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Hello, Out There in Radioland!

Twenty-five years ago, in December 1974, we started a publication that has become the *Nostalgia Digest and Radio Guide*.

Our first issue was called the *Nostalgia Newsletter* and was a six-page gatefold sheet. It came as a result of listener interest in our *Those Were The Days* broadcasts on WLTD in Evanston.

Ten months later, in October, 1975, we changed our format to its present size and published 16 pages. We continued to offer our *Newsletter* in that shape, sometimes with as many as 32 pages until October, 1983 when we became the *Nostalgia Digest and Radio Guide*, calling the first issue of the *Digest* "the new and improved Nostalgia Newsletter."

By this time, color had been added to our cover, we had added more pages, photos, and articles, and we were distributing by mail six times a year, publishing an issue every other month. We certainly were more than a newsletter. We were, in fact, a little magazine.

Now we have reached a milestone we never dreamed we'd reach.

To celebrate the occasion, we have e-x-p-a-n-d-e-d this special issue to 64 pages and have filled them with our usual unique assortment of articles. But we've also chosen several stories from past issues which we think you'll enjoy once again if you're a long-time subscriber, or for the first time if you've joined us along the way.

A lot of good material has been written by our contributors since 1974 and it is not possible for us to have each writer represented, but certainly we express our thanks to all who contributed over the past twenty-five years.

It is our hope that you will enjoy browsing through our past with these reprint articles from earlier issues of our little magazine, and the current offerings, too. We've also added a few *Nostalgia Digest Flashbacks* to give us the opportunity to reflect on the past quarter-century. It's been a fast, and wonderful, twenty-five years.

Every single issue has been fun for us and, we hope for you, too.

Thanks for your support and encouragement. It means a lot to us.

-Chuck Schaden

