

So, what is this contest all about. First, a little history, the contest was first aired in 1969 as a gimmick to get people to listen to the station. The next year, no contest. Then someone realized that the gimmick worked, so why not do it again. The idea caught on and went from 16 hours to 54 hours. In 1974, they tried 56 hours. That was not a good idea, so the contest went back to the 54 hours. Hopefully, we have put COVID past us and can now return to the 54 hours and “normal” structure. The contest begins at 6pm on a Friday and continues until the final question is over at midnight that Sunday.

The Contest is a Media based contest. I think people get enough ‘academic’ type questions on a daily basis, no need to spend a weekend addressing more of them. What is media? Movies, television, magazines, music, radio, sports and okay, an occasional literature, history or medical question. There are 8 questions an hour, some are easier than others. The questions are read over the air and teams have the length of 2 songs, about 6 minutes to figure out what is being asked and then find the answer. Many times, a bit of familiarity with the movie or show is needed to recognize the clues. The range of questions generally runs from the 1930s to the present day.

A typical successful Trivia team has a wide age spread to the players, depending on children on up through grandparents, but the underlying gel is people. People being together just having fun. A Trivia team typically plays out of a single house, basement, building or dorm, crowding anywhere from 1 player to 400 players together for the weekend. Some teams were pretty creative in setting up sleep schedules while others just winged it. We are hoping for that, or some variation to be the case for Trivia 2022. Players often get together only once a year to renew friendships and talk about what happened over the past spin around the sun. Even when working on answers, people talk, laugh, eat and have fun. Many of the teams have been playing for over 30 years, beginning as college students or younger, playing with their parents, then with their college friends who quickly became lifelong friends like they wouldn’t develop in any other setting. Friends are made out of relatives and strangers. That is what Trivia is.

Now, with that in mind, get registered to play, form a team and get ready to play Trivia, Fast Eddie.....

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