
Pacific Radio Heritage News

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1. You'll find lots of new items at www.radioheritage.net these past few weeks, in particular a great introduction to antique and vintage radio collecting in Australia by Kevin Poulter. He took the fantastic color photos too! In: Collecting Classic Radios.

2. At the same time, we added a new Top 15 Vintage Radio Book list to the on-line store. This has a nice range from price guides to restoration projects, and there's plenty of good reading to stock up on for the coming Holiday Season. Prices are always sharp, and we get a little commission from each sale, so it's a win-win for all! In: The Emporium Radio Heritage Store...open 24/7, worldwide.

3. People write to us with all sorts of questions. One we've got coming on-line in a few days is from the daughter of a KZRM broadcasting pioneer. Robert Breslin Howell worked at the first Manila station in the 1930's and Mary has asked if anyone with stories or photos of her father could make contact with us. From our archives, we found a newsclipping from the New York Times announcing the opening of KZRM in 1927. In: From David's Desk, coming soon.

4. 'Motam The Tartar & The Chinese Princess'. This one has defeated us. Apparently, it was a childrens story, and was broadcast over 1ZB Auckland [NZ] in the 1950's. Possibly in Australia too. Know anything about it? Please email us at: info@radioheritage.net so we can pass it on to our Australian inquirer.

5. 'XONE 1480 kilocycles, your Armed Forces Radio station in Peking' Yes, really. One of the almost 'forgotten fifty' AFRS stations broadcasting from China, India and Burma during the 1944-1947 period. We've tracked down a list of them all, added some rare photos and comments, and they're on-line now. We really need a lot of help with these, so, if you know anything, have any ephemera etc, we really need to hear from you...please! Enjoy a taste today. In: AFRS China-Burma-India.

6. New in our on-line store are a limited number of complete collections of 12 gold medallions featuring Art Deco Australian Vintage Wireless! These are truly beautiful works of the engraver's art and feature 12 rare Australian sets from the 1930's. Only 300 sets were made, so these gold medallions are a great collector's item, and we've only been allocated a few sets. A very special gift for the Holiday Season, and available right now. Have you noticed the price of gold is at historic high levels? In: The Emporium Radio Heritage Store, open 24/7, worldwide.

7. What else is new on-line? We've added Parts 2 and 3 of the KFSG Serial, where the romance between Aimee Semple McPherson and her radio engineer has become a hot item in Los Angeles of the 1920's... Adrian Peterson has added his second monthly column, this time about Hurricane Katrina and the reappearance of WWL New Orleans on shortwave.....and over the next few days you'll find the next release in our series of Long Lost Australian Radio Stars, featuring 2HR Hunter River, 3CV Central Victoria and 4WK Warwick.

8. Bruce Portzer's Pacific Asian Log has been updated again. Now we have the latest pdf versions, and the latest searchable version all available and covering some 4300+ mediumwave stations from around Asia and the Pacific. In: Pacific Asian Log.

9. More books! Yes, now it's the Top 50 Radio Books List, with even

more great titles. The 2006 editions of the World Radio TV Handbook and the Passport to WorldBand Radio are available today, at everyday low prices. Some great guides to podcasting have been added too. In: The Emporium Radio Heritage Store, open 24/7, worldwide.

10. Radio New Zealand International adds a new documentary on October 10, it's all about Radio Memories across the Pacific. Hear 'Mail Call' from 1942 directed via 'that GI beam' to New Guinea, a rare 1953 recording of the regular WXLG Kwajalein sign-off announcement, and another rare item from WXLE Canton Island. Available after October 10 as a download at www.rnzi.com, under 'more audio' and 'Mailbox'. Also at www.rnzi.com: frequencies, times of broadcast and program details. DRM transmitter tests begin mid-November.

11. Did you know? Three million former Japanese BCL fans reach their 40's and begin dusting off their shortwave radios and return to the radio shack to start their old hobby again! That's according to the 'Daily Yomiuri' newspaper.

12. We're often asked, what is Radio Ephemera? Is it an exotic FM station? Check the site over the next week or so, and you'll discover some entertaining examples of 'Radio Ephemera', especially interesting if you live in Hawaii, Guam, or ever listened to Radio Australia. In: From David's Desk. Coming soon.

13. Lots of radio anniversaries this month, and amongst them is 2GZ Orange in Australia. We've searched the archives and found some nice items to help them celebrate their birthday so check the site later this month. Got a radio station anniversary or reunion coming up? Let us know, we can put together a nice on-line package to help register long lost employees and listeners, publicise events, and much more. Write: info@radioheritage.net.

14. That's almost it for today. Thanks for all the emails, letters, photos, donations, book purchases and more that help keep us inspired. In the next issue, we'll announce the Art of Radio Japan Exhibition moves off-line and into the big city, along with a great art competition, ribbon cutting ceremonies and more. In the meantime, enjoy the on-line version today and buy exclusive exhibition design items [such as 2006 calendars, t-shirts, mugs, greeting cards, tote bag] from The Emporium Radio Heritage Store. The exhibition itself is in: Art of Radio Japan.

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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David Ricquish, Chairman, Radio Heritage Foundation

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