

OLD TIME RADIO RESEARCHERS POLICY ON OLD TIME RADIO DEALERS

The mission of the Old Time Radio Researchers is to accurately preserve classic old time radio series in mp3 format from the past in order for future generations to enjoy them.

The majority of these series have been circulating for decades in old time radio collectors circles. While the copyright issue on these series is vague and in question, it is assumed that the majority of dealers who sell otr have no valid claim of ownership on any of these series. This does not preclude any rights that they may claim for restoring the sound of these series. The OTRR does not knowingly distribute copyrighted materials, 'nor someone's "creative work", that is also protected by law. Such "creative work" includes "restorations" in the sound format that it was restored.

However, We believe that every collector should have access to all circulating series and shows, and as a goal of OTRR, we will provide full and free access to anyone wishing to receive our certified archival series.

That being said -

There are certain guidelines and policies that are inherent in the goals and mission of this group.

1. We know that there are individuals and groups that have access to series and shows not in circulation.
2. These people deal mainly in reel to reels, cassettes, transcription disks, and Audio quality CDs.
3. These individuals and groups spend many thousands of dollars to acquire and restore these programs. They deserve the right to recoup their costs and make a profit on any new releases they produce.

Therefore the Old Time Radio Researchers urges its members and friends to support these individuals and companies where possible by -

1. Purchasing CD audio quality materials directly from them and not converting to MP3 for wide distribution.
2. Urging others to do the same.
3. Refraining from purchasing from mp3 dealers who offer material encoded from the quality dealers mentioned above.
4. Refraining from purchasing from mp3 dealers who have not originated any materials themselves, but only sell series they have obtained from free sites or leeches from the Yahoo groups.
5. Refraining from downloading from pay FTP sites that only claim to be selling 'bandwidth'. In the majority of cases these pay FTP sites have obtained the majority of the series they offer from the various OTR clubs, both through the mail, and the Yahoo groups.

6. Honoring sound restoration copyrights.

That being said, it remains the policy of the OTRR to provide its members and friends with archival certified series with the highest quality and number of old time radio series and episodes in MP3 format.

The OTRR has agreements with several of the more reputable dealers under which any materials purchased from them by group officials, will be held for a pre-determined length of time before being released. The OTRR reserves the right to release, at some future date, determined by the leaders and moderators, any materials we purchase under these agreements.

Any dealer has the right to refuse to sell their materials to the OTRR.

Purchased materials will be officially released either as part of a certified archival series, or a special distribution to members of the group who are actively volunteering in group projects.

The OTRR assumes no responsibility for any series or episodes purchased by individuals and then made available on hubs, web-sites, or any other avenues of distribution.

Additionally the OTRR decries pay FTP sites that have registered domain names designed to confuse the average collector into believing that their pay FTP site is associated with OTRR.