
Pacific Radio Heritage News

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1. Lots of news, so let's get started. Last issue we mentioned the 'forgotten fifty' Armed Forces Radio stations in China-Burma-India and put out a call for more information about any of them. Thanks to Patricia Dabbs of Georgia, you'll soon be able to see inside one of these stations and learn more about all the programs and personalities involved at VU2ZP Bangalore, India. You'll find a taste of a treasure trove to come including some special photos shortly. In: From David's Desk, coming soon.

2. Our series of Long Lost Australian Radio Stars encouraged Robin Voigt to contact us. Her grandfather, Emil Voigt, was a gold medallist at the 1908 Olympics, and founder of Sydney's 2KY. Robin has already shared some photos and stories with us from the family archives, so look out for these in the coming weeks. Emil later died in Auckland, New Zealand, and Robin has more radio connections with New Zealand in her contributions. A teaser on Emil and 2KY also. In: From David's Desk, coming soon.

3. Special thanks these past few weeks to two bookstores. John Field of Terra Australis Books [Queensland] [www.abebooks.com/home/terraaustralisbooks] and John Jensen of The Basilisk Bookshop [Victoria] [www.BasiliskBookshop.com] have both donated excellent Australian radio heritage publications to our research library. You'll see some items from their gifts appearing on-line over the coming weeks. Check out the 2KY advert from 1939!

4. Jim Hilliker's serial about Aimee Semple McPherson and her 1920's Los Angeles radio station KFSG is proving popular! Parts 4 and 5 were added during the past few weeks, and include the day Aimee went missing from Santa Monica beach and turned up days later in the desert, with a bizarre kidnapping story! It's good reading. On-line now.

5. Bruce Portzer's Pacific Asian Log continues to serve up everything you need to know about 4300 AM stations in the region, and has even more updates and tweaks since last month, with the very latest updates scheduled very shortly. The PAL Shortwave Guide structure is almost ready now, and the volunteers from around the Pacific who are working with Bruce on this should expect to hear more soon.

6. More information about KZRM Manila has arrived from Mary Howell Cromer in Kentucky, including a photo of her Dad, Robert Breslin Howell and enough old paper clippings from which we can put together a nice story. Expect to see this on-line in due course.

7. Lots more stories are at the workbench, and with new photos and images added, we'll have items about Tokyo Rose, Japanese broadcasts from Asia during the Pacific War, Radio Shonan from Singapore, Japanese Radio in Batavia [now Jakarta] and others ready shortly. Keep an eye on the website.

8. Vintage and classic radio fans can look forward to some more items over the next month or so, and amateur radio fans will enjoy a special photo of the radio shack on Pitcairn Island in the early 1950's. In fact, we have some other interesting items about broadcasting on Pitcairn also lined up.

9. The Art of Radio [c] Japan on-line exhibition moves off-line in December. With assistance from the Japan Information & Cultural Center in Wellington, New Zealand, over fifty Japanese radio art

designs go on display at their cultural gallery and will be available for visitors to enjoy over the Christmas-New Year period. A children's art competition to accompany the exhibition is in final stages of preparation, and supporting displays at the main city library are also planned. More details in the next newsletter, but enjoy the on-line version today at www.radioheritage.net.

10 In preparation is The Art of Radio [c] Hawaii, for launch on-line early in 2006. If you have any radio designs, logos, letterheads of any Hawaiian radio station, from the 1920's to 2005, and would like to see them included, simply contact us today at info@radioheritage.net. These can be AM or FM, silent stations or the latest ratings toppers across the Aloha State.

11. The fourth in our series of Long Lost Australian Radio Stars will feature personalities from 2GZ Orange, 4BU Bundaberg and 7HO Hobart. Work will be underway on these shortly. In the meantime, enjoy the latest series on-line now: 2HR Hunter River, 3CV Central Victoria and 4WK Warwick.

12. It looks like the old 3ZB transmitter building in Christchurch [New Zealand] will have a bright future, now that a local radio station is keen to move its studios there and begin 24/7 broadcasts. More on developments shortly. Whilst talking about old buildings, visit www.rnzi.com, go to 'more audio' and 'Mailbox' and download the new radio heritage documentary for October 24 'Radio Heritage Buildings Tell Stories' and learn about an icon radio building near Wellington that Radio New Zealand recently refurbished to its 1930's glory.

13 Our webmaster [Harvey] injured himself at a sports event recently and has to take things a little easier, so have patience if your favorite story or image hasn't yet appeared by the time you look! He's doing a masterful job bringing everything on-line as quickly as possible. As well as all the items mentioned, he has still more for you, including the new shortwave station in Afghanistan, Adrian Peterson's latest monthly column [about KGEI San Francisco], and testing of our new database which will allow you to enter your images and data directly into our archive from anywhere in the world.

14. As the Holiday Season approaches, we've put together a special edition of the newsletter with some gift ideas which help you, and help us at the same time. Great prices on top books, with Australian and New Zealand residents able to make huge savings on popular 2006 annuals. In: your 'inbox' soon!

15. Remember, all our media releases are available on-line to download, along with an easy form to register your radio memorabilia with us, and to remember us in your will. In: Get Involved, left-hand menu options on every page.

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