The Nostalgia Radio Project

If you're over the age of forty, you can probably recall some fond memories of listening to the popular AM radio station of your teenage years. I know I sure can. Take a few seconds and try to remember some of the great times you and your friends had while the station was playing in the background. Doesn't that make you feel pretty nostalgic and maybe even get you to crack a smile?

About a year ago, I found a Facebook group that was dedicated to the memories of growing up in my teenage hometown of Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Someone had mentioned WNUE-AM and suddenly there were hundreds of folks excitedly typing out their fond memories of the station that was the most popular of them all during the 1960's and 70's. And then the idea struck me, what if a fella' could recreate a long-silent radio station and make it sound so familiar and realistic that others would receive great joy from listening to it?

Some of those folks in the FB group thought I was crazy for even thinking such a thing was possible. Long story short, though, within sixty days I had not only launched a 1960's version of 1400 WNUE-AM Fort Walton Beach, but I'd also launched a 1970's version, as well! I had spent hours and then days searching for the original WNUE jingles but it eventually paid off because I found a virtual treasure trove of audio files. What was the response to my audio creations, you may wonder? It was overwhelmingly positively enthusiastic! People who grew up in my hometown were thrilled and did not shirk on the number of messages of thanks that they sent to me.

Here's links to those two audio streams:

1960's / 1970's

The website URL is www.Classic1400WNUE.com

Not only do the folks who grew up in Fort Walton Beach absolutely love listening to the streams, we've now got thousands of listeners from all over the world! The popularity of those two audio streams sparked a desire in me to try and re-create a long silent radio station that my parent's listened to as teenagers and then after they got married.

So I soon began to work on paying tribute to 560 WQAM Miami which was the most popular radio station in the southeastern United States during the 1960's. Here's a link to the website - click here - if you'll spend thirty to sixty minutes listening to this new tribute station and if you love history,
Americana, and nostalgia, I sincerely believe you'll love what you hear and you don't even have to be from Miami to enjoy it.

I'm hoping that after having listened to my Internet radio creations, you just might want to help me build hundreds of additional tribute stations from all around the U.S.A., maybe someday, I'll be able to build the station from your youth! Wouldn't that be a very cool thing?

I'm not asking for a lot of money, but I do need your help. I've pretty much used up all of my personal resources to build the stations that I have so far. I need funds for increasing the size of my music library, my computer gear is going to need to be upgraded soon, I could use a couple of more pieces of audio equipment, and money to go towards marketing and promotion of each new station. Finally, there is a pricey audio package available that would allow me to easily create authentic and vintage sounding radio jingles, sweepers, and station identification spots whenever I run into difficulty in locating copies of the original station audio files.

I'm very good at stretching money to go a long ways and I'm also pretty resourceful. I've not made any money whatsoever from the stations I've built so far, it's been a labor of love. My goal has always been to take whatever money I raise or earn and put it right back into building more hometown radio stations on the Internet.

Will you please join me in my endeavor to preserve the future of radio past?

Thank you in advance!

Tom