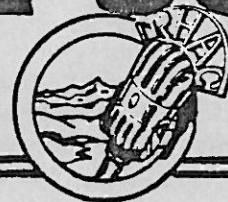


# RETURN WITH US

The Radio Historical  
Association of Colorado

# NOW...



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# WITCH'S TALE

## OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of the Radio Historical Association of Colorado will be held at the Southwest State Bank, 1380 S. Federal, on October 21 at 7:30 p.m. As a reminder, the RHAC holds its meetings on the third Thursday of each month, unless notified by the bank of a change. Hope to see all of you there!

A Special Thanks to Reid Hansen for this month's newsletter cover.

Ever since I took over the newsletter in May 1982, I have been printing John Dunning's schedule and naming the radio station from which he broadcasts each week. Although not intentionally I have been putting in the KNUS call letters and the KLDL(KKBB) number 1090. To John I must say I'm sorry and from now on will print the correct number on the dial. KNUS is ....710.... on the AM dial! The Editor.

### JOHN DUNNING'S OTR SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER - KNUS \*\*\*710\*\*\*AM - 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 3	JACK BENNY - "The Egg and I"	04-20-47
	X MINUS ONE - "Care Taker"	01-30-57
	COLUMBIA WORKSHOP - "Just a Plain Blue Suit"	02-16-46
	FAMILY THEATRE - "Night Caller"	03-24-54
	VOYAGE OF THE SCARLET QUEEN - The Pilot Show	1946
OCTOBER 10	SUSPENSE - "Your Devoted Wife"	06-20-46
	COLUMBIA WORKSHOP - "Hard Luck"	02-23-46
	VOYAGE OF THE SCARLET QUEEN - "Red Beard & the Bag of Pearls"	12-17-47
	THE JACK BENNY PROGRAM - Show from Chicago	05-11-47
	FRONTIER GENTLEMAN - "Daddy BuckBucks"	05-04-58
OCTOBER 17	SUSPENSE - "The High Wall"	06-06-46
	COLUMBIA WORKSHOP - "Slim"	03-02-46
	FRONTIER GENTLEMAN - "The Cannibal"	05-11-58
	INTERVIEW - Norman Corwin	
OCTOBER 24	FRONTIER GENTLEMAN - "Advise to the Lovelorn"	05-18-58
	COLUMBIA WORKSHOP - "Act of Fate"	03-24-46
	STARS IN THE AIR - "Hail the Conquering Hero"	04-06-52
OCTOBER 31	FRONTIER GENTLEMAN - "The Cowboy"	05-25-58
	HOLLYWOOD SOUND STAGE - "Call Northside 777"	12-27-51
	MYSTERY IN THE AIR - "The Black Cat"	09-18-47

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#### RHAC GETS NEW OFFICERS

The club would like to say thanks for a job well done to all of it's past officers. These officers have done an excellent job in organizaing the club meetings and business. They have done their best to help promote the club in its endeavor to preserve a bit of historical Americana. Thanks again to the following officers:

President: Barrett Benson  
Vice President: Glenn Ritter  
Treasurer: Dick Henry

We would also like to welcome the new officers and wish them the best of luck with their new positions. The new officers are as follows:

PRESIDENT: John Lloyd - 2667 E. 99th Ave., Thornton, CO 80229 - 451-7890  
VICE PRESIDENT: John Adams - 2811 S, Valentia St., Denver, CO 80231 - 755-9185  
TREASURER: John Migrala - 7213 W. Roxbury Pl, Littleton, CO 80123 - 979-0755  
SECRETARY: Reid Hansen - 1205 Carr, Lakewood, CO 80215 - 232-8068

FOR OTHER INFORMATION WRITE OR CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Tape Librarian: John Migrala - 7213 W. Roxbury Pl., Littleton, CO 80123 979-0755  
Blank Tape Sales: Dave Tysver - 841-5910\*\*\*\*\*Barrett Benson - 422-6442  
Newsletter Editor: John Callor - 9265 Pierce St., Westminster, CO 80220 429-4639

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#### GOOD ELECTION TURNOUT

We would like to thank all those members who voted this year especially the out of town members. This year was one of the best and one of the closest elections. There were ballots from at least 75% of the membership.

Next year we hope to start sooner and give a better list of qualifications of the members running. Again, if there are any questions or comments, please refer them to the current officers listed above. Your comments will be greatly appreciated.

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#### CONGRATULATIONS

The club would like to welcome our newest member, and send it's best wishes to the Danboms on the birth of their daughter.

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#### RHAC CHRISTMAS MEETING

To keep you up-to-date with the latest changes, here they are. The RHAC Christmas dinner meeting will be held on December 4 which is a Saturday. It will be at the Heritage Square Opera House located at Heritage Square in Golden. Dinner will be at 5:45 p.m. (be there early for seating). The show will start at 7:00 p.m. and end around 9:45 p.m. The cost is \$16.50 per person.

Reservations will be taken thru the November meeting with all money due at the November meeting. For further information or to make reservations, contact: Larry McDermott, 1152 Cedar St., Broomfield, CO 80029 - 466-8988

## CASSETTES

For those of you interested in ordering from the cassette library or for more information, please contact: John Migrala 979-0755  
7213 W. Roxbury Pl.  
Littleton, CO 80123

Tapes will be available for members at the meetings only, as there is not a great number of them nor a great response for them in any of the past questionnaires. We hope to have a good response to the cassette library and hope to expand it in the future.

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## RENEWALS

The following people have renewed for another full year of fun and enjoyment of one of the America's most favorite "past" times. They are:

John Adams	2811 S. Valentia St.	Denver, CO	80231	10/83
Glen Blair	2413 S. Oneida St.	Denver, CO	80224	10/83
Vernon Barker	Box 593	Hugo, CO	80821	10/83
James Davis	490 A Florence St.	Aurora, CO	80010	10/83
John Lloyd	2667 E. 99th Ave,	Thornton, CO	80229	10/83
Joe Madden	8356 E. Princeton Ave.	Denver, CO	80237	10/83
Carl Neustrand	1609 Elm St.	Bellevue, NB	68005	10/83
Gerald Piacentine	115 Beryl Way	Broomfield, CO	80020	10/83
Jeff Ready	6416 S. Marion Pl.	Littleton, CO	80121	10/83
James Reeb	8392 E. Inspiration Dr.	Parker, CO	80134	10/83
Jack Richards	7369 E. Eudora Ct.	Littleton, CO	80122	10/83
Micky Rubin	477 Cook St.	Denver, CO	80206	10/83

## NEW MEMBERS

The RHAC would like to welcome the following new members to the club:

Harry Adams	15989 Harvest Mile Rd.	Brighton, CO	80601	09/83
Nancy Callor	9265 Pierce St.	Westminster, CO	80020	09/83

We wish them both a long and interesting association with the RHAC.

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## GUEST AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

Rumor has it from Dick Henry, that there is a strong chance of having a local radio personality at the October meeting. This gentleman is owner of station KKBB 1090 on the AM dial. Where have I seen that before! His name is Everett Wren. Mr. Wren has been involved with Denver radio for many years and if I remember the Nostalgia Week when KKBB went to a 24 hour big band format, he was involved with several radio stations throughout the nation.

For those of you not familiar with KKBB's format, I will try to give a little background. KKBB was known as station KLDR and played music from the 50's and 60's. Approximately two months ago, they applied for and received a license to broadcast 24 hours daily instead of just 12 hours. With its longer hours came a change in format, Big Bands and Ballads. The songs aired on KKBB are a definite improvement over what is currently available on radio today. It has brought back to the airwaves such personalities as "Little" Johnny Harding and Charles A. Bennett.

We would like to wish Mr. Wren success in his new venture and hope that he keeps up the good work. We are looking forward to an interesting and informative meeting. Hope to see you all there.

## AMERICA IN THE 30's

The RHAC is to be involved in a program held in the ARVADA CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS entitled, AMERICA IN THE 30's. The program runs from the first of October thru the end of November. Events included are exhibitions of photos and art work, live performances, films and other special events. Most of the programs are free or at little cost. For more information regarding America in the 30's please contact: The Arvada Center  
6901 Wadsworth Blvd.  
Arvada, CO 80003 431-3080

As for the part the club is playing, the RHAC will be hosting two hours of OTR from the 30's every Saturday from approximately 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Club members will be available to host the shows, answer questions about the shows and to promote the club. We hope to see you at one of the many events.

The schedule for OTR shows in the month of October is as follows:

### October 2

15 min - Jack Armstrong, The All American Boy	- Rescue of the Pelican	01-01-34
15 min - Amos and Andy	- Marriage of Andrew Brown	04-03-39
30 min - Cavalcade of America	- George Gershwin	02-27-39
30 min - Screen Guild Theatre (first show)	- with: Jack Benny, Judy Garland Joan Crawford, George Murphy	01-08-39
30 min - Avalon Time (Red Skelton)	- Skelton's Flea Circus	04-08-39

### October 9

15 min - Jack Armstrong, The All American Boy	- Rescue of the Pelican	01-02-34
45 min - Your Hit Parade		10-22-38
30 min - Fibber McGee and Molly	- Military Advisor	01-31-39
30 min - Bing Crosby Woodbury Show	- Guest: The Boswell Sisters	09-08-34

### October 16

15 min - Jack Armstrong, The All American Boy	- Rescue of the Pelican	01-03-34
15 min - H.V. Kaltenborn and the News	- Bucharest - Army Chief Named premiere	09-21-39
30 min - Sherlock Holmes (Rathbone/Bruce)	- The Bruce Parkington Plans	11-06-39
60 min - Chase and Sanborn Hour	- Edgar Bergan, Charlie McCarthy, Mae West	12-12-37

### October 23

15 min - Jack Armstrong, The All American Boy	- Rescue of the Pelican	01-04-34
15 min - H.V. Kaltenborn and the News	- Foreign Relations Committee Adjourns	09-25-39
60 min - Rudy Vallee Show	- Guests: Douglas Fairbanks, Helen Keller, Frank Faye, Ozzie & Harriet	02-27-36
30 min - The Jack Benny Show	- Jack Catches A Cold From Carmichael	03-19-39

### October 30

30 min - Father Coughlin	- Relief That Fails to Relieve	04-11-37
30 min - Pursuit of Happiness	- Ballad For Americans	11-05-39
60 min - Hollywood Hotel	- With: Dick Powell	12-18-36

This is a first and hopefully not our last performance of the RHAC prime time players. Again, hope to see you there.

REMINDER

To those of us who volunteered to host the radio shows at the Arvada Center. Here is a list of who will be there and when:

- 10-02-82 - Chuck Barton, Barrett Benson
- 10-09-82 - Joe Madden, John Adams
- 10-16-82 - John Lloyd, Dave Tysver
- 10-23-82 - Barrett Benson
- 10-30-82 - John Lloyd, Joe Madden, John Adams
  
- 11-06-82 - John Callor, John Migrala
- 11-13-82 - Dick Henry
- 11-20-82 - Barrett Benson

Anyone else interested in listening or just dropping by to give a helping hand is welcome.

DONATION

Being the RHAC is a non-profit organization and does give shows to the blind for their enjoyment, we thought that it would be nice to give something back. That is back to the people who made clubs like ours what they are today. The OTR actors.

The club has donated \$100 to the Motion Picture and T.V. Countryhouse and Hospital in Woodland Hills California.

We donated the money in care of the Barbara Luddy Memorial Fund. The board and membership felt that it would be nice to give to those who have given us so much. With the members support and ideas we hope to make this the "first annual" donation and to continue it as long as our finances allow.

## One Inch of the Yukon

It was the most unusual breakfast cereal premium ever offered: a legal deed to 1 square inch of land in Canada's Yukon territory, free in each box of Quaker Puffed Rice and Puffed Wheat.

The Quaker Oats Co. made the offer in 1955, when it sponsored a children's TV show called *Sergeant Preston of the Yukon*. Determined to go beyond the standard sort of ce-

real box giveaways, the company paid the Canadian government \$10,000 for a 19.11-acre tract on the Yukon River, 12 miles north of Dawson, in the heart of Sergeant Preston country. Quaker then passed title on to the Klondike Big Inch Land Co., Inc., which sub-

divided the land into 21 million square-inch plots, for which individually numbered deeds were printed and packed into 21 million boxes of cereal.

There is no record of any deedholder

journeying to the Yukon to inspect his holdings, although one man wrote Quaker maintaining that he had collected 10,000 deeds, enough to give him title to a 75-square-foot plot. (It didn't, how-

ever, since his tiny land parcels were not adjacent.) Ultimately, the Canadian government reclaimed the land from Quaker for \$37 in back taxes. The deeds themselves are prized today by collectors and are worth \$25 to \$40 each.



Legal deed to a free piece of Canada

THE WITCH'S TALE by John Callor

Host: Alonzo Deen Cole                      Cast: Old Nancy played by:  
Format: Chilling stories narrated by                      Adelaide Fitz Allan,  
Nancy and her black cat Satan.                      Miriam Wolfe, Martha Wentworth  
Directors: Alonzo Deen Cole, Roger Bower                      Years of Show: 1934 to 1938  
Writer: Alonzo Deen Cole

The contents of most of the shows were based on ancient curses brought to life, tales of native superstition and spirits that could not find rest with the dead, and of strange goings on with the supernatural, and of course MURDER! The introduction was spoken by Old Nancy, in an Old English dialect straight out of Old Salem and the days of old. The shows were sure to bring a slow but long lasting chill up your spine and cause you to glance around the room or even at loved ones.

A typical show might open something like this:

Announcer: The Witch's Tale!  
Wind up, Music up  
Announcer: (over wind) The fascination of the eerie! Weird, blood chilling tales, told by Old Nancy, the witch of Salem, and Satan, her wise black cat. They are waiting...waiting for you...now! (wind up)  
Nancy: Hee...hee...hee!  
Satan: Yowling  
Nancy: Hee...hee...heee. Hunner-an-seventeen year old I be today, yes sir! Hunner-an-seventeen year old. Heh..heh..heh! Well Satan, this be a nice night for one of our cheerful little bedtime stories, yess,... Our Satan's got a yarn to fit just a night such as this Heh..heh. Satan, tell everyone to douse their lights!  
Satan: Yowling  
Nancy: That's it! Now draw up to the fire and gaze into the embers... gaze into um deeply, and soon you'll see a dusty road, way out in Californie in the year of 1852. Now down the road you'll hear a horseman riding. As he rides into our story, we'll begin. And it's what we calls...Four Fingers and A Thumb, Heh..heh..heh, Four Fingers and A Thumb, Heh..heh..heh..ha..ha..ha!  
Satan: Yowling

This is the opening to a story called "Four Fingers and A Thumb". Where else can an innocent friendly poker game between three men turn into a story of spirits coming back from the dead and seeking vengeance on the living. A story about a Chinaman named Chang Lou who is the direct desendant of a great Chinese sorcerer who was well known for his spells and apparitions. The villan of the story "Cash" injures Chang Lou and Chang's hand is lost during a struggle. As the story progresses Cash learns just how much sorcery a dead Chang Lou can produce, as Chang puts it "Four fingers and a Thumb although severed are still servants of the soul". But as the hero Burk learns, "Four fingers and a thumb extended in friendship better than 1000 hands coming with swords"!

With a chilling climax the story ends with the hand of Chang Lou having it's revenge on Cash with the hero and heroine escaping and riding off together into the sunset. In the fifteen minutes allowed The Witch's Tale, there was so much that could be done through the use of eerie music and strange sound effects. All ending with Nancy saying:

Heh...heh...heh Well thats the end of that one Satan. Sleep good till next time little children. Heh...heh...heh...heh!

Everyone will be a winner at the



**ANNUAL**

**Friends of Old Time Radio Convention**

**October 22-23 Holiday Inn North, Newark International Airport, N.J.**

### CONVENTION FEES

Convention Fees: Reserve your spot as soon as possible! Prepaid tickets held at door.

Friday, October 22, all events, \$15 including dinner

Saturday, October 23, afternoon events only (9am-5:30pm), \$6/adult, \$5/child under 16 and \$5/senior citizen.

Saturday, October 23, all events, including dinner, \$24/adult, \$21/children under 16, \$21/senior citizen

Dealer's Tables: Reserve now! \$5/table, limit 3 per dealer, plus registration fees.

Hotel: \$45/single, \$50/double. Reserve rooms when you send in convention

### REGISTRATION

Advance dinner reservations must be made. Make checks out to:

JAY HICKERSON, Box C, Orange, CT 06477  
(203)795-6261 or (203)248-2887

For further information, you can also contact:

JOE WEBB (914)237-5332  
STUART WEISS (212)948-7872

or contact the following regional coordinators, including car pool or other transportation information:

New England: Bob & Carol Witte  
(203)227-6905

Upstate New York: Gary Yoggy  
(607)962-5171 or 962-9208

Washington DC area: Ron Barnett  
(703)751-3238

Southern area: Ron & Linda Downey  
(704)648-5647

Midwestern area: Ken Piletic  
(312)837-2088

West Coast: Dave Reznick  
(415)344-8645

Convention Committee Members not listed previously:

Dave Siegel, guest coordinator;  
Andy Blatt; Bill Jaker; Anne Webb;  
Anthony Tollin.

Be sure to cast your vote for the Allen Rockford Award for the collector and fan who has done more than their share in advancing the hobby of OTR! Previous winners have been Ken Piletic, John Dunning, Charlie Ingersoll, and Charlie Stumpf.



REEL 276 WORDS AT WAR

1200'

- 1L 12-28-43 The Ninth Commandment  
5-30-44 The Navy Hunts The CGR 3070
- 2L 6-28-44 Fair Stood The Wind For France  
7-4-44 War Criminals And Punishment
- 1R 7-11-44 Captain Retread  
7-18-44 War Below Zero
- 2R 7-25-44 Lost Island  
8-1-44 Headquarters Budapest

REEL 277 THE THIRD MAN/SUSPENSE

1200'

- 1L Synd. THIRD MAN: Pgm 45: A Night In A Harem  
Synd. THIRD MAN: Pgm 46: Blackmail Is A Nasty Word
- 2L Synd. THIRD MAN: Pgm 47: The Professor Regrets  
Synd. THIRD MAN: Pgm 48: The Hard Way
- 1R Synd. THIRD MAN: Pgm 49: Paris Is Not The Same  
Synd. THIRD MAN: Pgm 50: Honeymoon
- 2R 9-2-42 SUSPENSE: The Hitchhiker  
8-1-46 SUSPENSE: Commuter's Ticket

REEL 278 JOHN DUNNING INTERVIEWS

1200'

- 1L 3-14-82 Glenhall Taylor
- 2L 3-21-82 Dr. Morris Kaplan On "The Doctor Fights"  
3-28-82 Al Flanagan And Dick McDaniel - Part 1
- 1R 3-28-82 Al Flanagan And Dick McDaniel - Part 2  
4-4-82 Clarence Hartzell - Part 1
- 2R 4-4-82 Clarence Hartzell - Part 2  
4-11-82 Dennis Day - Part 1 (Continued On Reel 279)

REEL 279 JOHN DUNNING INTERVIEWS

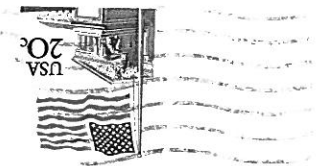
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- 1L 4-11-82 Dennis Day - Part 2 (Continued From Reel 278)  
4-18-82 Raymond Edward Johnson - Part 1
- 2L 4-18-82 Raymond Edward Johnson - Part 2  
4-25-82 Paul Frees - Part 1
- 1R 4-25-82 Paul Frees - Part 2  
5-2-82 Veola Vonn - Part 1
- 2R 5-2-82 Veola Vonn - Part 2

REEL 280 THE ANDREWS SISTERS

1200'

- 1L 9-2-45 Eight-To-The-Bar-Ranch  
10-17-45 Guest: Sophie Tucker
- 2L 10-24-45 Guest: Lou Holtz  
10-31-45 Guest: Jane Powell
- 1R 11-7-45 Guest: Morton Downey  
11-14-45 Guest: The Mills Brothers
- 2R 11-21-45 Guest: Ethel Merman  
11-28-45 Guest: Abbott & Costello (Who's On First)



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