

LANDYACHT RADIO WITH LEFTY AND RED-EPISODE TWO

OPEN JINGLE: Landyacht radio with Lefty and Red.

LEFTY

Goood day Driftless folks, I'm
Lefty.

RED

And I'm Red.

LEFTY

And together we make up Landyacht
Radio with Lefty and Red.
Everything and anything about
happenings in Southwest Wisconsin.

JINGLE: Lefty and Red!

RED

Today's a big day here at Landyacht
Radio.

LEFTY

Yep, Spring is in the air. The
Wisconsin Winter snow is all but
melted, and the first robins are
making their way North.

RED

Which means the annoying, flatulent
growl of Harley motorcycles is
right around the corner.

LEFTY

But this early Spring thaw also
means something sweet.

RED

Maple syrup.

LEFTY

Exactly. Up next we're going out
with a tree tapping expert to tap
some of our own maples, right
outside the trailer.

RED

But first let's pay some bills.

JINGLE: Landyacht Radio!

RED (CONT'D)

Our morning segment is brought to you by Hot Pads N' Stuff of downtown Boscobel. Tired of searing your pinky flesh getting those brownies out of the oven? LaVern Markenson and her staff have a full range of pads, mats and mitts for all of your heat resistant needs.

LEFTY

And they also have a full line of Stuff.

RED

That's right. So come on down to Hot Pads N' Stuff of downtown Boscobel. Mention this ad and get 20 percent off your first pad purchase and half off any Stuff!

JINGLE: Landyacht Radio!

Outdoor sound effects.

LEFTY

Well this is a very special Spring segment here on the show.

RED

Maple Syrup Time.

LEFTY

Yep. We're outside the trailer now, and we're going to tap a few of our trees today with the help of our guest, all the way from Sticky Fingers Farms in Reedsburg, Mavis McGloin. Welcome to the show, Mavis.

MAVIS

Yeah. Real good bein' here.

LEFTY

So what do we need to get started tapping trees?

MAVIS

Well...uh, first you need these metal taps, here.

LEFTY

Uh-Huh.

MAVIS

And you hammer these into the tree. The sap comes down from the inside and gets funneled out through this little spout in the tap and into a sap bag that you hang from the end.

LEFTY

See there, Red. The sap runs from the inside and right out the end of the spout and into the bag.

RED

Lefty, you're Mansplaining again.

LEFTY

And you're welcome.

MAVIS

So we just gotta find a good Maple tree.

SFX feet tromping through the underbrush.

RED

Well look who's up on the trailer roof. It's our intrepid sound engineer Wayland Smaltz. Hi-ya Wayland!

WAYLAND

How-dee-do.

RED

What are you up to up there?

WAYLAND

Well, I'm just adjusting the satellite internet dish, trying to increase the signal a little bit by patching in this F449 Coaxial Signal Booster.

RED

Be careful, now. Don't slip off.

WAYLAND

Oh no. All I have to do is reroute this export wiring harness and--

SFX electricity, sparks, Wayland screaming, slipping, crashing.

MAVIS

This looks like a good Maple tree here.

LEFTY

Alrighty. Let's get tapping.

RED

Uh, Lefty--

LEFTY

--Just a minute, honey. So where is a good height to tap the thing in?

RED

Lefty--

LEFTY

I mean, four feet...six feet?

RED

Lefty.

LEFTY

Yes, honey?

RED

I don't think this is a Maple tree.

LEFTY

Huh?

MAVIS

Oh, I'm fairly sure it is.

LEFTY

She is the expert, sweetheart.

RED

Well, I'm going to go out on a limb here, pardon the pun, but this tree is covered in acorns.

LEFTY

Huh, really.

MAVIS

Oh sure, by golly, look at that.

LEFTY

So that would make this a... Norwegian--

RED
--It's an Oak, Lefty.

LEFTY
Oak. Yes, of course.

MAVIS
Well that's too bad, 'cause I
really don't see any other Maple
trees around here.

LEFTY
That's a shame.

RED
What about that one right behind
you?

LEFTY
I don't think that's a Maple, Red.

MAVIS
I mean, I am the expert.

LEFTY
She is the expert, Red.

RED
Well, if you take a look at one of
the leaves.

LEFTY
Uh-huh.

The sound of Red rolling up her sleeve.

RED
And you compare it to this Canadian
flag tattoo I got on my forearm,
here.

LEFTY
Red was an official Puck Girl for
the Vancouver Canucks from 97 to
99.

MAVIS
Excellent...

LEFTY
She got kicked out for fighting
with the Penguins' mascot. Lots of
blood on the ice, viscous lawsuits,
but that's neither here nor there.

RED

The leaf on the flag is a Maple.

LEFTY

Bing-bing! We got a match!

MAVIS

Okay, great. So, what we do is, we hammer this tap about four feet up the trunk. Want to hold that for me whilst I hammer?

LEFTY

Sure thing. Ooop, let me switch over and hold it in my metal claw...safety first.

RED

For those of you new to the show, Lefty's left hand is a semi-articulated, stainless steel claw.

LEFTY

All set here, Mavis.

MAVIS

Okay, one...two...three!

SFX the loud clank of a hammer. Then the sound of the dropping of a metal tap.

MAVIS (CONT'D)

Huh.

LEFTY

Yeah.

RED

Looks like she deeply imbedded your claw into the tree, Lefty.

LEFTY

Indeed she did.

MAVIS

I really whiffed on that one.

LEFTY

(straining.)

Uhhhhg! That is really stuck. One more good pull. Uhhhhhhgh!

SFX a splooshy sounding pop.

LEFTY (CONT'D)

Oh boy.

MAVIS

His arm popped right out.

LEFTY

So how do we get my claw out of the trunk?

MAVIS

Oh, wait--I got a pry bar.

SFX the clanking of tools, then a creaking prying noise. Then another pop. Finally the sound of a firehose rush of liquid. They have to shout above the whooshing water noise.

RED

Mavis! That's a lot of sap!

LEFTY

Is this normal?!

MAVIS

No! No it is not! This is way more than normal! Much more! A frightening amount more!

LEFTY

What should we do?!

MAVIS

I'd say...run for your lives!

LEFTY

What's our second option?!

We hear the dropping of tool, Mavis running away.

RED

Mavis! Where are you going?!

SFX the shutting of a car door, engine starting, car driving off.

LEFTY

This sap smells like cleaning fluid!

RED

We'll be right back to Landyacht Radio after these messages!

JINGLE: Landyacht Radio!

Sad organ music. The calm, creepy voice of CY BULLOCK of Bullock's Funeral Home and Crematorium.

CY

Hello, I'm Cy Bullock, owner and curator of Bullock's Funeral Home and Crematorium, where we take pride in handling all of your funeral needs when you've lost a loved one, or someone you don't even like very much. And now we're proud to announce that Bullock's is an official sponsor of Crazy Bed-Bug Bernie's Drag-away Race Track.

Surf Rock N' Roll music starts. SFX the squealing of tires and revving of engines.

CY (CONT'D)

Sunday, Sunday, Sunday. Come down to Crazy Bed-Bug Bernies's for Drag-A-Limpcs 2020! We've got Denny Garlin and the Widow Maker. Jimmy the Wild Goose Petterman, the Zippel Twins and their Siamese Assassinator, and very special Guest Shirley Choo-Choo Maroochie! That's this Sunday at Crazy Bed-Bug Bernie's Drag-away Race Track in Cuba City! Have your next cremation at Bullock's and get in for half-price! You'd be crazy to pass up such a deal! Children under twelve always free! That's Crazy Bed-Bug Bernie's Drag-away Race Track. Sunday! Sunday! Sunday!

JINGLE: Landyacht Radio!

LEFTY

Welcome back. Well, we cleaned off the copious amounts of sap from our clothes.

RED

Although we both still smell like Janitor in a Drum, for some reason.

LEFTY

I was able to divert the rushing torrent of sap into a plastic kiddie pool we had in the pole barn. I'll just empty it into some assorted tubs and buckets as the day goes on.

RED

And with that, it's time for Lefty and Red's Traffic report.

JINGLE: Landyacht Radio!

RED (CONT'D)

It's a new segment where we get traffic updates from our field reporter and custodian at The Clyde Elementary School, Herm Demmel. Hi-ya Herm. Can you hear me?

HERM

Loud and clear, Red.

RED

So what's the traffic look like out there, Herm?

A long pause.

HERM

Yah, there's nothin'.

RED

Okay. Thanks, Herm. Talk to you tomorrow.

HERM

You betch-ya.

JINGLE: Lefty and Red...Theatre Beat!

RED

It's time once again for Theatre Beat; reviews and creative happenings with our own staff arts and theatre critic Cecil Stringly. Cecil?

CECIL

Thank you Red. Hi-Ho everyone, Cecil Stringly here, walking southwest Wisconsin's Theatre Beat. And last week I travelled up to the town of Wauzeka, to catch The Pigeon Coop Community Theatre's monstrous production of the classic Damon Runyon musical "Guys and Dolls." As a side note, I do consider myself a bit of an expert of the show, having played Gangster Number three in the Backporch Players 1987 production in Dickeyville. Check out my blog to read the reviews. As for this show, the kindest thing I could say is that at least no one on the stage or in the audience spontaneously combusted. Other than that, it was an atrocious evening of flat singing, clumsy dancing and a staging that made a five car pile-up on the freeway look like "My Fair Lady." Where to begin? The cast was abominable. Playing the lead of handsome gangster Nathan Detroit, was Wauzeka town councilman and sheep farmer Horace Billups who, at well over 330 pounds, made the character look more like a pinstripe Hindenburg than a dashing gambler. And when Mr. Billups tried toe-tapping to "Luck Be A Lady" the very floorboards shook like Nakashima at ground zero. More like Sit Down You're Sinking The Boat. Playing his horrific equal as the Virtuous Sarah Brown was owner and proprietor of Fannie's Footlong Sub Shop in downtown Wauzeka, Laura Lee Paycock. Those used to seeing Laura Lee in other Pigeon Coop productions, "Harvey", "Twelve Angry Men" and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolfe?" know that she has a striking and statuesque stage presence, offset by the fact that she suffers from severe stammering and a lateral lisp.

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CECIL (CONT'D)

Her singing on "I've Never Been In Love Before" sounded less like a soulful ballad and more like a family of wet squirrels being run through a wood chipper. The supporting cast was no better, consisting mostly of thirteen year old boys from the Wauzeka Freshmen Cross Country Team, their squeaking pre-pubescent voices resembling goosed geese. And three extremely over-aged ladies from the St. Bertram Retirement Community, old enough to be the boys grandmothers, laying thick on the makeup and wigs. The rest of the cast was made up of painted cardboard cutouts that looked like they were designed by a nearsighted pre-school. The show came in at a crawling five and a half hours. And it didn't help that Laura Lee Paycock had just given birth to twins, and was breast feeding them during most of the second act. On a positive note; the lemon bars sold in the lobby during intermission were light and scrumptious, and the show band, mostly made up of ukuleles and kazoos, was energetic and in tune. Pigeon Coop Productions "Guys and Dolls" runs through next weekend. Tickets are five and six dollars. Tune in next time when I review The Elroy Patio Player's presentation of "Equus". Is that an ice pick in your pocket, or are you just glad to see me? Red?

RED

Thank you, Cecil, for that in-depth review.

LEFTY

We may have to check that show out. And now, another message from our sponsors.

Greek music plays.

DAMARA

Hello, I am Damara Alexopolous

ADONIS

And I am Adonis Alexopolous, and we are inviting you now to come and eat food at--

BOTH

Alexopolous Family Restaurant!

DAMARA

On highway 51, just outside of Poynette!

ADONIS

We have all your favorites: spinacopita, domaldes, moussaka, amygdolota.

DAMARA

Bougasta, Dolmadakia, Kataifi and fish!

ADONIS

And leave room for some Galaktoboureko for dessert!

DAMARA

And everything is all you can eat! All day!

ADONIS

All day! Who does that?!

DAMARA

We do that! Open 24 four hours a day with plenty of parking at the salvage yard next door.

ADONIS

And now till Friday, if you order the deluxe feta omelette, you get a whole pineapple...free!

DAMARA

Free pineapple? Who does that!

ADONIS

We do! At Alexopolous Family Restaurant.

ANNOUNCER

Alexopolous Family Restaurant, on Highway 51, just next to Oberman's Tire Center.

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ANNOUNCER (CONT'D)
Mention this ad and get half-off
your next deluxe club sandwich.

BOTH
Come and eat food with us today!

Music fade out.

JINGLE: Ask Your Neighbor!

LEFTY
Well it's time once again for Lefty
and Red's Ask Your Neighbor.

RED
The call-in show where you give
advice, post a problem, make an
announcement or just swap and
barter goods and services with
folks in the area.

LEFTY
No money changes hands, no hard
feelings.

RED
It's our little, podcast version of
Craigslist.

LEFTY
Except you won't get murdered and
put in a wood chipper.

SFX Phone Ring

LEFTY (CONT'D)
And there's our first call. Hello,
you're on Ask Your Neighbor.

PATTY
Hi, this is Patty Elmhurst in Union
Center.

LEFTY
And what can we do you for, Patty?

PATTY
Somebody stole our dumpsters.

LEFTY
Come again?

PATTY

Our garbage dumpsters. Two of them.
We had them out on our sidewalk
overnight...my *husband* forgot to
bring them in.

We hear her husband in the background.

HUSBAND

Patty...

PATTY

And I woke up this morning and they
were gone. I mean, who does that?

LEFTY

This sounds like a serious trash
felony.

PATTY

Probably some young hoodlums, meth
heads or what have you. Out for
kicks. I mean, if my husband had
just brought them in last night--

HUSBAND

Enough, Patty.

PATTY

But really, I'm just calling to
warn other folks to keep an eye on
their dumpsters. Chain them up,
keep them close or, you know, just
remember to bring them in at night.

HUSBAND

Patty!

PATTY

I'm just saying, be careful. It's a
dangerous world.

LEFTY

Sound advice. Thanks for that heads
up Patty.

SFX Phone Ring

RED

Hi, you're on Ask Your Neighbor.

HAROLD

There's a hat in a tree.

RED

Pardon?

HAROLD

There's a hat, way up in the tree.

RED

Who is this and where are you calling from?

HAROLD

Oh yeah, this is Harold Hornbacher over in LaFarge. There's a hat up in the tree.

RED

Which tree, Harold?

HAROLD

It's the tall ash tree right on the sidewalk, main street. I was lookin' up at the birds that are startin' to come back, you know. Cardinals and grosbeaks and what have you. And then I looks up and, sure as shoot, that ain't no robin, that's a hat. It's right out in front of the Pharmacy. That's where I'm calling from.

RED

What kind of hat is it?

HAROLD

It's a real nice one. It's one of those red flannel ear-flappy jobs with the fur on the inside. The kind the kids like.

RED

Oh sure.

HAROLD

But it's way the heck up there. Twenty-five, thirty feet. Anyone wants a real nice ear-flappy hat, all they gotta do is shimmy up the tree and--well, I'd do it myself you know, but with the bad hip, I ain't no good at climbin'.

RED

Right.

HAROLD

Had that surgery back in eighty-six, put a whole teflon thing in there. But that didn't take. And the there was all that physical therapy crap--

RED

Uh-Huh.

HAROLD

And the braces and walkers and what-not. And my son-in-law, well he ain't no good for nothin', you know. But if someone wants a real nice flannel hat, it's up there, ripe for the pickin'.

RED

Okay, well anyone in LaFarge wants a nice flannel ear-flap hat, head to the Pharmacy.

LEFTY

But do it quick. First come, first serve, I imagine.

SFX: Phone ring.

LEFTY (CONT'D)

Hi, you're on Ask Your Neighbor.

PATTY

Yes, this is Patty Elmhurst from Union Center calling back.

LEFTY

What's up Patty? Any word on your dumpsters?

Husband from the background.

HUSBAND

Tell 'em. Patty.

PATTY

(embarrassed.)

Uh, yes, well, it seems there was a really strong wind storm last night.

LEFTY

Uh-Huh.

PATTY

And, well the dumpsters have wheels on them, you know.

LEFTY

Right?

PATTY

And I guess they all just blew down the block.

Husband from the background.

HUSBAND

Ha!

PATTY

All the dumpsters on our street, actually. They all blew down into a huge pile in the cul-de-sac by the Anderson house.

LEFTY

Oh the humanity.

PATTY

So, uh, no harm no foul, right? Everything is a-okay, I guess.

HUSBAND

Ha! You can suck it, Patty.

PATTY

Tom! For god's sake, I'm on the radio!

LEFTY

Well, even though we averted a dumpster tragedy, it never hurts to be vigilant.

SFX Phone Ring.

LEFTY (CONT'D)

Hi, welcome to Ask Your Neighbor.

BERNICE

Hello, this is Bernice Ramsey calling from Muscoda.

LEFTY

Well hello, Bernice. What can we do for you?

BERNICE

Well I'm doing some volunteer work over here at the Woof and Meow Pet Store.

LEFTY

I know it well.

BERNICE

Well for the past ten days or so we've been on a special kitty drive, trying to get as many cats adopted as we could. At first we were calling it The Pussy Project, but we started getting some strange people in here, so we changed it to Kitty Kat Konfidential. And I'm happy to say we've given over fifty cats new forever homes.

LEFTY

That's terrific.

BERNICE

But there is one cat we just can't seem find a home for. He's sweet and cuddly and just the cutest little guy you've ever seen.

LEFTY

Awww.

BERNICE

I e-mailed a photo over to you to maybe put on your website?

LEFTY

Okay, well let's take a look.

SFX of computer keys tapping.

LEFTY (CONT'D)

There he is!

RED

Awww! He looks like a sweetheart.

LEFTY

What a handsome fellah.

BERNICE

As you can see, he's all white except for a black cap of fur on his head and a little black mustache under his nose.

LEFTY

That's so cute.

BERNICE

So we've given him the nickname Little Adolf Hitler.

LEFTY

(confused.)
What?

BERNICE

He'd be perfect for kids or seniors. He's loving and playful. It's so much fun to watch little Adolf chase those cat-nip mouse toys around the store.

LEFTY

Uh...Bernice--

BERNICE

But for some reason we can't get folks interested in him. So, if you could, post the picture on your website and let's see if we all can't help give Little Adolf Hitler a forever home.

LEFTY

Bernice, have you thought that maybe he's not getting adopted because of the name?

BERNICE

What?

LEFTY

I mean, I don't know, maybe you could change it to something like...Charlie?

BERNICE

(confused.)
Well, I don't...what, Little Charlie Hitler?

LEFTY

No, Chaplin. Charlie Chaplin. He's had the same kind of moustache, and he was funny, and he wasn't responsible for a holocaust.

BERNICE

(realizing.)

Oh right. Oh forever more, that just slipped my mind. You're right. I'll have Maureen get the label maker and we'll change that right away.

LEFTY

And you might want to re-take his picture without the red armband.

BERNICE

Oh sure. I'll get right on it. Thanks so much.

SFX Phone Ring

LEFTY

Hi, you're on ask your neighbor.

ETHYL

(disguising her voice)

Hello, uhm, this is Ethyl--I mean Jane...yeah, Jane Smith over in uh...Smithsville?

LEFTY

(suspicious)

Uh-huh?

ETHYL

Say, that little cat sounds like he'd be somthin' right my alley. And since I am a professional woman who doesn't own any cats--

Cats start to wail loudly in the background.

ETHYL (CONT'D)

Hardly any cats, I would love to give that little Adolf a home--

LEFTY

--I know it's you, Ethyl.

ETHYL

I beg your pardon?

LEFTY
Ethyl Flapsaddle, our Sales &
Marketing Director?

ETHYL
Oh no, like I said this is Jane
Smith and...uh...oh...yeah, okay,
it's me. Sorry Lefty.

LEFTY
You remember our cat rule, here at
the trailer, Ethyl?

ETHYL
Yeah.

LEFTY
And what is it?

ETHYL
No more than twelve--

LEFTY
Twelve, right. You already have
fourteen, Ethyl. You can barely
take care of those as it is. The
whole back of the trailer smells
like a litter box.

ETHYL
But he's so adorable--

LEFTY
--Ethyl.

ETHYL
Okay...I'm sorry.

LEFTY
You know, maybe you could take a
break from cat shopping and make a
few sales calls--

SFX hang up and dial tone.

RED
She's really getting to be a
problem.

SFX phone ring.

RED (CONT'D)
You're on Ask Your Neighbor.

HERM

Hey, this is Herm Demmel over in Clyde. Say, I'd really love to adopt that little Nazi cat, he's just as cute as a button, you know? Does he salute and goose step and stuff?

RED

Why don't we hook you up with Bernice at the Woof & Meow Pet Shop and she can fill you in on the details.

HERM

Okay, right-o.

RED

We'll be right back to Landyacht Radio with Lefty and Red.

Music: Lefty and Red

Music: Cha-Cha

LOUELLA

Hi, this is Louella Bowie inviting you to come on down to the Tip-Top Tippy-Toe Dance Studio in Boaz. Our highly trained and hygienic staff will guide you through all the latest dance steps: The Fox Trot...The Boston Shimmy...The Viennese Handwarmer...The Padukah Poprocket...Mr. Jimmy's Squishy-Squash...and, of course, The Electric Toenail. And we specialize in Polkas, Mazurkas and Shoddishes. And every Thursday night is Dance Night at the Tip-Top Tippy-Toe. You can dance the night away from four until seven-thirty, practicing all the steps you learned at the studio. Bring a dish to pass and you get in for half-price. All music provided by Jerry Merton and His Magic Organ. So get up, get out, get in your car and head over to Tip-Top Tippy-Toe Dance Studio, then shut off your car, get out and come on inside. We can't wait to see you.

ANNOUNCER

Tip-Top Tippy-Toe is not responsible for unforeseen falls, torn knee ligaments, fractured hips or lumbago.

Music: Lefty and Red

LEFTY

That's all the time we have for Lefty and Red this week. We thank you for tuning in.

RED

Wait a minute, Lefty. What happened with all of that sap from the maple tree?

LEFTY

Well the tree finally leaked it's last and we ended up with just under 400 gallons of that precious stuff. Now all we have to do is boil it down to syrup and heat up the waffle iron.

RED

How much syrup do you think we'll get?

LEFTY

Well I found a Google app online call iSyrup, and it estimates the amount of syrup you'll get based off the amount of sap you harvested. And it looks like--

SFX the tapping of computer keys.

LEFTY (CONT'D)

--Huh. Just under half a pint!

RED

Score!

LEFTY

I know, right? And I hope this teaches the listeners out there a valuable lesson about self-sufficiency.

RED

Don't be afraid to drill holes in
trees. So long everyone. And
remember--

LEFTY

You want to come with?

RED

Then come here once.

End music.