

Here we are in mid-March and preparing for a nice snow accumulation. I'm ready! I just didn't put away the snow blower, in fact, never used it this year. I guess you could just say I'm very superstitious. Speaking of standing under a ladder, have you noticed an increase in black cats? I know I have. And what about that broken mirror you had to throw out this winter? Well, spring is on the way and with it comes April showers. Don't forget to not open your umbrella before you head out. It's all just superstition, but not Trivia. That is Trivia 54: Very Superstitious. Trivia is just around the corner and I'll stow the superstition stuff and get down to the letter you have been looking to receive.

Trivia merchandise pre-orders are up and ready for you to get in on the goodies. The website is <https://trivia-53.myshopify.com/>. Pre-orders will be accepted until 7am on Sunday, April 7th. At that time the store will be closed. You can pick up your merchandise, add to the order or pick out new items at the station any time that week, Monday through Friday during registration hours. If you pre-order, you have to pick up your order by Friday at the start of the contest or it will be returned to stock. Merchandise will also be available at the station from 10 – 8 on April 13th and 10 – 8 on April 14th. On April 14th, we will be bringing up merchandise from previous years. We really concentrated on getting limited quantities of XXXL sizes in other than the regular T-Shirts. It's a test year to see how many we actually sell. We will be accepting MasterCard/Visa cards at the station for the entire week of Trivia.

Registration will be held beginning April 8th through April 11th from 3 until 7, and on April 12th from noon until 5:45. Team registration is \$40 per team for local teams. Each team will get a copy of the New Trivia Times and at 3pm or so, April 8th, the book will appear online. If you wish to play from out of town, go the <http://90fmtrivia.org/> and click on the Playing Out of Town Information link. Out of town registration is \$75. If you are playing locally, here is the link to get and print your registration form, <http://90fmtrivia.org/REGFORM.pdf>.

The Trivia Kickoff Movie will be on Friday and Saturday April 5th and 6th at 9:30PM. I'm sure that even the oldest of you, which means me, will be able to stay up late enough to enjoy the movie. It's going to be awesome. I'm looking forward to seeing this again on the big screen. We are all hoping to see you there.

For those of you who are aware, not only is Trivia on the radio but also streaming online and we will again be streaming the video of the weekend. All of those connections are at www.90fmtrivia.org.

The Trivia Parade will be held on April 12th beginning at 4pm. The starting point is Lot Q on the University campus. The route can be found at <http://90fmtrivia.org/parade.html>. If you aren't participating, at least stop by to watch the crazy floats. I'm thinking it's going to be fun, as usual. Of course, there is the candy, because, well...CANDY!

Holy moly, there is so much to remember but not as much as before. If you have a question, please send your email to theo@dwave.net. I will answer you, because, I seriously have nothing to do for the next couple weeks. The planning has been going on with a great staff. Thanks to all those who worked so hard on the New Trivia Times and to all the businesses who put ads in the book. So many of them have been supporters for many years and we appreciate their support. Please mention to them that you saw their ad in the New Trivia Times. Let them know that you support them in return. When ordering food during the contest, check the New Trivia Times for deals and specials. And remember that these businesses are part of Trivia, please support them.

Each question in the contest might run for two songs, except singing questions which run for three songs, and the final question which will run for one song. Each team is limited to one call per question. Each question is between 5 and 500 points, depending on the number of teams answering a question correctly. Just before the top 5 or 10 teams are read at the end of the newscast, we will announce the point values of the previous hour's questions. Of course, there will still be the two running questions and the Trivia Stone. We ask that teams do not collaborate with other teams and that the contest be treated as what it is...a game. Scores will be updated about every two hours or so on the internet at the trivia web site, <http://90fmtrivia.org/> . Sometime after the contest begins, we will give out the Trivia Complaint Line phone number. It is to be used for legitimate complaints concerning the validity of an answer. If your score does not match ours, ours is right. Please feel free to record and play back any part of the contest. In fact, you should use recorders because we will not repeat questions on the complaint line. However, no part of the contest may be broadcast or reproduced without the permission of 90FM and DAC, including the pictures in the New Trivia Times.

DAC is going into his second year of writing this contest and I think he is doing an outstanding job of it. I love the theme, the merch looks great, the work is getting done at the station, the phone lines are ordered, the scorekeeping computers have been tested and I can feel some tingling! It's time to start getting the plans made for food over the weekend. It's time to think of the loved ones who may not be with us this year except for their spirit which is uplifting for sure. To Tom Jones, Fly the Friendly Skies of United. I know he will smile at that. And to all of you, make your plans. You know the drill, listen, answer questions, eat, repeat. Gather 'round, and get ready for the most exciting weekend of the year because you know you want to play Trivia Fast Eddie.....