

April 1st 2002



Hi friends and have a Happy Easter

Again some news from past and present on offshore radio in 'Heden en Verleden' and some news from Holland as well

Heden en Verleden (past and present)

3 March: Today it's 34 years ago that two strong tugs arrived nearby the MV Fredericia off the Isle of Mann and the MV Mi Amigo off the Thames Estuary to tow both Caroline ships away. Reason were unpaid bills from the company Wijsmuller, which was responsible for the providing of the radio ships. The towing went to Ijmuiden and later to Amsterdam harbour. There and in Zaandam harbour both ships stayed until 1972 when they were auctioned. Fredericia went to the Van der Marel Company in Ouwerkerk aan de IJssel where it was broken up in 1982. The Mi Amigo, as we all know, was sold to Gerard van Dam who put it back into the hands of Ronan O Rahilly so Caroline could come back on the air from their own ship again. Some other 8 years the ship could be reused, until it sank in March 1980.

5.3 Only in a second the Veronica vessel Norderney came into a news item on Dutch News Journal. Reason was that Veronica will be back on radio and tv from April 2nd due to cooperation with TMF and MTV Benelux. The radio station Veronica FM can be heard first only on the cable networks. In the shot on tv we also saw the late Stan Haag presenting a program in 1974.

Who does remember Ian MacRae, in the sixties working for Radio City and Caroline South. I do! Well he has written a book called: 'I've always wanted to work in radio but where do I start?' A kind of handbook for all who want to take part within the industry, *The Beginners Guide to Becoming a Radiostar*. For more than 35 years Ian has been active in radio. For more info visit: www.allaboutradio.net

March 6th

I met him some 5 years ago for the last time when he was a presenter at Medway FM. Soon he left for Malta to become a part of the Calypso FM station, Steve Joy. He worked during his career for stations like Radio Luxembourg and the Voice of Peace. His boss on Medway was Bob LeRoi, who's now doing well at Malta. Steve is back at Medway, now called Mercury FM and is not only

presenter but also program controller

Each month some 26.000 different people from all over the world do visit our online Journal for media and music culture on the University of Groningen and so a lot of emails are coming in. On March 7th there was a mail from Sill Steffens. He was looking for info around the Veronica Racing team in the early seventies. They used Lotus cars. Two of the cars survived. Steff has recently bought on and the other one is exported to Australia. History once again. By the way Soundscapes can be found at www.soundscapes.info

On Dutch TV in the programma from the Humanistisch Verbond today March the 8th a special about gossip journalists. One they followed who is one of the most popular in Holland. His name Ger Lammens. Well he's no other than Gert van der Zee on Radio Monique. Every time I see him I must think back to the stories in which Monique deejays were so sick of him due to his heavy smelling that they put him into the showers.

March 9th I heard from plans to start an RSL in Scotland using the name of Radio Caroline. Peter Moore doesn't want to give permission. Really sad news again. Well a suggestion for names without the word Radio: Caroline North, Promote Caroline, Caroline International, Caroline in Scotland, Caroline in the Highlands, Caroline the Honest.

March 20th

On Yorin FM a flashback to 1980 in the program with Robert Jensen and Jan Paparazzi (Jan van Zanten former Monique deejay). They played the last minutes from the Mi Amigo in 1980 before the last deejays were taken from the ship. Jan told that he had to cry in 1980 when he heard it live on the radio.

29.3 Radio 192 Marc van Amstel will be heard from next month on a regular base during the weekends on Radio 192. On April 12th Ferry Maat, like Marc a former deejay from Radio Noordzee, will be on air for only a one time three hour show.

News from Holland

Hans Snijder will be the new final editor at Omroep Fryslan, the regional radio and television station in the Province of Groningen. Pim Gaanderse, who does this job until May 15th will then become director. Snijder has worked for many years at NPS television

Unico Glorie

Former Veronica director Unico Glorie, who started his own IT company some years ago, had become part of the board of directors for the Holland Media Group. The 37 years old Glorie will be responsible for the interactive media within the Group, who run RTL4, RTL 5 and Yorin.

A court ruling in Amsterdam decided that under minister Rick van der Ploeg a right decision was made that DNO, De Nieuwe Omroep, have no right to get a license to start a new broadcasting society in Holland as they bring nothing new which other organisation already bring.

Dutch government have decided that in the future all regional and local radio and television station are allowed, when they wish to, to use satellite signals to transmit their programs. They than can be received outside their target area, which was forbidden until now.

On Radio 3, where he worked for almost 20 years, Dutch deejay Henk Westbroek (VARA radio) has been sent on paid leave until May 15th. Reason is that he is member of the new Dutch Political Group Leefbaar Nederland. He can not be on the radio in the forthcoming period, so his bosses think, as he could make to much promotion for the political party.

Well that's all for this time

Greetings,

Hans