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A PERSONAL NOTE:

If anyone wants information in HA, please e-mail 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 am now on Facebook. The Friends of Old-time Radio Convention is also on Facebook and is run by Sean Dougherty.

THIRD 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 fourth Supplement to the third edition (largest yet) is off the press. Cost is 10.00 plus \$1.50 P & H.

The 2005 “3rd Revised Ultimate History” is \$67 including P&H. which includes the First, Second, Third and Fourth Supplement. If you bought any of my earlier editions, the cost is \$57 including P&H. **Please send new information when you can for the next update. I will need the information by October 1, 2010.**

CONVENTION 2010: This is our 35th convention. Dates are Oct 21 – 24, 2010 at the Ramada Plaza (formerly Holiday Inn; same hotel) Newark, NJ. Go online to <www.Ramada.com> to get best rates. You will find 2 hotels in Newark with same address. They are the same. Just book the one with the lowest rate. The Ramada 800 number 800-272-6232. The number of the hotel is 973-589-1000. Our web site will keep you up to date. Note web site: <http://www.fotr.net>.

CONVENTION 2009: 2009 Convention booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. There are guests bios and pictures.

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 Productions, P.O. Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793-0638. Phone 800-747-0856. E-mail: fsberney@verizon.net.

Four years ago, Ellen and Fred Berney prepared 2 DVD's of the past 30 conventions. Cost is \$20 plus \$5.00 P&H. Send to Satellite Media Productions.

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, e-mail me for it and I will e-mail it to you. If you don't have e-mail, please send me a SASE for it;- **RCA Newsletter**, May; article about Mel Simons and his collection of memorabilia;-June; interview with Steven Beasley, author of Kay Kyser;-**Air Check**, May; article about William Edmondson;-**Radio Recall**, June; articles about Lights Out; Lucy Monroe; Black Radio's Roots;-**Nostalgia Digest**; summer; articles about Eddie Cantor; the Quiz Kids; syndication; Larry Gelbart;-**The Illustrated Press**, June; articles about Frank Sinatra; Gabby Hayes; **The Old Radio Times**; articles about the Cincinnati Convention; Art Linkletter; Secret Codes; Lost Lone Ranger; on line copyrights;-**RLL on the Air**, Summer; also article about Lost Lone Ranger; Mrs. Goldberg

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 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;-Many books are from **McFarland** ; 1-800-253-2187; Web (www.mcfarlandpub.com) and **Bear Manor Media**, Box 71426, Albany, GA 31708; 229-436-4265; <Bearmanormedia.com> **Book Hunter Press**, Box 193, Yorktown Hts., NY 10598 (www.bookhunterpress.com/radio);- **Martin Grams (OTR Publishing)**, Box 52, Whiteford, MD. 21160; (443) 286-6821 <www.martingrams.com>;- **Scarecrow Press**; <scarecrowpress.com> 1-800-462-6420.

From **McFarland; Obituaries in the Performing Arts, 2009**
Film, Television, Radio, Theatre, Dance, Music, Cartoons and Pop Culture

by Harris M. Lentz III ; ISBN 978-0-7864-4174-7 ISSN 1087-9617; 1526 photos, bibliography; 600pp. softcover (7 x 10) 2010; Price: \$49.95

Description

Among 2009's many notable losses in the performing arts are actors Patrick Swayze and Karl Malden, newsman Walter Cronkite, entertainers Soupy Sales and Captain Lou Albano, television icon Farrah Fawcett, and Michael Jackson.

Obituaries of these and other performers and filmmakers, musicians and producers, dancers and composers, writers and others associated with the performing arts who died in 2009 can be found in this comprehensive reference work. For each, the date, place, and cause of death are provided, along with a recap of their career. Filmographies are given for film and television performers, and photographs of many of the individuals are included. Individual books in this annual series are available dating back to 1994. A subscription plan is available for future issues.

From Bear Manor

For the first time in print - finally!! - **The Bickersons' Love Letters!** edited by Ben Ohmart

Never before have the infamous love letters between John and Blanche Bickerson seen the light of day. This amazing testament to the **strength** of marriage at last shows the true depth of feeling the squabbling couple felt for one another. And no. It wasn't always bickering!

Now you can find out how they met. Who they are. What are their backgrounds. And experience, for a change, the love shared between a couple that was *obviously* made for one another.

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also from **Bear Manor; Judy Canova is Singing in the Corn; by Ben Ohmart**

Yep, this here's the first book on everyone's favorite rube, Judy Canova! Teeming with family interviews and rare, unpublished photos, this is the only book that'll ever need to be writ on music/stage/film/radio star, Judy Canova!

Just \$24.95 plus postage.

also from **Bear Manor; Remembering Radio; an Oral History of OTR; by David Siegel; with much help from Melanie Aultman; Just \$24.95 plus postage.**

Interviews with 14 personalities plus a guide to over 1330 interviews in which more than 990 radio personalities share their firsthand account of the programs they were associated with.

CONVENTIONS: (Let me know details of your upcoming convention)

REPS Showcase XVIII, June 25 – 27, 2010; Bellevue Coast Hotel, Seattle, WA; Contact 206-542-6231 for questions and details or go to <www.repsonline.org>

5th Annual Mid-Atlantic Nostalgia Convention, Sep 23 – 25, 2010. Hunt Valley Marriott, Hunt Valley, MD; Old-Time Radio, movie and TV events and guests. Contact Martin or Michelle Grams, Jr at 443-286-6821, or <<http://www.midatlanticnostalgiaconvention.com>>

35th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 21 – 24, 2010 at the **Ramada Plaza Conference Center (formerly Holiday Inn)**, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, 27436 Desert Rose Ct, Leesburg, FL 34748 (352) 728-6731 <JayHick@aol.com> or check our web site: <http://www.fotr.net>

Cincinnati's 25th Old Time Radio and Nostalgia Convention, May 20 - 21, 2011; Crowne Plaza Hotel; Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (888-477-9112) <haradio@hotmail.com>

Friends of Old Time Radio Convention

Original Script Contest

Original script entries for 2010 may be mailed any time after February 1, 2010. Next year's theme will be to write an original, 30 minute script for a 1940s old time radio show—your choice! It can be a comedy, drama, variety, or any other type of actual show that was popular in that decade. The story line should include several references to the external world

as it existed at the time. If your show occurred during World War II, perhaps you will work in ration coupons, scrap drives, war bonds, black market purchases and the like. If after the war, you may want to mention the housing shortage situation or the Berlin Blockade. The cast should not exceed eight character (including announcer/narrator) roles, though bit parts can be doubled if you need to go beyond eight for an additional character or two, with a few lines each. Commercials can be excluded. If you choose to include commercials, they should be short, and no more than three.

All scripts must be double-spaced with type no smaller than 12 point. They must be ready to be produced, with all musical bridges and sound effects clearly indicated in the script.

First place prize winner receives a \$200 award, with the show being performed at the 2011 FOTR Convention. Second place winner is the recipient of a \$100 award.

Deadline for submission is August 31, 2010. All entries must be mailed to: Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902

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>; Let **me know if any are out of date.**

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)** <brc radio.com/> **Ted Kneebone** <geocities.com/tkneebone1> **Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html> **Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au> **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/douglas Kosmonek > new e-mail is <douglas Kosmonek@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> **Ron Sayles (births, deaths)** http://mywebpage.netscape.com/bogusotr/instant/taz.html. (also) http://otrbirths.blogspot.com/;-**Eddie Cantor** <eddiecantor.com>;-**Old time Radio Researchers Group** http://www.otrr.org;-For free downloads of old time radio programs, check out the **OTRRLibrary** http://www.otrrlibrary.org;-For the most up-to-date information about old time radio series, and their stars,check out **OTRRPedia** located at http://www.otrrpedia.org;-**Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/pop shoppe>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352 (509) 627-4039; <www.old-time.com/mccoy.html> **Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> **Radio Memories (Ted Davenport)**, Box 94548, North Little Rock, AR 72190 (888) 357-2346 <tedotr@sbcglobal.net> **Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 3257, Milford, CT 06460 (203-283-9770); <asajb2000@yahoo.com>; **Great American Radio (GAR)** (Gary Kramer), Box 401, Clio, MI 48420 <ga@radio.fm>; **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) **Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073 **SPERDVAC Library** (Box 669, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266) **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 <bob@brcbroadcast.com> <www.brccradio.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> Danean MacAndrew, P. O. Box 793, Lake Forest, CA, 92609 <www.theradiolady.com> **Heritage Radio Classics**; Tom Heathwood, Box 16, Boston, MA 02467 <www.heritagerradio.com> Listen to the Heritage Radio Theatre every Sunday for one week streaming audio: <www.vintageRadioPlace.com/broadcast>**Stu Weiss** <www.ramtownlive.com/pop shoppe> **All listings below list sampling of shows.** **BRC Productions: Summer catalog.** A wide variety including The Falcon; Unsolved Mysteries; Philco Radio Time

OLD FRIENDS: **Bill Anthony**, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 still looking for Lux Shows from NY, 1934 – 1936. **Joe Webb** recently did an interview with John Abbott, author of the 3-volume set devoted to Johnny Dollar that was published by BearManor Media. The interview can be downloaded at <http://tinyurl.com/YTJDinterview>. **Stu Weiss** sent this: Many interviews that I've done with singing stars of the 50s and 60s recently are available on my new web page www.ramtownlive.com/popshoppe. Plus my weekly oldies show is heard at www.topshelfoldies.org every Friday night from 7 PM till 3:01 AM (eastern time). My show is called "The Pop Shoppe".

IN FOND MEMORY: **Art Linkletter**, May 26, 97; radio and TV host (People are Funny);-**Himan Brown**, Jun 4, 99; developer of radio dramas (Inner Sanctum; CBS Radio Mystery Theater);-**Jimmy Dean**, Jun 13, 81; singer (Hollywood Barn Dance; Country Hoe-down);-**Ilene Woods**, Jul 1, 81; singer (Philco Summer Hour; Sealtest Village Store; Breakfast Club);-**Peter Fernandez**, Jul 15, 83; actor; Suspense, Let's Pretend; TV (Speed Racer); attended our convention several times.

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970; The first OTR convention was in 1971; The Friends of Old-time Radio started in 1976

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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