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JANUARY MEETINGS

The January meeting of the Denver Chapter of the Radio Historical Association of Colorado will be held on Thursday, January 16, 1986 at 2061 W. Hamilton Place in Englewood. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM. The building is the Stanodyne Diesel Systems or Colorado Diesel building. (Directions appear elsewhere in this newsletter).

The January meeting of the Colorado Springs Chapter of the RHAC will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 1986 at their usual meeting place, the Rastall Center, Room #203 on the Colorado College campus. The meeting will begin at 7:30 PM.

CONVENTION HELP WANTED

We have five full months to do all the work necessary to have a great convention but we need to get started now to avoid last minute problems. If you can help with publicity, sound, writing or phone work or mailing or any other jobs we need to hear from you. We would especially like to get some of you involved who were at last years convention and joined the RHAC then. Give me a call and we can put you on the list of convention volunteers and we will get you started. A lot of the work can be done in your home. Call me at 451-7890.

SAM'S COMING

We are very pleased to announce that Sam and Beverly Edwards will be at the June convention. I spoke to them and they will fly in from meetings in Portland to be with us for the weekend. It will be great to see them again and we appreciate their taking time from their busy schedule to be with us.

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We thank you for your support of the RHAC. We hope that all members utilize the many resources of the club to the fullest and enjoy them. Any comments, suggestions and donations are greatly appreciated.

COVER PHOTO

This month's cover is of our friend Sam Edwards. Sam and Beverly sent the photo for our publicity of the convention and I decided to start the publicity early with this month's newsletter cover.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

This issue of Return With Us Now marks my 54th and last as Editor. There is just too much work to be done for the convention next June to be able to do both jobs. Herb Duniven and John Cook were informed before Christmas that this change was coming and they have been on the lookout for a new Editor. If you are willing to help out, please get in touch with Herb or John. The change will be permanent.

PAT ON THE BACK

One of our members deserves a special pat on the back, not for anything to do with OTR, but just for being an outstanding citizen. RHAC member Tim Irvin organized a fund raising dance for a young AIDS victim to help offset high medical bills. Seems that the terrible disease was contracted through a blood transfusion. People like Tim are a real credit to the community.

CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS A BIG SUCCESS

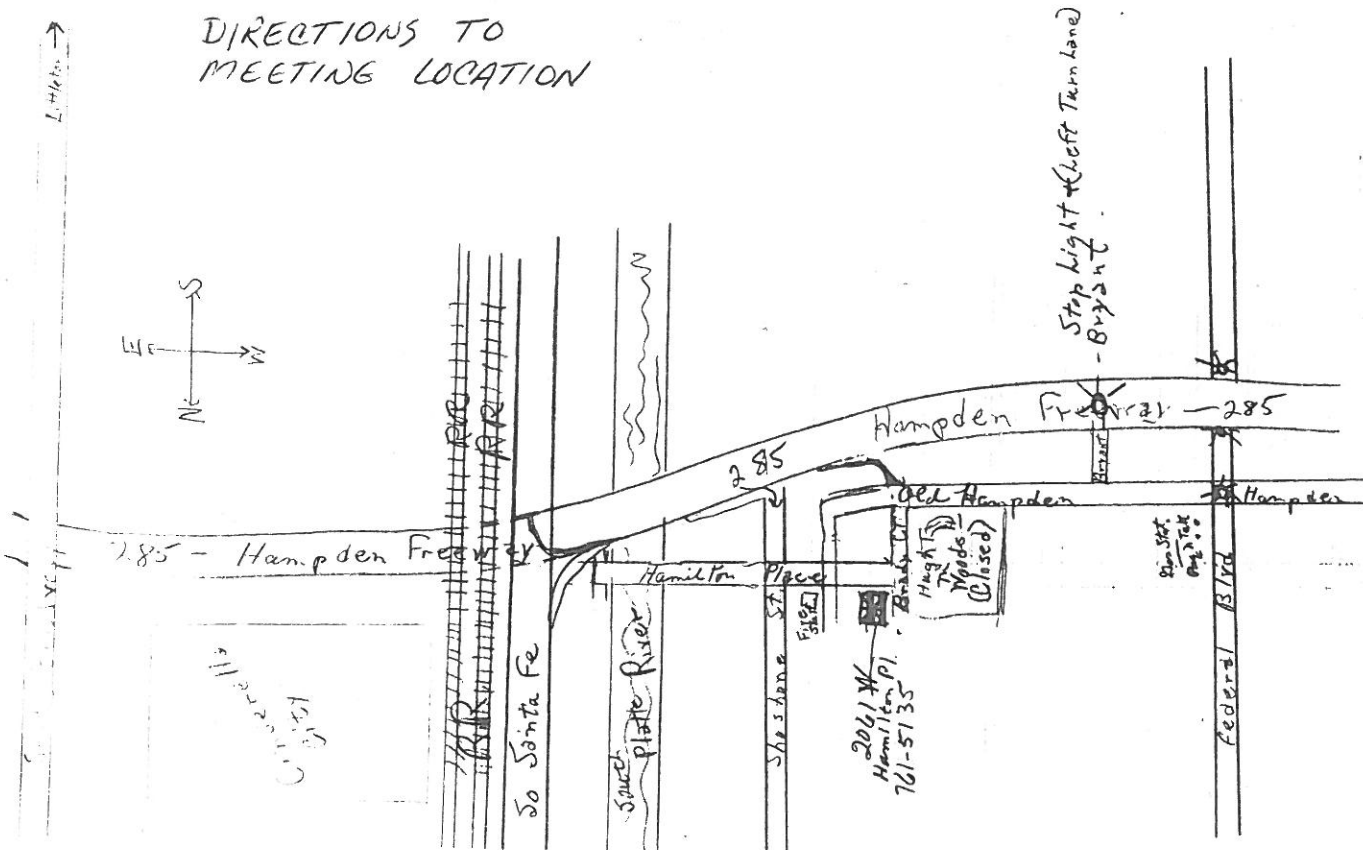
The Christmas party which was held on December 14th again was an overwhelming success. A little over 30 people attended the party which was a pot luck dinner. John Cook conducted a fun trivia quiz and prizes were blank cassettes, blank reels, free signups for the reference library and free signups for the tape library. The food was excellent and we owe the wives our sincere thanks. Our biggest thanks go to Priscilla Licht, wife of Treasurer John Licht, for arranging for the room and sharing the evening with us. (We had a tape recorder going all night so John Licht could hear all the festivities while he recovers in the hospital).

MEETING PLACE CHANGED

We have lost our room at the Southwest State Bank. After they almost assured us of the room, the bank allowed another club to change their meeting dates to the 3rd Thursday and it left us without a meeting place. To the rescue came RHAC member Dick King who offered a meeting room at his company's building. Directions and time of the meeting appear elsewhere in the newsletter.

ADDRESS LABELS

The RHAC sends it's thanks to RHAC member Dick King for computerizing our membership list and sending address labels for us to use. It saves us a great deal of time and it is greatly appreciated.



Jim Hawthorne (KOA)



Don Roberts (KEZW)



Sam Edwards



Dick McDaniel (KNUS)



Nancy Healy Davis

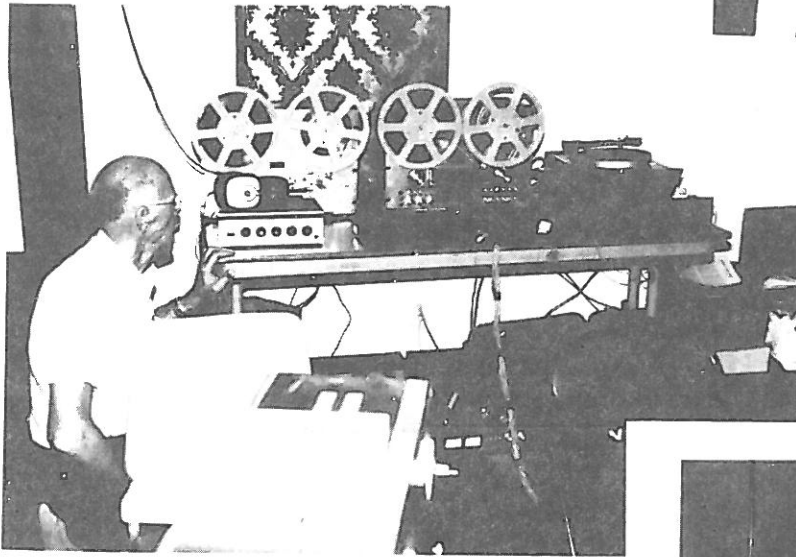


John Dunning (KNUS)



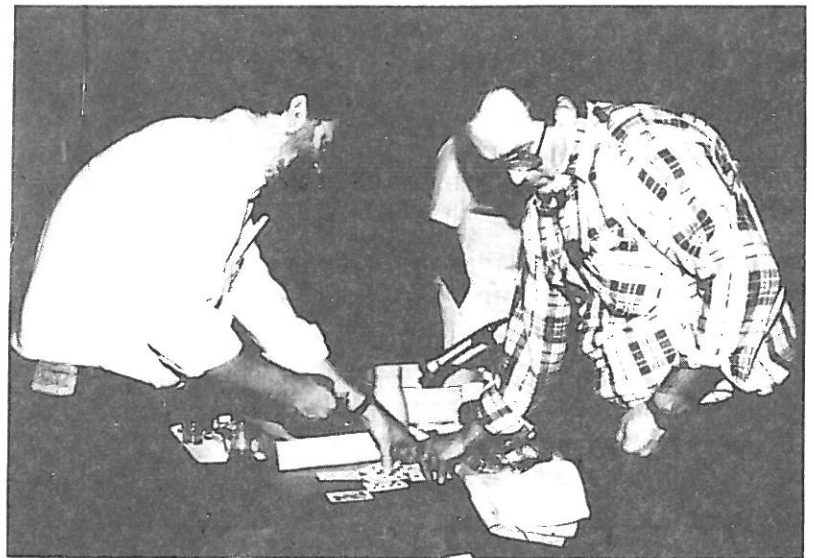
CONVENTION
PHOTOS

Hickok Was A Lousy Shot rehearsal
(l-r) Sam Edwards, Reid Hansen,
George Salem and Tony Larson



RHAC Member Guy Albright checks
over the sound prior to the con-
vention.

The sound effects were provided by
RHAC members John Licht and Don Reeves



Jim Hawthorne, Don Roberts and Dick
McDaniel enjoy a lighter moment during
their panel discussion.

CONVENTION NEWS

The RHAC will begin accepting your reservations effective immediately for the Old Time Radio Convention which will be held in Denver on June 7th, 1986. The price per person is \$12.50 and this includes all of the day's activities and a fine buffet dinner.

We are assigning numbers as the reservations and payments are received and those who sign up early will receive seating closer to the dias. We are asking you to commit yourselves to attend the convention this year. We are giving you a lot of advance notice and hope that you will adjust your plans to be with us. Those who were at the convention last year will agree that we all had a great time and this year looks even more entertaining.

If you sign up prior to May 15th the cost will be \$12.50. After that date the cost will be \$15. If you sign up for the convention and for any reason are unable to attend, you will be able to get a full refund up until May 15. If you cancel after that date we will only be able to refund that portion above what we pay for the dinner (Dinner =\$8.50, Refund =\$4.00).

We have done a lot of work already and sincerely hope that you will support our efforts. We have tried to keep the cost as low as possible so that more are able to attend; have planned a full day of great entertainment to make you want to be there; have given you plenty of notice to let you plan accordingly; and have arranged for out of towners to get a room discount if you are attending.

It would be helpful to get your reservations in early so that we can keep the motel informed of the room needed and how many are expected for the dinner. It makes it a lot easier in our planning.

Last year we contacted all those members locally who did not sign up for the convention. We plan on doing the same this year. If you know for sure that you will not be attending we ask you to drop a card to the address listed for sending payment for the convention. This will save us phone calls or mailings since we will be able to cross you off the list. PLEASE NO PHONE CALLS. With all the work that we have to do that would be one small courtesy on your part to save us some time and effort.

The convention is going to be a fantastic day. There will be panel discussions, live dramas, recreations of famous radio skits, trivia quizzes and door prizes (donated), exhibits, buffet dinner, picture and autograph sessions, movies and much more nostalgia. If you missed last year you missed a wonderful time but if you miss this year you will be missing a really great event. There is no guarantee that we will be able to do this every year so you won't want to miss this one.

We will be setting aside some seating for senior citizens, visually impaired OTR fans, complimentary guests and media so you better order your seats early or wind up behind the water cooler if you wait too long.

The RHAC has committed itself to provide you with an exceptional convention and we hope that our members and friends will commit themselves to support it. Those who will be here to entertain you and those who will be working hard behind the scenes deserve your support.

For those of you from outside the Denver area, the Quality Inn Downtown has given us convention rates of \$35 per night. We hope that you might plan your vacation in the Rocky Mountain area and start it off by attending our convention. We do not have the manpower to assist you in your hotel reservations or transportation but you can contact the Quality Inn at (303) 433-6677. Please be sure to tell them you are attending the convention and are with the RHAC to get the discounted rate. Once you are sure you will be able to attend you may want to make your hotel reservations since it is a popular motel and summer vacations will be starting. By the way, the hotel has a wonderful balcony right off the ballroom with a great panorama of the city so bring your camera.

Please make checks payable to the Radio Historical Association of Colorado (or just RHAC) and note that it is for the convention. Please do not send cash. Send to: PO Box 1109, Westminster, CO 80030. Don't forget to mail early.

RHAC TAPE LIBRARY

REEL 566	SPEED GIBSON OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE		1200'
1R	-35	#153: Pursuit Plan	
		#154: Octopus Readies Death Ray	
		#155: Octopus Overheard On Radio	
		#156: Elephant Grass On Fire	
2R		#157: Crash Landing	
		#158: On To Lake Keebu	
		#159: The Talking Gorilla	
		#160: Gorilla Attack Begins	
REEL 567	SPEED GIBSON OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE		1200'
1L	-35	#161: Entire Camp Captured	
		#162: Octopus Leaves	
		#163: Everyone Escapes	
		#164: In Gorilla Costumes	
2L		#165: John Buchanan Is Found	
		#166: Arrival At The Plane	
		#167: Safe Take-Off	
		#168: Speed Is Missing Again	
1R		#169: Octopus Learns All	
		#170: Car Crash In Karno	
		#171: Heading For The Sahara	
		#172: Landing In Ragan	
2R		#173: Plane Fire	
		#174: Arab Merchants Disguises	
		#175: Attack By Desert Raiders	
		#176: Death Ray Machine Is Readied	
REEL 568	SPEED GIBSON/MISCELLANEOUS SHOWS		1200'
1L	-35	#177: Death Ray Machine Blown Up	
		#178: Preparing To Leave	
	8-25-42	FRED WARING PLEASURE TIME PROGRAM: 830th Broadcast	
	4-28-42	THE STORY OF BESS JOHNSON: Isolated Episode	
2L	6-21-45	BREAKFAST CLUB: Guest - Curley Bradley	
	6-22-45	BREAKFAST CLUB: Guest - Louisiana Lark	
	6-23-45	BREAKFAST CLUB: Treasury Department Awards	
	5-30-41	AGAINST THE STORM: Jason Remembers His Childhood	
1R	3-28-37	FATHER COUGHLIN: Easter Broadcast - Book Of Thoughts	
	4-11-37	FATHER COUGHLIN: Relief That Fails To Relieve	
2R	4-4-37	FATHER COUGHLIN: Twenty Years Ago	
		ANSWER MAN: Skywriting	
	-30s	DAN DUNN, SECRET OPERATIVE #48: First Show	

RHAC TAPE LIBRARY

<u>REEL 569 JOHN DUNNING INTERVIEWS</u>			1200'
1L	12-9-84	Dick Joy	
2L	12-16-84	Dr. Paul Winchell	
1R	1-27-85	Anne Seymour	
2R	2-3-85	William N. Robson	
 <u>REEL 570 JOHN DUNNING INTERVIEWS</u>			1200'
1L	2-3-85	William N. Robson - Concluded	
	3-3-85	Pete Smythe, Dick McDaniel	
2L	3-3-85	Pete Smythe Collegiate Band	
1R	3-3-85	Remote Show For The National Heart Association	
2R	3-3-85	THE BIGGEST HEART: Anna Sharp Story Pete Smythe, Dick McDaniel Concluded	
 <u>REEL 571 MUSIC SHOWS</u>			1200'
1L	2-10-45	EDDIE CONDON'S JAZZ CONCERT: Should I	
	6-23-51	CAMEL CARAVAN: Francesca	
2L	-40	BING CROSBY PRESENTS: A Tribute To Rhythm On The River	
	6-28-47	DINAH SHORE FORD SHOW: You Can Take My Word For It Baby	
1R		MANHATTAN MERRY-GO-ROUND: Diamond Horseshoe - The Cab Song THE BOB BURNS SHOW: w/Shirley Ross	
2R	-36	MAJOR BOWES AMATEURS: Honor City - Bridgeport, CN	
 <u>REEL 572 SCREEN GUILD THEATRE</u>			1200'
1L	9-14-50	Ninotchka	
2L	2-10-47	Heavenly Days	
	6-17-46	Marriage Is A Private Affair	
1R	2-15-42	Liberty Is A Lady	
	1-28-40	Private Worlds	
2R	1-18-51	Birth Of The Blues	
 <u>REEL 573 MISCELLANEOUS SHOWS</u>			1200'
1L	10-2-44	THE WHISTLER: Not If I Kill You First	
	11-21-48	THE WHISTLER: The Lovely Look	
2L		THE HARDY FAMILY: Show #1: Andy's First Job THE HARDY FAMILY: Show #2: Singing Star	
1R	12-25-46	CRESTA BLANCA PLAYERS: All Through The House	
	3-6-52	STARS IN THE AIR: The Paleface	
2R	10-9-50	HOLLYWOOD STAR PLAYHOUSE: Of Night And The River	
	7-9-49	HACK PAAR SHOW: Audition Show	

We ask you to support this convention yourselves and to tell others who might be interested in attending. Show your support by giving us this one day. Each and every member should make an effort to be there.

I doubt if you will find this much entertainment for \$12.50, anywhere. Hope to see you there..

TUNING IN . . . Colorado Springs

Tom Daoust

A few days ago I received the disappointing news that The Old Time Radio show, hosted by Kevin Shields on KRCC for almost six years, will be cancelled in January. Kevin had been host of the show since February, 1980 and over the years OTR in Colorado Springs had attained a wide listenership. The reasons for the show's cancellation (according to the management) had to do with "not enough support" for Old Time Radio. From my knowledge of the KRCC management's modus operandi, not enough support means that during the last "membership drive" (i.e. fund-raising marathon broadcast), not enough pledges were called in during the OTR program, and in the final count, not enough money was donated in the name of Old Time Radio. In addition, KRCC's overall goal of \$30,000 was not reached in the allotted time (three weeks). I highly suspect this figured into KRCC's decision to dump Kevin's show.

One source of daily bread for public radio and television stations exists in contributions to those stations by listeners and viewers. Make no mistake about it, folks, that's a hard and heavy fact of broadcast life. Other sources of income for broadcasters are foundation grants and individual underwriters. We, however, by our generous donations, do our part to help pay the station's bills. If we don't donate enough, some of what we listen to (or watch) goes down the tubes. I've seen it happen at various public radio stations over the years. OTR in Colorado Springs will be one of the victims of this circumstance.

There is hope, however: Another station I know of could, perhaps may, rescue Old Time Radio and Kevin Shields from becoming total radio history. I'm not at liberty to give details yet, but . . . let us pray.

Marilyn and I totally enjoyed the RHAC Christmas party at Brandy Chase on Saturday the 14th. We had the Colorado Springs Chapter Christmas party at our house the following Tuesday. One reason to be jolly in this season of jollity is the RHAC catalog for the visually impaired (a.k.a. the Readers Catalog For Blind Members/on cassettes) is completed at last and ready to copy for RHAC members in need of this information.

The coming year, 1986, promises to be an eventful one for our chapter. Watch for more details as the months pass. A happy and fruitful New Year to one and all in RHAC.

THE READERS' CATALOG FOR BLIND MEMBERS, containing OTR tape information read from the printed RHAC Tape Library catalog, is now available on eight cassettes for visually impaired members of RHAC. Tapes are free of charge and orders should be addressed to Tom Daoust, P. O. Box 1472, Colorado Springs, CO 80901, telephone (303) 635-2150.

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