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Hello, and welcome to the latest news from the place where popular culture, nostalgia and radio heritage collide!

Whether you're enjoying spring or fall, I hope you'll also make some time to come over to www.radioheritage.net where our new layout makes finding features, stories, images and more so much easier.

There's so much freely available content that you really will find the Google Search helpful - in fact, there are hundreds and hundreds of pages of stuff about radio broadcasting across the Pacific!

This issue I want to mention the fantastic dedication to duty by people at several radio stations in the Samoas during the recent earthquake and tsunami. At Pago Pago's KKHJ-FM and Apia's Radio Polynesia [both radio heritage partners of ours] as well as Apia's 2AP, staff risked their lives to broadcast warnings and stay at their posts in the face of extreme personal danger.

You can read our media release about their bravery at www.radioheritage.net and if you're listening to Radio New Zealand International's Mailbox program next week [www.rnzi.com] you'll hear our latest documentary which looks deeper at the recent tsunami and reflects on how lucky they were to survive - broadcasting in the heart of the Pacific Ring of Fire - and how stretched are radio resources in the region.

Our most popular content is now even easier to find.....look for our colorful new icons for AFRS Armed Forces Radio Memories [30 plus features]..... Long Lost Australian Radio Stars [35 entertaining features]..... Pacific USA [almost 15 great features]..... Island Radio Pacific Style [over 15 exclusive features]..... the growing Art of Radio series..... our well researched and illustrated Radio Dial & Popular Culture features.....

Some of the new stuff you'll enjoy includes.....Japan AM Radio Dial 1941 [fascinating look at what Japanese listeners heard as WWII approached]..... WASA Radio Antarctica [inside the diary and personal photo album of the southernmost radio station manager in the world].....2LM Lismore [the latest in the incredibly popular look back at Australian heritage AM radio stations of the 1940's].....

As well, we've made the Radio Guides easier to use and will be adding in the next day or two our exclusive list of almost 70 Australian AM stations operating in the almost unknown 1611-1701 AM dial.....plus our New Zealand Low Power FM Guide now details almost 430 FM stations currently on the air and some 900 now silent operations.

Whether you're visiting www.radioheritage.net to look for the latest station information, station histories, personalities, radio design [such as car stickers and art work], early amateur broadcasters, how radio and popular culture have connected across the Pacific, or some good media books.....I'm sure you'll enjoy what you find, and, it's all free.....

We've also got some special thank you offers for donations towards our radio heritage activities. In the year ended March 31 2009 our total income was just US\$6300 and our operating costs were significantly higher, so we genuinely welcome your financial support right now.

.....for every donation of US\$10, we'll mail you 10 colorful Art of Radio Japan postcards..... and for every donation of US\$50 we'll mail you a copy of 'Voices in the Air' the classic and well illustrated story of New Zealand's radio history

Check out some of our favorite websites: www.musicofyourlife.com features streaming of easy listening standards of the 1950's [including big band, swing, jazz and stars such as Sinatra] from Las Vegas.....Thom Whetston is doing a great service for AFRTS fans at www.afrtsarchive.blogspot.com [with some wonderful audio from greats such as Charlie Tuna] and our good friends at www.radioinfo.com.au cover the latest in Australian radio news, jobs and exclusive interviews.....

Behind the scenes, there's a lot going on here too, with initial testing finally underway of our new interactive database....where you'll be able to upload and share your favorite radio station audio, YouTube clips, photos, scans of radio station memorabilia, articles, features and much more....you can publish your own stories, oral histories, research projects and much more with us as well....so this will explode the website content!

So, whether it's spring or fall where you are, share some good news with friends, enjoy life and make some time to come over to www.radioheritage.net and start connecting popular culture, nostalgia and radio heritage across the Pacific with us and thousands of visitors like yourself.

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Share us via over 50 popular social networking and information sharing websites, email any page or Twitter us to your friends and colleagues and let others know what we're doing to protect and preserve our radio broadcasting heritage.
