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November 7, 1985

STUDIO 12 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

The true spirit of Christmas is the joy of giving

Mr. Barrett E. Benson Radio Historical Association of Colorado, Inc. P. O. Box 507 Pine, Colorado 80470

Dear Mr. Benson:

Please extend our appreciation to your members for their contribution of \$200.00 in memory of Barbara Luddy. This gift will benefit our residents and patients at the Country House and Hospital and we thank you most warmly in their behalf.

Your continuing interest and concern for the Motion Picture and Television Fund is a source of inspiration for all of us.

Cordially,

Bie Cofeele Bill Campbell

Director, Fund Raising and Public Relations

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Nobember 8, 1985

Mr. Barrett E. Benson Radio Historical Association of Colorado P. O. Box 507 Pine, Colorado 80470

Dear Mr. Benson:

We are so pleased to have a gift of \$200.00 from the Radio Historical Association of Colorado -- a second cash gift from your prestigious organization since 1983.

And, we are also grateful to you for your continuing gifts of biographical interviews conducted by your John Dunning on Station KNUS. They are a valuable addition to our some 800 oral history interviews.

Our congratulations to a great outfit of people who not only truly appreciate radio history but also make use of it for its own sake.

Thank you for your gifts -- all of them, including the fact that you exist. May your good work continue to grow in vitality and numbers.

Robert & Le Carta Heing

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Radio Historical Association of Colorado

CHRISTMAS POT LUCK

As has been our custom in recent years there will be no RHAC meetings this month. Instead there will be a Christmas pot luck dinner/party on Saturday, December 14th. Last year we had one of the most enjoyable evenings ever at the pot luck dinner. Everyone said it was one of the best parties they had attended. We hope to see many of you there.

The RHAC will provide most of the goodies. We will have turkeys, ham, beer, wine, pop, punch and coffee, plates, eating utensils, etc. All we ask for our members to bring is two covered dishes (veggies, salad, snacks, etc.)

If you will be attending, we ask that you contact Elmer Westbrook and let him know you will be attending and what you will be bringing. This will enable us to avoid duplications.

We will have Christmas music on cassettes and John Cook has arranged to have "live" music that evening. That will be terrific. I understand that they are violinists with experience with the Denver Symphony. (That should add a little class to the evening)

We need as many people as possible to bring card tables and bridge chairs since the number provided is small. We also need for someone to bring a microwave oven. If you can bring one, let Elmer know.

Come on out and meet others with a similar love of old time radio. Get into the Christmas spirit. We are going to sing some Christmas carols, listen to some beautiful music, give away some prizes, have a nice pot luck dinner and renew and establish some long lasting friendships. I sometimes wonder if some people are afraid of going out and having a good time. You may find that we are a nice group of people. Please come and join the fun.

DIRECTIONS: Starting at I25 and Hampden Ave, go east about ½ mile to Monaco. Turn south on Monaco and follow it as it winds its way south and east. About a mile or a mile and a quarter there will be a stop light. That will be Quincy. Proceed straight after the light about 250 yards and turn left (east) to the Brandy Chase project. At the first interesection turn right and the clubhouse will be on the left.

DATE- Saturday, December 14 TIME- 6 PM until midnight BRING- 2 covered dishes

PLACE- Brandy Chase Condominiums clubhouse, 4400 S. Quebec CONTACT- Elmer Westbrook (778-7426)

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

JOHN LICHT DOING BETTER

RHAC Treasurer John Licht was involved in a pretty bad auto accident several weeks ago but we are happy to announce that he is doing much better now. He still has several operations to go on a smashed hip and we all hope for a full and speedy recovery. Our prayers are with him through these very difficult times, for John and his family. John is at St. Joseph's Hospital here in Denver. John has said he would help out with some convention planning during his recovery period. He is counting on being up and around after the first of the year.

When you think of nice people, you can include Vicki Blake and Elmer Westbrook who immediately volunterred to run some OTR cassettes over to the hospital for John to listen to. It reminds me of my surgery a year ago when Barrett Benson was nice enough to bring some OTR cassettes for me. It's nice to know that we have members like that in the RHAC.

CONVENTION MEETING

There will be a meeting for all those interested in helping with the '86 convention. It will be Saturday, December 7th and it will be at the Quality Inn, where the convention will be held. Please call me if you are able to make it (John Lloyd 451-7890) so that I can set up a time and give you directions. We can have lunch there or just coffee. It shouldn't take more that an hour or two. We will be able to see the convention rooms and do some planning. We desperately need some "new blood" to get involved in these conventions. If you are interested in helping but unable to make it to this meeting call me after this meeting.

RENEW EARLY

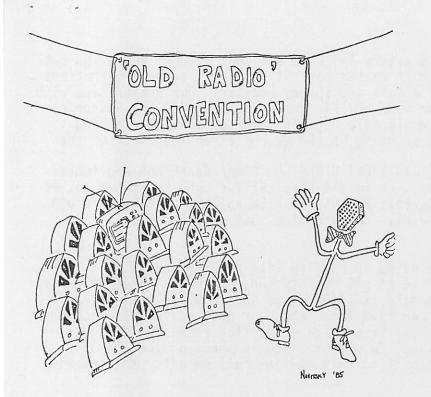
Your renewal date appears on the address label of your newsletter from time to time. If you plan on renewing, which we sincerely hope you do, please send it in a month or so early. It saves sending renewal reminders, it saves Elmer calling to see if a member renewed before he sends out library tapes and it saves me from sending newsletters to those who don't renew. Your cooperation saves us a lot of time and money.

CONVENTION LETTER

A while back I sent all members a letter asking for your support for the convention. At first the response was terrific and then it stopped. We heard from about 35 members out of 150, a rather dismal showing. Those who did respond were extremely generous but it was mainly those who will wind up working on the convention and out of town members who have been supportive in the past. We appreciate the generosity of those who have responded and they will be rewarded. We have a lot of obligations for the convention and we need the help of most, if not all, of our members. WE NEED YOUR HELP!







CONVENTION NEWS

Due to the overwhelming success of the July '85 convention, the RHAC is very pleased to announce that we have decided to sponsor another convention in 1986.

The date of the convention will be Saturday, June 7, 1986 and it will be held at the Quality Inn, Downtown (longtime Denver residents will remember it as the Continental Denver). It is located at Speer Blvd. and I25. It has long been one of the finest inns in the Denver area.

We will have the entire ballroom and will be able to accommodate 250-300 people for the convention. Next year we will arrange the seating in a semi circle around the stage instead of long tables. Everyone will be able to see and hear everything without any difficulty.

Already confirmed to attend the convention are radio stars Janet Waldo (Meet Corliss Archer) and Parley Baer (Gunsmoke). Sam

Edwards is vacationning but we hope to confirm his appearance in the next newsletter. What a great reunion of these three top radio stars. They will perform several small radio skits, appear in a radio panel discussion and in an original radio drama.

The radio drama will be written and directed by Denver radio personality Pete Wehner, who wrote the entertaining radio play we had at the July convention. Also appearing at the convention will be the Metro State College Theater Company and there is a strong possibility that they will perform "Sorry Wrong Number". (I have seen them perform this drama and they are exceptional).

Our display area will be larger than we had at the first convention. We hope to be able to have Bob Wilkinson set up his display of old microphones. We intend to provide him with plenty of help next year. Possibly we can arrange the stage to look like a radio studio. There will be plenty of displays so you better bring your camera.

Feel free to arrive early and enjoy some video cassettes relating to old time radio. We will try to have an hour or so of these clips. If you can assist us with this, please contact John Adams..

For our out of town members, why not start your summer vacation by coming to the Denver convention. The Quality Inn is giving us a special corporate rate of \$35 for a single and \$39 for a double. I have seen the rooms and they are very nice. The Quality Inn has airport limo service for those interested and it is conveniently located close to downtown Denver (across the viaduct). Several of our members attended the convention in July '85 at the Denver 8 and had a very good time. Next year we have a great location and an even better convention planned. We guaranty that you will enjoy yourself.

The cost for this full day of old time radio is \$12.50 per person if you preregister by May 15, 1986. After May 15th and right up to paying at the door will be \$15.00 per person. This is an exceptional bargain considering that it is a full day of activities, including a fine buffet dinner.

We will really be publicizing the convention on radio, TV, newspapers, trade papers and flyers. We hope to promote it among the local radio people, seniors organizations, other clubs such as drama clubs and other national old time radio clubs. At the last convention we had 125 in attendance. Next June we hope for at least 200. Less than half of those within driving distance attended last July and we hope that they will not make the same mistake next June.

It was absolutely great for everyone that was there. Please promote it among all of your friends and co-workers.

We are presently arranging for some door prizes, contests, autograph and picture sessions and they will be relayed to you as they are developed.

Information on hotel reservations, convention registration and other pertinent information will appear in the January issue of Return With Us Now. Stay tuned.

CALL FOR PHILIP MORRRRR--IIIIISSSSSSS !

A friend is looking for a Philip Morris Playhouse show called "Into The Mist" which was broadcast on 6/24/49. It starred Lurene Tuttle and Joseph Kearns. The reason for wanting this specific show is that this man's father wrote the story. The writer's name is Pollock. It is great when you can help a fellow collector find a show but if you can help someone find a show that they were directly involved it would be a great service. Let me know if you have this show and I will contact the writer in California. Please give a look for it.

RED HOT AND LOW DOWN

Another gentleman is searching for information on a Bob Hawk show called "Red Hot and Low Down" which was done in the 1927-31 era in Chicago. If you are able to assist in this search with any information, please let me know and I will forward it on to him.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

In the last few months many of you have received promotional material from Rocky Mountain Tape Company and from some cassette company in Minnesota. The RHAC does not send out our membership list for these purposes. We print it so members can trade with one another. Unfortunately those who would profit from this hobby do not feel obliged to clear it with the RHAC before sending promotional material using our membership list. The RHAC does not support either of these companies. Membership lists will not be printed in the future.

ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTERS

We still have a large supply of the special 50 page edition of the 10th Anniversary newsletter. If you would like copies they are being sold for \$2 each. Let me know.



TAPE LIBRARY SUPPORT

Those members who are using the tape library are doing a wonderful job of supporting it. The membership dues barely covers the newsletter and incidental expenses but the tape library supports most of the rest of the RHAC. The members who continue to use it are to be complimented, but most of all we need to really thank Barrett Benson and Elmer Westbrook for their time and dedication and for those members who help Elmer with the paperwork. If you get a minute drop them a line of thanks. You pay for the tapes, not their time or efforts.

CHRISTMAS CARTOONS

Thanks to Bill Novitsky for the great Christmas and convention cartoons this month.

My wife and I live at the end of a cul-de-sac which affords a certain amount of peace and solitude away from nearby thoroughfares. So, on one warm evening last July, we decided to listen to some OTR in the backyard on the patio.

I plugged in the portable tape player and we settled in lawn chairs to listen to programs from the ESCAPE series. It is one of my favorites. As the intrigueing intro by William Conrad, offering us a chance, "to get away from it all", filled the air-space of our backyard, my thoughts wandered back, back, back into time.

The olive, poplar and cherry trees nearby were suddenly transformed into giant oaks and elms. The chirping of crickets in the bushes were quickly joined by the buzzing of cicadas, the steading drone of katydids and the high-pitched stacatto of tree frogs. The patio on which we sat was, in a flash, the front porch of my modest childhood home in Ft. Smith, Arkansas. It was as though the time machine of my brain had transported me back to the peaceful neighborhood in which I was raised some thirty-five years ago.

There I was. A tossled-headed boy of ten, sitting on the front porch in an old style metal lawn chair, enjoying one of the few luxuries a boy could have; that of staying up past bedtime.

Through the opened, screened-in windows drifted the sound of the radio from the living room. The volume was low enough so as not to disturb my aunt and grandmother sleeping in their rooms at the end of the house, yet loud enough so I would not miss a single spoken word or sound that would stir my imagination.

The evening was still, warm and humid. The silhouette of the huge oaks and elms in the front yard stood menacingly. The boughs and a few bare branches formed shapes of creatures I had never imagined in the daylight. The shadows held mysterious and unmentionable beings that raised the shorthairs on the back of my neck and formed goose-bumps on my bare arms and legs. "Must be turning cooler", I thought. "What was that?!!!" A shadow in flight had darted near the eave of the porch roof giving me a start. "probably a bat or chimney swift feeding on insects", I nervously reasoned. Suddenly, the stillness of the night was broken by the cry of a blue-jay! Or, was it the scream of a terrified voitim coming from the radio? "Boy, it sure is dark out here"....

As the program played on, the plot thickening and the shadows moving ever so close, I started wishing for the passing of a car, or even a commercial break, to provide some momentary relief from the terrifying images flashing across the screen of my mind. Finally. A commercial.

Perhaps my aunt was right. I should stick to listening to such programs as SKY KING, RED RYDER and STRAIGHT ARROW or SERGEANT PRESTON OF THE YUKON, TARZAN and BOBBY BENSON AND THE B BAR B RIDERS. At least they won't give me bad dreams. Uh-oh, the story is about to continue. Maybe it's near the end and I'll find out who or what is murdering innocent victims and then retire to the safety of my bed covers.

As if by magic, the shadows were broken by tiny blinking lights floating in mid-air. Were they the eyes of some ectoplasmic being? "Naw. They're only lightening bugs, you Scaredy-Cat", I chided myself. However, I'm still not so sure I like staying up late at night...In the dark....By myself....

The sudden creaking sound of the screen door opening caused my very young life to pass before my eyes. If I could have uttered an oath in terror, it would have been at that moment, but I was frozen with fright and could only manage a squeak. With a sigh of relief, I realized it was only mu aunt about to summon me to bed.

What was the program playing that night? I wish I could remmember. It certainly wasn't a night for AMOS 'N' ANDY. It must have been SUSPENSE or MYSTERIOUS TRAVELER. I LOVE A MYSTERY? Perhaps my favorite, INNER SANCTUM MYSTERIES. Whichever program it was I knew I was not to

hear it, being at a very impressionable age. I know to this day that my aunt knew what I had been listening to. She also knew that sooner or later I would have to learn the difference between fantasy and reality. And, the "things that go bump in the night" are just that.

My built in time machine was returning me to the present for I became aware of the voice of Jack Webb trying to calm a very terrified Bill Conrad who was lying in a bed soaking in the sweat of fear. It seems that a tiny poisonous krait had crawled beneath the bed covers and was resting on Mr. Conrad's stomach.

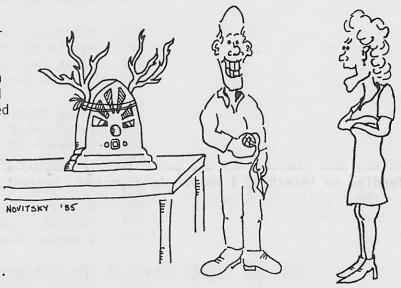
Yes, the giant oaks and elms were once again the olive and poplar. The symphony of night sounds was reduced to a solitary cricket. And, I was on my patio, not my front porch, relaxing in my nylon-webbed chaise and not an old metal lawn chair.

I must admit, however, that it was very real. Should I tell my wife? Would she think I had a power outage? I don't know. Only the shadows know.

Thanks, Mr Conrad. For a moment, or whatever time had passed, I had accepted your offer and "got away from it all".

TAPE DONATIONS

The RHAC has always appreciated the generosity of it's members in offering tape donations to our tape library. Charley Smith of our Colorado Springs Chapter has always been in charge of this area. However, we have had a lot of inquiries lately and we have decided to expand the committee to three members. Our tape librarian Elmer Westbrook has received a lot of these inquiries since he receives many notes in with returned tapes, therefore he and Vice President John Cook have been added to the committee. If you have reels of shows which would be a nice addition to the tape library please contact any of the three committee members. There addresses appear inside the front page. Thanks for your support.



"LET ME GUESS,... RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED RADIO , RIGHT?"

NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWALS

We would like to thank the following members for renewing their memberships for another fun filled year:

Clell Cunningham...10/86, Jerry Appleman...10/86, John Adams...10/86, John Lloyd...10/86, Don Reeves...10/86, Ed Michel...10/86, Jerry Piacentine...10/86, Jack Arthur...11/86, Reid Hansen...11/86, Guy Albright...10/86, Jack Richards...10/86, Larry Gassman...10/86, Glenn Ritter...10/86, Carson Hall...8/86, Bob Elfstrand...1/87, Carl Neustrand...10/86, Sam Kriegel...11/86, Jim Reeb...11/86, Craig Anderson...10/86, Vernon Barker...10/86, Jim Davis...10/86, Jeff Ready...10/86, Ron Bowser...11/86, Larry McDermott...10/86

We would like to welcome the following new members and hope that they enjoy their membership to the fullest:

Steve Dolter of Dubuque, IA...Ed Sly of Arvada, CO...Kenneth Karlberg of S. Weymouth, MA We would like to make the following correction of a member's name from the last list:

Michelle Pandolfo instead of Randolfo. Our apologies for the error.

The RHAC wishes to thank you all for your continued support. Let us know how we can assist you in your collections and please help the RHAC in it's goals, too.

RHAC TAPE LIBRARY

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		<i>#</i> 76:	Tsee-Ring Prepares Feast For Secret Police
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		<i>‡</i> 78:	Speed Disguises Self As Shepherd
		<i>#</i> 79:	Clint Fears Speed is In Danger
		#80:	Octopus Captures Speed
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			Marcia And Brother Found
			Clint And Speed Fight Fight Thugs
		#88:	Kwan Yu Escapes And Radios Octopus
	1R	#89:	A Dog Howls, All Is Not Well
		<i>#</i> 90:	But Nothing Happens
			Farewell To Munyer
		#92:	Splinter's Ambush And Shot
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	2R		He's Dead
			Teepot Fight Victor
		#95: #96:	Octopus Plane Shoots At Barney
		1790:	Octopus Plane Shot Down
REEL	563	SPEED GIBSON OF	THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE 1200'
	1L	-35 #97:	Octopus Planning Attack
		#98:	Capturing The Octopus
		#99:	Has The Octopus Escaped Again?
			False Alarm
	2L		Off To A New Adventure In Central Africa
			New Six-Seater Plane For Trip
			Safe Landing In Burmuda
		#104:	Speed And Clint Walk Into A Trap
	1R	#105:	Peters And Lota Captured
			Landing In The Azores
			Clint Defuses A Bomb
			Landing In Madiera
	2R	#109:	Is No One To Be Trusted?
		#110:	Chaos!
		#111:	Two Octopus Men Captured
			Clint Radios For Help

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REEL	564		THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE	1200'
	1L	-35 #113:	Police Boat Arrives In Time	
		#114:		
		#115:	A Rabbit's Foot Covered With Blood	
		#116:	Octopus First In Person Showing	
	2L	<i>‡</i> 117:	Clint Finds The Secret Panel	
			Flying To Masagan To Meet DeValier	
		#119:	Mad Laughter From The Octopus	
		#120:	Plans To Fly Across The Sahara	
	1R	#121:	Escape Through A Trap Door	
		#122:	Octopus Is In Marakesh	
		#123:	At Gunpoint, Abu Radios The Octopus	
		#124:	Secret Police Buzz Foreign Legion Gar	rison
	2R	#125:	Poison Dart Hits Abu	
		#126:	Old Octopus Headquarters Found	
		#127:		
		#128:	Native Attack Begins	
REEL	565	SPEED GIBSON OF	THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE	1200'
	1L		Attack Repelled	
			A Vicious Sandstorm	
		#131:	Plane Down, Radio Out	
			Expedition Appears	
	2L	#133:	Mickey O'Brien Helps	
		#134:	Speed And Clint Arrested In Karno	
		#135:	Barney Turns Up In Karno	
		#136:	An Enemy Plane Appears	
	1R	#137:	Three Disguises Used	
		#138:	Boating Down The Congo River	
		#139:	Speed VS A Leopard	
		#140:	Leaving Camp	
	2R	#141:	Arrival In Leopoldville	
		#142:	Searching For John Buchanan	
			Hypnotized By A Moth	
		#144:	Boa-Constrictor Trouble	
REEL			THE INTERNATIONAL SECRET POLICE	1200'
	1L	#145:	Arrival In Angoli	
			Cannibal Ants Arrive	
			Warriors Will Help Search	
		#148:	Warriors Start Search	
	2L		Native Attack In The Jungle	
			Elephant Charge And Escape	
			Octopus Headquarters Discovered	
		#152:	Freed Just In Time	

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