

Sunday at the Memories testimonials

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Don Bishop
- **Email** donbishop@post.com
- **Subject** Sunday at the Memories
- **Message** Hello James, I happened to listen to KEZW online today and heard "Sunday at the Memories." Thanks for making it available. It's amazing to read that 1,500 hours' worth of the program exist. When I lived in the Denver area in the 1960s, I heard Ray Durkee on KTLN, then later on KHOW with the Sunday program. Until reading about it here, I didn't know it found as much success in syndication that it did. Best wishes, Don Bishop
- **Sent on:** 21 January, 2018

January 9, 2018
Welcome back, SATM!

Just a note to say that I'm delighted to listen once more to Sunday At The Memories. I listened to it in the 70s when i was growing up in a small town in southwestern Minnesota. I've been listening to the streaming episodes of SATM, and I'm going to buy a bunch of the shows to download in the near future.

I'm reminded, after all these years, of how good your father was on the air, of how he expressed his enthusiasms; he never had a bad word for anyone. There's nothing mean, nothing hateful in him.

Two other things strike me:

He was playing RECORDS, and so the sound quality will vary from song to song, which is how we all used to hear music.

Secondly, the show isn't about him---it's not an ego fest. He wanted to share the music he loved with his audiences. He's not a bombastic loudmouth; his modesty and humor are quite refreshing---especially in this day and age.

Oh---one more thing: I realize now how many songs and radio shows he introduced me to.

All best---

Joe Goodrich, NYC

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Steve
- **Email** shornbak1@gmail.com
- **Subject** SATM
- **Message** I listened to Ray in Knoxville, TN in the late seventies. I loved the program and thought Ray had a great voice and sense of humor.
- **Sent on:** 20 September, 2017

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Robert Lane
- **Email** Lrobe754@aol.com
- **Subject** Ray
- **Message** I grew up in Denver and well remember Ray Durkee. I wound up in Dayton,OH in 1981 and remember a nostalgia DoWop radio show that was wonderful. I don't remember the station, but it began the show with "Let's Go Back, Lets Go Back". I loved this, and think the DJ was Ray Durkee. Was this who it may have been??
- **Sent on:** 18 June, 2017

January 7, 2017

Your dad has a special place in my family's heart. The first time he did the million sellers (I'm guessing 1979) we rented a summer house in upstate New York.

By chance back then, I tuned in to one of the few radio stations in this very rural area and found the "A's" the first week. Each week thereafter we would spend every Saturday floating on the lake and trying to guess what million sellers your dad would play on Sunday. My family and another family (we shared the house for the summer) would sit and laugh about what we got right and what we missed. It is a very warm and nostalgic freeze frame in time.

I taped some of the shows on cassette way back then.(poor quality) This morning I found the "H" tape while working out in my basement and it was a true gem to hear. That is how, just on a lark, I googled your dad and what do you know? I found the site and the memories. As you know it's more than just the music, it's your dad's love of the music and the time period that makes it work. Without your dad it would have limited charm.

Best regards, and thanks for the memories
I will gladly buy the entire memories series.
Bob Sacks
President/Publisher
Precision Media Group

August 3, 2016

Hi James,

We found out about the show because we frequently listen to 1430 am.

My wife and I enjoy the show from our car radio while on a Sunday drive. She said that she wished she could hear more of it so I was hoping I could purchase them on CD. I assume that if I paid to download them from your site it would be legal to burn them to a CD. Is that correct? Or are they available on CD? Thanks,Earl Legleiter

August 1, 2016

I listen every Sunday at least as much as I can, I have always listen to 1430 and then one day I happen to hear the announcement about your father's show I'm an older guy and I listened to Ray Durkee back when he was at KTLN in downtown on East Colfax I don't quite remember the name of the hotel and/or motel that he broadcast out of; I also remember listening to him I think on Kimn or maybe it was just KHOW, it doesn't matter I was a great fan of your dad's; I just think your dad was a great announcer I try to follow in his footsteps but was unable to get through the Columbia school of broadcasting, but I have very good memories of your father back in the day I love your programming and I wish you guys all the luck in the world if you get a chance you need to put them on CDs or flash drives or something so I can listen to them in my car. Anyway thanks for all of your help I really appreciate it.

Harold Furlong

July 11, 2016

I googled to see if anything about Ray Durkee was out there and found your site. When I get some time, I'll check it out. My favorite part of the show here in Denver was the intro he did... "Before television there was radio, and the pictures were in the mind..."

I miss having radio like that to listen to. I need to go through tapes because I know I taped excerpts of a show where he talked about the Denver flood of 1965. I suspect he used either original or taped copies of the transcription disks those live broadcasts were on, and I doubt they exist anymore. Probably a lot of local Denver material he put on his show no longer exists.

Thanks for the quick reply,

Sincerely,

Lance Christensen

- **Name** rick gervasini
- **Subject** Ray Durkee
- **Message** James, Give me a call if possible whenever you can, if you receive this. Your Dad did a party for me in 1988. He followed a performance by Lesley Gore who I had flown in to do my wife's surprise 40th birthday party. What a great guy he was. A real gentleman, a real pro. My phone numbers are cell 303 2638877. Home/office 303 7795270.
- **Email** rcgervasini@gmail.com
- **Sent on:** 26 June, 2016

May 13, 2016, John Geddie

"I can't tell you how thrilled I was to find your site. I used to love to listen to the show on the radio, and am so excited to have the opportunity to re-live some old memories. I will ultimately be downloading every show you have available. Great fun!" Listened to: "KOB Radio in Albuquerque. I worked there at the time on that 50,000 watt powerhouse station."

May 9, 2016, James Joyce

I played your dad's SATM show 102 to my wife last night....and she really likes the show...i told her that i grew up with SATM every sunday on K-FIRE back in the 70's...so every sunday morning we will listened to what ever the show that you have up on the web site will be....starting another tradition of SATM in the Joyce household agan....thanks for putting those shows up...

I also remember being in guam and hearing SATM on K-57 am radio there...back in the early to mid 80's...

May 8, 2016

Hello. My mom is a huge fan of SATM. She plans her Sunday evening around the show. She is blind and older, so that music means the world to her. She remembers calling into your dad's show and he always was so nice and answered her never ending questions. So she was hoping you could answer 2 more questions. What is the name of the outro song of SATM and who is Johnny? Your dad made reference to go get them? Thanks in advance. Best to you.

Our response: The song is John Keating Orchestra "Listen" from the album "The Keating Sound." Johnny is the same guy. "Drive it home Johnny" just means continue on with your song and close out the show... Pretty simple... I'm so glad your mother is enjoying the encore broadcasts in Denver is your mother a life long Denver resident?

Yes. She has always lived in Colorado. Born and raised her. Grew up at the Colorado school for deaf and blind in Co. Springs. I had lunch with her today and was so excited to hear tomorrow's show. Last week was the A songs and tomorrow he starts with the Bs. She even wrote down his A list and read it to me. Thanks so much for your work and answers.

March 28, 2016

James,

I live in Aurora, CO. Have been a fan of your dad since I returned from the Philippines in 1975. In Fall of 1977, your dad had a station giveaway @ KHOW of a trip to Las Vegas and the show was Frank Sinatra. My wife and I were 28 years old and married a year and a half. She had just been diagnosed with terminal cancer. I called in and won one of

the trips. It was quite a night. Went out to Stapleton in the rush hour and returned about 3 a.m. on a jammed Frontier flight. What a memory it was for us. Your dad did great work.

I have been listening to the new show on Cruisin'. Wow, what memories. Just started doing some searching after seeing the shows listing.

Thanks ever so much.

Ralph Lewis

January 27, 2016

Hello, James

I am so excited that you are making the Ray Durkee Sunday at the Memories shows available. I remember living in Sidney, Nebraska, and recording the shows on KHOW with a transistor radio and a battery-operated mini-cassette recorder as a teenager in 1980. I still have my old recorded files, transferred from cassette to CD to computer file. It will be good to have nice, clear ones. I am in Longmont, Colorado now and heard about your website from KEZW.

I always enjoyed listening to Ray Durkee. I remember him always encouraging listeners to attend and enjoy church services, which I do and respect him highly for that. I remember him talking about his '50s era Mercury. I also listened to his shows in Colorado Springs when I attended the blind school there, so the shows were a comfort in connecting my home world and my school world.

Anyway, I admire all your work and will eventually buy all the shows. I think that your endeavors will bring pleasure to a lot of people. Thank you again for making these available.

Sincerely, Linda Adams

- • **Name** Joseph Goodrich
- **Subject** Welcome back, SATM!
- **Message** Just a note to say that I'm delighted to listen once more to Sunday At The Memories. I listened to it in the 70s when i was growing up in a small town in southwestern Minnesota. I did a lot of homework to these shows! SATM brings back memories. Thanks for making it available again.
- **Email** jgoodrich63@yahoo.com
- **Sent on:** 31 December, 2015

- • **Name** Joe Prostrollo
- **Subject** CHRISTMAS at the Memories
- **Message** Hi James or whomever reads this email, I knew Ray well when I lived in Denver and worked for KCNC TV and he at KHOW. In the 1980's I worked Sundays at KSOO radio in Sioux Falls, SD. I aired Ray's show from 1 PM - 4PM to great reviews. I remember airing for a couple of years a version of his show called Christmas at the Memories. My heavens, the

ratings were through the roof and many a listener would call to thank us. I could tell in their voice they were touched by this show. Are there any of these shows around and will you be offering them at Christmas time? Thank you, Joe Prostrollo Saint Joseph, MN

- **Email** jprostrollo@gmail.com

James,

Listened to your fathers show for many years in Denver. He was a bit older than I but his taste in music and old radio programs were the same. I found your site through the " You grew up in Denver" site one day and tried to listen every chance I got. The early shows are my favorite so I will probably be ordering the next group of 6 later on. I am 68 and just went to my 50th class reunion at South High this summer. I now live in Phoenix so the internet is a great way to keep in touch with my hometown !

Thanks for the memories !

Doug Bull

Jim Neill in Stanley, Durham, United Kingdom

Hi James

Many thanks for making SATM available. I first heard your dad on the ARAMCO radio station in Saudi Arabia in 1980 and it was the highlight of the week for me; what a great programme. I had a friend around last night for a game of pool and while playing we heard 'Blueberry Hill' on the radio. This reminded me that your dad once said the master tape for this track was stretched and that the effect could be heard if you knew where to listen. Afterwards I started thinking about SATM and decided to search for information about the programme and/or Ray, that is how I found your site. I am really looking forward to be able to listen to the programmes again.

All the best

Jim

Name: Brad Walker

Subject: love the show

Message: I've started listening to Sunday at the Memories on Denver 950AM.. I really like the show. I can only imagine what it must have been like when Mr. Durkee was live on the radio. Also, it's great that you are saving the old Ampex tapes. This is quite a history story there and I've enjoyed learning more about it. All the best. Respectfully, Brad Walker

- **Name** Miles Miller Council Bluffs Iowa
- **Subject** Sunday at the Memories
- **Message** Dear James, While traveling in Colorado last week, I heard radio station Cruisin 950 mention the show "Sunday at the Memories". I was hoping that they were talking about your Dad's old syndicated show. They were. I then found out you feature the show online. I have listened to Show 29 & 30. At age 69 I have listened to many oldies shows in my life and I

consider your Dad among the best. I first heard his live Sunday show on KHOW in 1973. I couldn't get KHOW in Iowa but in 1976 I wrote him a request for a Sunday I was going to be in Colorado. It didn't fit his format for the show but he played my song anyway. I first heard his syndicated show on KHUB Fremont Neb in 1976. They carried the show for only about a year but fortunately KWOA in Worthington Minn started the show in 1977 and kept tn for about 6 years. Once when traveling I heard three complete different shows on one Sunday. I have his Million Seller list book. I'll download some of his shows when I figure out which ones I want. You helped make my Sundays more pleasant again with a show I had missed for over 30 years. Thanks. Miles Miller Council Bluffs Iowa

- **Email** milesmiller@cox.net
- **Sent on:** 28 September, 2015

- • **Name** steve voloshin
- **Subject**
- **Message** I found the show by accident but I love it and listen every Sunday. I am originally from NY and only moved to Colorado 6 years ago so I never had heard of your dad till the show and what I read. He was a great DJ, I grew up in NYC listening to Allan Freed, Murray the K, Jocko and Cousin Bruce, your dad is up with them
- **Email** stevevolo@cs.com
- **Sent on:** 13 July, 2015

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Will Ashworth
- **Subject** Need a few programs around 1960 for our 55th year reunion
- **Message** I worked with Ray in Bismarck ND. I was Executive Director of ND Easter Seals. Ray helped me put on 36 dances on in Bismarck, Minot and Williston. This period of time (1976 to 1990). We did two dances a year in Bismarck at the Civic center. KFYZ- AM did all the advertising. Ray's SATM was on the radio station. We sold 2000 tickets at \$5.00 for each dance plus the booze profits. There was 28 sell-outs The dances were held November and May. Ray's efforts helped raise over \$250,000 for disabled people served by North Dakota Easter Seals.
 - **Email** ashworthwill@comcast.net
- **Sent on:** 21 June, 2015

- • **Name** Glenn Blanco
- **Subject** I knew your dad, James
- **Message** Your dad worked at KTLN in Denver in the early 60s and they had a contest for DJ for a day. I won at age 13 and got to be on the air with your dad on Sunday, July 9th, 1961 for about 3 hrs. It was fun and he recommended a DJ school in St Paul. Needless to say, when I was old enough, the DJ thing died and I became a school teacher, but I was our school

district's football/track stadium announcer until I retired. I saw that your dad passed a few years ago and I was saddened. Your dad was great in his time and I will always remember him. He was a great inspiration. glenn

- **Email** Gcblanco@comcast.net
- **Sent on:** 14 June, 2015

May 28th

Greetings! My name is Jason Wentworth and I am the Program Director of KCOW-AM Alliance Nebraska. We carried "Sunday At The Memories" for many years, and I am wondering if we could run a brief excerpt from one of your online archive shows during our special "Throwback Thursday" show June 4th. We'd enjoy sharing a bit of the show with our listeners!

- **Message Details:**
 - **Name** Craig Swank
 - **Subject** Ray Durkee
 - **Message** Hello James - Just listened to your show today - Loved every minute - My wife and I along with another couple - would visit the London House so many times to enjoy your father's great show! He spoke one time on his show about his "collectible record" as he called it since it was in a price guide. I do a local Denver/Colorado based musician web site and I show his recording (both sides) on my site a standard commercial copy and I located a DJ copy as well. A really fun break-in record. Do you know if he ever recorded any other tracks? Keep up the good work and Sunday at the Memories!
- **Email** crayger244@gmail.com
- **Sent on:** 24 May, 2015

James,

These shows are so great! I listen to the ones you post weekly. As I may have mentioned before, it is interesting that I would desire to find these shows after all of these years. Usually, I wouldn't give a program another thought after it goes off the air. It's just done and gone. But I feel like the way Ray put this show together with all the memorabilia along with the songs made it stand out over all of the other oldies shows. Plus, he was a great DJ. During the 70's, I did record a few of these shows on a cassette tape, but they weren't very good quality so didn't stay in my collect over time. Anyway, SATM really impressed me and I still love it. Thank you for making the shows available. I hope more of the former fans are finding your site and are enjoying the shows again too.

Thank you,

Cheryl

May 18, 2015

Greg McLaughlin wrote on your timeline.

May 3, 2015

4:39 pm

Sitting here in the kitchen and listening on a small AM only radio. I close my eyes and it takes me back. Many thanks!

Jim Ellingson wrote on your timeline.
May 3, 2015

It's great to hear Sunday at the Memories back on the air. It takes me back to 1978 when I was working at KWAT in Watertown, SD and we started carrying the program. I had already heard about the program as it was running on a station in Worthington, MN and I had heard the promos (but not the actual show) for the upcoming week. I remember thinking that it sounded like a neat show so I was excited when we started running it in Watertown.

Mary Cox wrote on your timeline.
May 3, 2015

I used to listen to Ray when I was going to school in Denver in the 70s. Love him and the show. Very interesting, educational show with great music hosted by the best, Ray Durkee, a genuinely nice man who left us way too soon. So glad you have resurrected these great shows. Hope they can play for years and years.... Thanks so much!!!!

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Mary Cox
- **Subject** Thank you for bringing this back!
- **Message** Dear James, Thank you so much for putting this together and letting us hear your Dad's great shows again. I loved him and the show when I lived in Denver and continued once I moved back to Cheyenne. I am thrilled to learn the show will be on and will listen every week. Thank you, thank you, thank you. God Bless Always, Mary Cox
- **Email** mbcox@wyoming.com
- **Sent on:** 3 May, 2015

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Jonn N.
- **Subject** Welcome Back!
- **Message** Hi, Listening right now to the replay of Sunday At The Memories starting with Episode #1 on Cruisin' Oldies 950! It's great to be able to hear this again. My wife and I moved to Colorado from the Dakotas (she's from North and I'm from South) in 1972. I remember listening to your father's show nearly every Sunday and especially remember that beautiful '51 Mercury of his! Whatever happened to it? Please consider making this available on CD. I miss Ray and "Sunday At The Memories". Thank you for doing this!
- **Email** keetnaneuroth@q.com
- **Sent on:** 3 May, 2015

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Cheryl Bowman
- **Subject** Sunday at the Memories
- **Message** I can't believe I finally found the Sunday at the Memories show with Ray Durkee online. I listened to this show religiously every week during the 70s and wondered what had happened to it. So for several years I've been searching the web for any information I could

find. I am thrilled you have started this website and have Ray's shows to listen to or buy.
Thank you! Cheryl

- **Email** cheryl_marie68@yahoo.com
- **Sent on:** 11 March, 2015

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Ken Highberger
- **Subject** Contact
- **Message** I remember Ray Durkee and met him more than once. I worked vacation relief news at KHOW. Harry Smith was the midnight rock jock, Bud Elliott was the news director, and Captain Show Biz was the GM. It was big time radio. Ken Highberger
- **Email** kdhighberger@gmail.com
- **Sent on:** 9 March, 2015

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Bonnie Sem-Lucy
- **Subject** 45 vinyl record, The Cosmonaut
- **Message** Is there a way to hear this record or buy it online? I have the 45 but have no way to play it and I'm pretty sure it's quite scratchy. When I was a kid, we played that 45 constantly, as did my parents, and we laughed so hard at that record - "let me in - wehoo!"
- **Email** bonnielucy54@gmail.com
- **Sent on:** 3 March, 2015

- **Message Details:**

- • **Name** Jonathan Reed
- **Subject** Thanks for the site
- **Message** It is now part of my mobile phone bookmarks so I can take Denver old-time radio with me, along with Saturdays with Hal Moore on 937TheRock, I'm all set... -Jon
- **Email** lazierfan@gmail.com
- **Sent on:** 2 March, 2015