
****Pacific Radio News**** ****August 2005****

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1. Welcome to our growing number of readers this month, especially in Hawaii. Read on for more about how you can help our Art of Radio (c) Hawaii project. The Art of Radio (c) series are now the most popular of all stories at www.radioheritage.net, and we're expanding the series as fast as resources allow.

2. New stories already on-line include the amazing life of Pedro Gonzalez, a former Mexican bandit who became one of the greatest Tejano music stars in California, and his early days at KELW Burbank. You can also buy his CD of 1930's music classics from the link in the story.

3. Another new story is that of the tiny community radio station at London, on Christmas Island in the central Pacific. Radio Christmas Island was built with an aid program several years ago, and Ron Ehrke who built the station tells us firsthand how it was done.

The Top 5 books for July at The Emporium Radio Heritage Store (c) on-line Top 40 Radio Book List are 1. The ARRL Handbook 2. Border Radio 3. Ham Radio for Dummies 4. Raised on Radio 5. Old Time Radio! Restoration and Repair. Every sale helps fund our activities.

4. The content on the home page is now being refreshed every few days, so keep the site bookmarked and visit often to keep up with new stories, photos and more. Headlining the month are a series of photos from WXLG Kwajalein taken in 1945 and proving that 'sharing the memories' can go back a long way.

5. Other new items include the easy to use story index, the Top 10 stories of the month [latest now on-line], an update for the massive 4000+ station Pacific-Asian Log and a bright new logo so you can't miss it...and, birthday greetings to 3BA Ballarat in Australia and the 60th anniversary of the opening day of AKAA Radio in Japan in 1945.

6. More Australian birthday wishes this month for the ABC's 7NT in Tasmania [70 years on the air], 4AK Oakey in Queensland [also a young 70], 5AD Adelaide in South Australia came on air 75 years ago, as did 7HO Hobart in Tasmania and 4BC Brisbane in Queensland. The oldest birthday is octogenarian 4GR Toowoomba in Queensland, celebrating 80 years on air in August 2005.

The number of visitors to www.radioheritage.net continues to grow rapidly, with 15,000 visitors since going live at Christmas 2004, and some 220,000 hits, with visitors from 65 countries. Tell your friends!

7. The Emporium Radio Heritage Store (c) went live during the month. We have the Top 40 Radio book List and a range of gift packages to help raise funds for the project, as well as a growing number of other recommended books and CDs. The Book of the Month for August is 'The Cash Cage' by Corey Deitz, an insider's look at the life of a DJ by this top rating veteran of US radio.

8. Coming down the pipeline are a trilogy of stories about WVTR in Tokyo, and a special note from the guy who wrote the original script about the Japanese Sea Monster that terrorized Tokyo in 1947. As the

whole 'Godzilla' phenomenon from Japan was based on this broadcast, you'll want to check www.radioheritage.net for this item!

9 We need logos and letterheads from contemporary and now silent Hawaiian AM and FM radio stations! We've got a number of old time logos in some of our collections already, but to do justice to the Art of Radio (c) Hawaii, we'd like more. You can send them via snailmail to PO Box 14339, Wellington, New Zealand or via email to info@radioheritage.net. There's a wealth of beauty in much of this radio art, and we'd like to share it. Mahalo and thanks.

Still to come on-line in the next little while are the second series of Long Lost Australian Radio Stars with 3MA Mildura, 5DN Adelaide and 7LA Launceston. We've also picked the third series already, and that covers 2HR Newcastle, 3CV Maryborough and 4WK Warwick. Check www.radioheritage.net regularly for these stories.

10. Thanks to the volunteers around the Pacific who're helping collect information about stations for us, others who are scanning magazines for radio station adverts to add to our image collection, others who have contacted us with stories, airchecks, video footage and more, and yet others who've volunteered to write stories about their stations for us. A special thanks to Bruce Carty of Radio Yesteryear in Australia for a detailed list of all Australian radio stations since 1919!

11 More stories coming soon include Radio in Afghanistan [1970's], Armed Forces Radio in China-Burma-India during WWII, a detailed listing of early Australian AM radio [1919-1929] and New Zealand AM @ a Glance [currently being formatted for the site], a photo gallery of WVUG Alaska in 1945, and a range of stories about Tokyo Rose, Manila Rose, Zero Hour, Japanese Occupation Radio Shonan and much more...

12. We have an interesting project we'd like some volunteers to help us out with. It's a Shortwave Radio Guide to Asia and the Pacific, and is basically a shortwave version of the existing AM PAL Guide. If you can help research data on-line, co-ordinate material etc, we'd like to hear from you. You can be anywhere in the world! Write to info@radioheritage.net and we'll get back to you with more details.

We're a registered non-profit organization and your support is helping this Pacific-wide project grow. You can now buy gift packages at The Emporium Radio HeritageStore (c) towards research time, software and storage materials, and all purchases from the Top 40 Radio Book List help us raise funds. We have no financial support from any government or broadcaster. You can help us today.

Warmest regards to all our readers, supporters and volunteers. Thank you for helping make it happen! Please tell your friends, colleagues and others interested in radio about us. Visit www.radioheritage.net.

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