45.00 Both books recommended.

Searching for OTR archival information **David and Susan Siegel** of Book Hunter Press are researching sources of archival print and audio materials dealing with radio broadcasting from the 1920's to the early 1960's for a new publication, the "Resource Guide to the Golden Age of Radio," scheduled for release in Summer, 2005.

The Guide will include: archival material in libraries, museums, private collections and other locations, bibliographic sources (books and magazines), and Internet sites that contain material of interest to researchers. A key part of the publication will be a single Subject Index incorporating data from all three sections.

If you know of the whereabouts of any special collections, please contact: Susan Siegel, Book Hunter Press, PO Box 193, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. (914) 245-6608. bookhunterpress@verizon.net, www.bookhunterpress.com/index.cgi/radio.html

CLUB NEWS: **REPS**, by a landslide, elected veteran actor, **Dick Beals** as their new president. He says, "Our annual Showcase will have a new look and will reflect the wishes of its members."

CONVENTIONS:

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

16th Annual Radio/TV Classics Live will be held May 6 & 7, 2005 at The Buckley Performing Arts Center, Brockton, MA.; Contact: Buckley Center Box Office, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508) 427-1234. Web Site: www.radioclassicslive.org

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**) is celebrating its 10th year on the web...**Chuck Schaden** <nostalgia Digest.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcadio.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/robmc/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/>>...**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>...**Radio Days** is celebrating its 10th year on the web at <<http://www.otr.com>>

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...**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**, 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. (From **Roger Hill - Nothing's New**) Check out this web site— CLASSICFLIX.COM. A customer named David Kawas has set it up and will be renting DVDs by mail, many of which are not on commercial release but which he's rented from me and has put onto DVD. He comes down every so often from Sacramento area.....Wonder if he can compete with all the others already doing similar stuff...**Vintage Broadcasts**...Christmas Programs; Blue Beetle; Studio One

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: R L Wenstrup, 1045 Ten Mile Rd., New Richmond, OH 45157...**John Cooper**, R R 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301...**Nancy Tepper**, 9 Francisco Ave., Little Falls, NJ 07424...**Dick Curland**, Rt 87, Columbia, CT 06237

IN FOND MEMORY: Frances Chaney, Nov 23, 89; Blacklisted performer; in many radio shows (Mr. District Attorney; Gangbusters)...**Jerry Scoggins, Dec 7; 93**; Singer (Sang theme of Beverly Hillbillies; with Cass County Boys on Melody Ranch)...**Joe Bushkin**, Nov 3, 87; Jazz Pianist (Saturday Night Swing club)...**Dayton Allen**, Nov 11, 85; Actor (Howdy Doody; Words at War)... **Cy Coleman**, Nov 18, 75; Pianist, Composer (Voices of Vista)...**Billy James Hargis**, Nov 27, 79; preacher (500 radio stations)...**Henny Backus**, Dec 9, 93; widow of Jim Backus; actress (Romance)...**Renata Tebaldi**, Dec 19, 82; opera singer (Bell Telephone Hour, The Met)...**Jack Lester**, Sep 18, 89; actor (Sky King)...**Eddie Layton**; Dec 26; late 70's; organist for the New York Yankees and many radio programs...**Haleloke Kahue-Olapua**, Dec 16, 82; one of the "Little Godfreys"...**Artie Shaw**, Dec 29, 94; about the last of the great band leaders; was on radio and also many remotes...**Jerry Orbach**, Dec 28, 69; Actor, singer, dancer (CBSRMT; one program)...**Ruth Warrick**, Jan 15; 88; actress; many anthology shows; **Virginia Mayo**, Jan 17, 84; actress; Many anthology shows...**Johnny Carson**, Jan 23, 79; talk show host and comedian; was first on local radio in Nebraska.

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