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Cincinnati Convention

Report on Cincinnati's 4th Annual Old Time Radio Convention by Bob Burnham

It's hard to believe, but there has now been four OTR conventions held in Cincinnati. It always seems like these conventions are over before they've begun.

Last year I reported arriving on the "scene" right on time, but was greeted by everyone who had been panic stricken wondering where I was "all these hours."

This year I thought I'd arrive a little early, which I did by only about 15 minutes, only to find the place deader than a tomb! I checked into my room and was about to move my car to a more convenient spot when this tall vaguely familiar stranger knocks on my car window. It turns out it was another collector who had traveled from the same state as me (confusion?) wondering where all the action was.

I said "Jim (Snyder), follow your nose, and I'm sure it'll lead you to another hot spot that you can write another juicy column about in the Illustrated Press." (Actually, I don't remember what I said, but a little writer's embellishment never hurts to spice things up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Unlike last year a lot of the dealers went sightseeing and didn't set up until close to the convention opening time, 3:10. Since we had more out of town people this year we may start earlier.)

To get to business, this convention did eventually begin. Each year more attractions are added to this convention, and many of us continue to marvel at how this fun-filled event continues to get better every year, with the organization handled by only one person. There's no club or committee behind this event, just the energy, enthusiasm and spirit of collector and Old Time Radio Digest editor, Bob Burchett.

This year, there were two special guests. One guest, Parley Baer, was part of the radio cast of Gunsmoke and played many other notable radio and television roles. The other guest, Bob Hastings, played the lead role on radio's Archic Andrews, but is perhaps best known for the role of Lt. Elroy Carpenter on television's McHale's Navy. During the convention, both men re-created their original radio roles, but more notably, were very gracious and open to questions from collectors, telling anecedotes and discussing their careers.

Following one of the recreations, an informal workshop session was held by Baer and Hastings. This brought forth a great deal of not only information and fun, but much rapport between the two of them, as well as the audience. In this reviewer's mind, it is these type of events at conventions that are of particular interest to the average old time radio fan, along with the opportunity to meet with fellow collectors who normally are just voices on the phone or "people by mail."

As always, the famed Dave Warren Players were on hand and helped to recreate Gunsmoke, Escape, Archie Andrews and other shows.

Parley Baer recreated his role as Chester on Gunsmoke, as well as the Escape broadcast, "Second Class Passenger," which Bob Hastings directed. Afterward, Baer said he actually didn't remember doing the Escape show, but that it certainly was him on the tapes many of us have.

A very informal Collector's workshop was also held and paneled by Terry Salomonson and myself. Terry talked about some of his specialties including logs and accuracy of broadcast dates, and I covered some of the organizational and technical concerns. Many questions from the audience were



Parley Baer, Bob Hastings Mark Magistrelli, Bob Hastings, Parley Baer, Larry Ashcraft



also handled. Also present was collector, Murray Schantzen, whose area of special expertise is that of equipment and equipment repairs. He did not participate, but instead, recorded all the proceedings. This was the first Collector's workshop held at the Cincinnati convention.

In the Dealer Room, many of the same familiar faces were present. New to the Cincinnati convention this year was the addition of a "Club" table. At this table, publications were available from many different old time radio clubs across the country and one could even join some of the clubs of his or her choice. One of the newest clubs in the hobby was also introduced here: The North American Branch of the Old time Radio Collector's Association of England (ORCA).

Other notable things in this room were the many premiums, rare magazines and other items available from Barb Davies of "Treasure Hunters," and the many original antique radio sets offered for sale by Tim Kaiser. This year Terry Salomonso brought his family, so there wasn't room to load his car with radios from Tim!

As you walked into the Dealer Room, the entire left wall was occupied by a new business, comprised of three familiar old business. On display was a great many books, logs, Listening Guide Newsletter issues and other publications as well as a huge video and audio tape display. The new business is called Avpro (Audio Visua Products), and is operated by Don Aston, Terry Salomonson and yours truly (Bob Burnham). This was Avpro's first public appearance.

Also on display at this convention for th first time anywhere was the new book: Gunsmoke, a Complete History. The authors, SuzAnne and Gabor Barabas wer both on hand, and they sold out quickly of





Barb Davies, Treasure Hunter

Suzanne Barabas, Parley Baer, Gabor Barabas



this outstanding new reference work.

Virtually every space was taken up. Related-radio publications of both old and new eras seemed to be very popular this year.

These are just a few of the highlights of the many activities going on during this two day affair.

As always, the convention received much media attention on both radio and television in Cincinnati. TV interviews with the special guests were also seen on the local NBC affiliate's prime time news broadcasts.

There were many "firsts" at this convention. There was much local interest generated and the enthusiasm of those of us who attend annually from around the country was evident. There was also the usual publicity generated in many publications such as this one. With



Parley Baer, Michael Collins

these things in mind, it was puzzling that attendance was slightly down from last year.

Knowing Bob Burchett, he'll just shrug it off and say, "Damn, it went by quick... I'm ready for next year!" followed by the trademarked Burchett laugh.

So join us April 1991 for Cincinnati's 5th Annual Old time Radio Convention. Make your plans now.

Bob Burchett was the 1989 recipient of the Allen Rockford Award at the Friends of Old time Radio Convention in Newark. This recognition was given for his work on the conventions, his publications and artwork.



Howard Ain, TV 12

Further Review by Bob Burchett



This year's convention officially started wo days early when Barb and Dave Davies arrived Wednesday for lunch. This rear they made their trip a vacation to see more of what Cincinnati has to offer. The ≥xt day Dave Zwengler and the Davies made a day of it which featured a trip to Fig zoo, one of the best in the country. Sanday, after taking the guest to the export, we went to Burlington's antique and collectable opening show of the year. Anyone interested in antiques and collectables might want to plan to attend #13 show. It's an outside show covering several acres. Great way to spend a Sunday. The first show for the year is always the biggest.

Again, we would really like to thank our local media for the coverage they gave our convention. Friday morning WVXU had Parley and Bob on Larry Asheraft's show, live line, for a hour. People could also call m and ask questions. Later that day they did a recorded interview with Ted Martin

at WMLX, which was played later that afternoon. Both stations gave us plugs everyday for two weeks before the convention.

Michael Collins, channel 5 TV, had a nice segment about the convention on the 11 O'clock news Friday night. Channel 12's Howard Ain covered the convention Saturday afternoon.

Would also like to thank Carolynn and Joe Senter, vocal collectors and radio historians, who gave the convention several plugs while they were on WCKY radio talking about old radio.

Our re-creations with Parley and Bob were some of the best we've done. Parley played Chester and his dad with Bob Hastings as Doc in the Gunsmoke show, Marshal Proodfoot, Dave Zwengler played Matt Dillon, Ruth Brown, a new comer to the players, played Kitty.

At the beginning of the Escape show, Second Class Passenger, Parley made a disclaimer about playing a romantic role



at his age, "Just close your eyes and be Christian."

Later when asked about the voice of the Kebler Elf he does on TV, he said, "it was Chester's". Then in Chester's voice he said, "Want a Cookie, Marshal?" broke everyone up.

Bob Hastings said he started playing Archie Andrews at 21 when he got out of the Army. Over the next 10 years he got married had four kids and was still playing a high school student. Only on Radio could this happen. That was one of the things that made radio great, you could play many roles and do them convincingly no matter your age. Walter Tetley, Gildersleeve's Leroy, was 40 when he was playing that role.

The Warren Players | without guests | repeated a Duffy's Tavern show they had

done in Newark along with their version of an Allen's Alley.

Herb Brandenburg, publisher of the digest, was unable to attend the convention of work. He was missed. Over the past year Herb has lost 200 pounds and looks great A shadow of his former self.

In the dealers room Tom Monroe manned a club table representing several clubs. The Old Time Radio Club, ORCA of England and North American radio archives donated free one year memberships as door prizes.

Walt and Mary Lou Wallace had done a tribute to Mel Blanc at the Newark convention. When Mary Lou told us she was coming to Cincinnati we ask her to repeat it for us. Saturday was the 12th anniversary of when they met Mel. She did the tribute wearing one of Mel's shirts



Dave Warren, Ruth Brown, Bob Hastings



given to her from the family. Mary Lou also got his briefcase.

Our "visit with the guests," after the recreations Friday night, was a highlight of the convention. Last year we had a table in the dealers room where people could visit with our guest, Willard Waterman. There were no tables available this year so we changed the "visit" format to one where the guests sat in front of the room with mikes answering questions and talking about their experiences on radio and TV. Saturday afternoon we had another "visit." I had the unpopular and unpleasant job of ending both visits. Dave Warren kept pointing to his watch but I ignored the clock as long as I could. Tapes will be made

available for those who couldn't make it and for those who want just want to re-live it.

We've learned things each year, as I'm sure Jay Hickerson and the people of Sperovac do, when putting on a convention. There are always unexpected things that come up you have to deal with, but everything considered this year's convention went well. We would like to thank again our guests, Parley Baer and Bob Hastings, for playing a large part in making our 4th convention a fun one to attend, and everyone else who gave generously of their time and effort to make it a success.

Next Year's Dates: April 19 and 20. Make your plans now.





Bob Hastings, Dave Zwengler



Further Further Review Jim Snyder

On April 20 and 21 I attended the "Old Time Radio & Nostalgia Convention" in Cheinnati, Ohio. I really badn't given this rinvention any thought until, in the middle of March, I received a letter from Don Aston in which he mentioned the dates and I realized that I was on vacation at that

I arrived at the Marriott Hotel, where the convention was to be held, a little before noon on the opening day. I knew that it didn't start until 3:00 but figured that I would find some familiar faces that I could have kunch with. I didn't see a sole that I knew; in fact, I was the only male in the dining room. It was crowded with women there for another convention, but infortunately they were all much older than I. In the middle of the afternoon I

wandered down to the convention rooms and immediately ran into old friends Don Aston, Bob Burnham, and Tom Monroe. Probably one of the most important parts of any of these programs is seeing and talking with others who also enjoy this hobby, and it had been three or four years since I had seen any of these "old timers." Tom had set up a table giving information on all the major OTR clubs in the country, and he stayed right at that table through the entire convention, giving up attending any of the presentations so that he could provide this service. He was later joined by Tom Harris from Buffalo, who passed out information on our own OTRC. The dealer's room was small, but very active throughout the convention. All the people manning tables in this room were caring and helpful.



They were not there to simply sell things, but took the time to show an interest in the convention goers, whether customers or not, and to help them with their questions and problems relating to the hobby.

Presentations of various types started at 6:30 on Friday and ran all day long Saturday. There were a number of re-creations (Allen's Alley, Archie Andrews, Gunsmoke, Duffy's Tavern, and Escape) that were very well done, and were carefully picked by Dave Warren for their entertainment value. Some of these included the convention "stars" as participants. There was also an entertaining and moving tribute to Mel Blanc put on by Mary Jane Wallace.

Two "special guest stars" were in attendance, Parley Baer (Chester on "Gunsmoke") and Bob Hastings (Archie from Archie Andrews). These two gentlemen were very gracious and involved throughout the convention. I guess that you could best say that they were simply fun to be around.

I think that the highlights for me were two sessions labeled "visit with the guests," one running for an hour and a half on Friday, and the other for an hour on Saturday. In each of these sessions the two guest stars. Parley Baer and Bob Hastings, simply sat in the front of the room, each with a microphone, to answer questions from the audience and to banter bank and forth with each other. It was handled very informally with no M.C. or direction. Both questioners and stars pursued any issue they wanted for us long as they wanted. Especially on Friday night the two gentlemen really started reminiscing and reacting to each other, and I couldn't help thinking that I was getting a Las Vegas night club act without paying Las Vegas prices. The very informality and lack of any organized direction made these sessions as outstanding as any OTR program that I have ever attended.

I have to admit that I have become a little "iaded" by conventions, both hobby and professional conventions. In fact, a couple of weeks before going to Cincinnati I told someone that I really wasn't expecting anything from this convention so that at least I could count on not being disappointed. Well, I was very pleased to find it a thoroughly enjoyable, worthwhile. and outstanding event. I think this was largely because of the very informality and "easy going" format that was followed. Credit for this goes to the organizer, Bob Burchett (editor of the OLD TIME RADIO DIGEST). Bob obviously recognized that people came to have a good time, and so he organized the events with that idea clearly in mind. He succeeded admirably. I found the whole thing relaxing, enjoyable. informative, and I had a hall.

Next year's Cincinnati convention will be held on April 19 and 20, 1991. I heartily recommend it for your consideration. Even though I won't be on vacation at convention time next year, I do hope to take a day off from work so that I can return.



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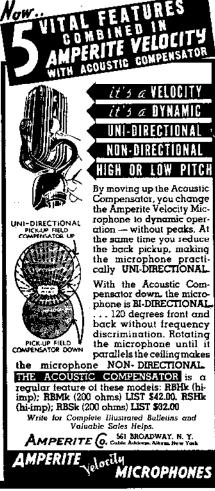
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PROUD AND PROUD OF IT BY JAMES STREET

A HIGHLIGHT OF HISTORY SENT COMMENTATOR H. V. KALTENBORN TO THE TOP

"HE fields of Spain roll down from France to the Bissado River, and the river feeds the fields and the fields feed the multitudes with barley and corn. The summer harvest had gone and the harvest of hate had come. H. V. Kaltenborn, the veteran radio reporter, adjusted his pince-nez, buttoned his coat, and surveyed the fields. Over to the left, the Spanish Loyalists were entrenched. To the right, the rebels were pouring a barrage at their brethren, fighting to determine who would rule a land that has been ruled into ruin.

Out there in no man's land was a farmhouse, deserted. Kaltenborn, longlegged and dignified, crooked his right arm around a microphone and began running, laying a long cable as he dashed across the fields to the shelter of the farmhouse. A bomb ripped from the Loyalist side and crashed directly behind him. It didn't disturb his pincenez or his dignity. He dived head first into a straw stack, set up his microphone, clamped on his earphones and dug in, awaiting a signal.

For nine hours he lay there, toying with the Phi Beta Kappa key he had won at Harvard, waiting for a signal to tell the world what an actual battle looked like. It was two days before the fall of Irun. Kaltenborn had an opportunity to get in some good licks at thinking as he lay there, more than three thousand miles from his comfortable home in Brooklyn, a long way from the security of his desk at the Brooklyn Eagle, where he was associate editor, and a far cry from the studio of CBS, where he commented on the news.

Until sundown he waited there. watching the Loyalists and rebels swarm across the fields. Four times bombs cut his cable and he crawled across no man's land to repair it. Finally he got word that connections had been established with America, and for fifteen minutes the grand old man cf the marines of radio described a battle from the scene and enabled America to hear warfare, the whine of bullets the crash of bombs.

It certainly was one of the outstand-

ing achievements of journalism.

After the battle, Kaltenborn dusted the straw from his immaculate suit, readjusted his pince-nez and lit out for safety. A few days later he was secure again and was able to enjoy his favorite food and drink, goose grease ca bread, and beer, or rye whisky and ginger ale.

It is such experiences that have made Kaltenborn, born Hans von Kaltenborn. the top-notch newscaster of the business after seventeen years of broadcasting the news. A cosmopolite, proud, precise and a bit persnickety. Kaltezborn has been over the world and under the world so often that he can hear one fact of foreign information and deliver a discourse on what will happen and why.

AS A newspaper and radio reporter, he got the first interview with Mussolini on Il Duce's Ethiopian adventure. He has interviewed Hitler several times. He says Hitler rants during an interview and never gives a fellow a chance :: pop a question. One day he was interviewing Hitler—that is, letting Hitler rave—when one of the leader's huge dogs walked to his master and whined as though he wanted a pat. Hitler flew into a rage and jumped up and



Aithough his real spotlight break did not come until his superb broadcasting of the European cross last fall, H. V. Kaltenborn has actually had atmost seventeen years' experience on the air. He celebrates his anniversaries with a cake brought to the studio by Mrs. Kaltenborn

screamed at the interruption.

The dog slunk away.

Mahatma Gandhi and Chiang Kaishek have been interviewed by Kaltenborn, and he says if he had to be somebody else he would like to be either Mussolini or Mahatma Gandhi, "depending on my mood."

He speaks four languages—German, French, Spanish and English—and never broadcasts from a written report. He listens to the radio thirty minutes a day, reads papers or visits a scene of action and, in shorthand, jots down a few facts on the back of an envelope. From his scanty notes, he weaves his story. And his accuracy is amazing.

He predicted the downfall of Dollfuss in Austria. He contradicted many European observers by saying the Spanish civil war would last longer than a year, and he called his shot right during the Czech crisis. He predicted there would be no war, that Hitler would get his wants, and that Mussolini, and even Washington, would have roles in the drama.

However, he says no news analyst can predict history. "There are too many freak elements," he said, "things which cannot be counted upon, which may change the course of history overnight."

Among his great failures as a prophet was his prediction in 1931 that Hitler never would come to power.

Mr. Kaltenborn does pretty much as he pleases. His whole family is intensely individualistic. Frequently there are own ability. I favor informal clothes, soft collars, soft hats and soft shirts. I do not like to cook, and when I cook it's usually fried eggs. If visitors have pulchritude, I enjoy them in the studio. I once had a stamp collection, but I gave it to my son.

"I enjoy classical music and dislike sloppy, sentimental ballads. My favorite axiom is 'Do or die.' I consider Christ, Confucius, Buddha, Socrates and St. Francis of Assisi the greatest characters in history."

Mr. Kaltenborn likes contrasts. Perhaps that's why he admires St. Francis the meek.

His favorite menu is caviar, onion soup, fresh-water crabs, roast venison, creamed spinach, crepe suzettes, coffee with Liebfraumitch 1921.

Mr. Kaltenborn's favorite flower is the pansy.

"My pet hates," he said, "are crooners, long speeches at banquets, cheap politicians, adoring females whom I don't adore, small print, light-pitched

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vosces, halitosis, snob appeal in adverraing, radio announcers who talk while I broadcast, panhandlers who call me buddy, ex-service men who try to graft from their government, telephone solicitors, grouchy municipal employes who get twice what they earn, and stuffed shirts.

Tve never had enough of wine, women, leisure, turtle soup and pocketpieces.

My name often is misspelled and I have had letters addressed to Cattleborn, Kitchenbaum, and Collingbone. There are only twenty Kaltenborns in the country and all have written to me.

"My favorite fan is an anonymous girl friend in Baltimore, and she's my invorite because she's anonymous. The most humorous fan letter I ever got was from an indignant lady who said, How dare you tell me what to think."

When he is under pressure, Kaltenborn will get red in the face, then purple, but he never flies off the handle or bawls his employes out. He regiments his day. If he has a heavy day, he will surise at 7 a.m., eat a good breakfast and see his two secretaries in his study at home. He's a stickler for punctuality.

His sources of income are lectures, his Sunday night commercial on CBS for General Mills, his editing of Pathe newsreels, his books and magazine articles. His radio salary has been estimated everywhere from \$500 to \$1,500 weekly, with \$1,000 a likely figure. He favors annuities for investments, but his son, Rolf, suggested that how his father invested his money is nobody's business.

During Hitler's last speech, Kaltenborn was in Philadelphia. He took a portable radio set with him, heard Hitler as he traveled on the train and in a cab, took down a few notes and was ready to broadcast when he reached the studio.

At home, he has a musical beer stein given to him by a Milwaukee station. It plays until it is empty.

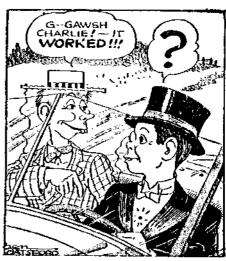
Although Kaltenborn is on top today, he had to wait a long time before he got recognition as a radio light. The other commentators began after he did and passed him by. They got sponsors, but Kaltenborn didn't. The reason he always was on a sustaining program until comparatively recently is because he stuck entirely to foreign news. But when CBS needed a real expert during the crisis last fall, Kaltenborn was all set, and from that period until now he's the tops.

He has a brother, Walter, in the rug business in Milwaukee, and a sister.

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By EDGAR BERGEN





During the European crisis last year that skyrocketed him to fame, H. V. Kaltenborn literally lived in the studio. Above: Resting

Bertha, also in Milwaukee. Rolf, the only son, says he "thinks" his aunt's name is Bertha.

"I don't know her last name," he said.
"I believe she lives in Milwaukee. You see, we never keep in close contact."

From him it was learned that his father's favorite color is red and that he often wears a carnation. Kaltenborn shaves once a day and enjoys a midafternoon nap. He never plays cards.

He has a lithograph of which he is very proud. It is "A Stag at Sharkey's," by George Bellows. Kaltenborn got it for \$25 and it's now worth \$2,500.

Mrs. Kaltenborn is ten years younger than her husband. She drives their one car, a Ford, as a man drives. The three members of the family often read to one another at home. The only daughter is married and lives on Long Island.

A typical evening in the Kaltenborn home will find Mrs. Kaltenborn playing the piano. Rolf playing the violin, and Kaltenborn stretching on a couch enjoying the music.

Kaltenborn's closest friends are Erika Lohman, the artist for whom his granddaughter is named; Mrs. Genevieve Earle of the New York City Council; Dr. Huston Peterson, director of the Cooper Union Forum, and David Prall, head of the department of philosophy of Harvard.

When Europe cracked open the door to hell last fall and peeped in, CBS selected Kaltenborn for the newscasting job because he knows Europe, because he's never pontifical or windy, and because he can give a cold analysis of a situation in one-syllable words.

He moved to the studio. His wife fetched his hot food there. He slept on an army cot, covered with ticker-tape and news reports. As soon as a development occurred, he went on the air. From the time the crisis reached the brewing-point until it simmered, he was on the job.

That's when America discovered him. Few persons knew he had been broadcasting since 1922. But millions of persons glued their ears to the radios as he told in simple, clipped words exactly what was going on. Herbert Hoover and Alfred Landon telephoned him and congratulated him.

When the history of radio is written, his work during that crisis will stand out as one of the highlights. He was ahead of the press throughout, and he never gave us a bum steer.

The crisis over, Kaltenborn went itome to Brooklyn and gave a party. He came down from his dignity and did the Lambeth Walk with Helen J. Sioustat, Columbia's assistant director of educational programs and talks. He heard that Ed Cowhan, CBS traffic-department man, could take off a man's shirt without removing his coat and he dared Cowhan to try it on him. Of course, Cowhan could do it only when previous preparations had been made, but he refused to take the dare and went to work on Kaltenborn's shirt.

He ripped it to shreds, but he got it off.

The Kaltenborn home revolves around the father. At a recent party, a guest was playing the piano. Son Rolf interrupted to say, "And now, ladies and gentlemen, we interrupt the piano music for a keen analysis by H. V. Kaltenborn."

After the Orson Welles broadcast last fall, when thousands thought Mars had invaded us, Mrs. Kaltenborn dismissed the silly idea with a gesture

the silly idea with a gesture.

"How ridiculous," she said. "Anybody should have known it was not a real war. If it had been, the broadcaster would have been Hans."

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GUESTS

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Parley Baer - Gunsmoke
Ray Erlenborn - (sound effects artist)
Bob Hastings - Archie Andrews
Richard Wilson - Mercury Theater

New East Coast Guests

Hendrik Boornem, Jr. - (Director) March of Time Rddie Bracken - Aldrich Family, Eddie Bracken Show

Richard Dana - (Writer) March of Time, We, The People

Betty Winkler Keene - Attorney at Law, Girl Alone Abby Lewis - House in the Country; Road of Life Botty Mandeville (Writer) FBI in Peace and War Rosemary Rice - Archie Andrews, When a Girl Marries

Returnees

Arthur Anderson - Let's Pretend

George Ansbro - (Announcer) Ethel and Albert

Barney Bock - (Sound effects artist) Nick Carter, The Shadow

Jackson Beek - (Announcer) Superman

Court Bennen - Tennessee Jed, Big Sister

Free Carlon - Big Town Lon Clark - Nick Carer

Louise Erickson - Great Gildensleeve, A Date with Judy Lucillis Flatcher - (Writer) Sorry, Wrong Number; The

Hitchhiker

Roth Franklin - AFTRA officer; commercials

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Raymond Edward Johnson - Mandrake, the Magician

Robert E. Lee - (Actor, producer, editor) Comic Weekly Man

Ann Loring - AFTRA officer Grace Matthews - The Studow

Ken Roberts - (Announcer) The Shadow, Ellery Queen

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Margot Stavenson - The Shadow Exra Stone - The Aldrich Family Sybil Treat - Let's Pretand, Stalls Dallas Dwight Weist - (Amouncer and actor) The Shadow

EVENTS

The following events are tentatively scheduled. Some may be added or dropped depending on additional guests or other changes. Time will be announced at the convention.

Thursday

Informal Time

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:30

Visit with your friends and the special guests; browse in the dealers room; informal panel

Priday (Daytime)

Dealers Room: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Gary Yoggy leads discussion of Lin Radio Theater
Presenting Raymond Edward Johnson
The Dave Warren Players
Sound Effects (Barney Beck)
A visit with Ray Erlenborn
Comics and Radio Joach French)

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Meet the guests

Re-creation (Lux Radio Thuater; You Can't Take it with You with Margot Stevenson)

Saturday (daytime)

Dealers Room: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Early drama on CBS (Anthony Tollin)
Cutsmoke panel (Gabor and SuzAnne Barabas, Parley Baer)
Mercury Theater panel (Richard Wilson and Arthur Anderson)
Dick Tracy on Radio (Sidney Slon, Bill Nadel)
Re-creation (Guissmoke or Mercury Theater show)

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Dave Warren Players present Amos & Andy A Taiouse to CBS

Be-creation (Mercury Theater show or Norman Corwin show)

GETTING THERE

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Thursday, October 18th: \$25.00. Choice of London broal, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. Picase indicate choice when you make your reservation.

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Priday, October 19th: Deytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$35.00. Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 20th: Daytime only (9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) \$8.00 if paid in advance; \$10.00 at the door.

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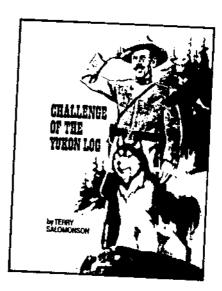
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