

LANDYACHT RADIO WITH LEFTY AND RED-PILOT

OPEN JINGLE: Landyacht radio with Lefty and Red. One oh-oh point nine!

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

JINGLE: Lefty and Red!

RED

We want to welcome all you folks who are kind enough to tune in to our first ever show, right Lefty?

LEFTY

Spot on, Red. We though we'd take a dive into new digital media and produce out own radio podcast. We had all the necessary elements; microphones, internet service and way too much spare time.

RED

Well heck, if Gwyneth Paltrow can have one, why not us?

LEFTY

We're just as interesting and little less New Age crazy.

RED

So here we are.

LEFTY

Here we are.

RED

The maiden voyage of Land-yacht Radio.

JINGLE: Landyacht Radio!

LEFTY

And I have to say our show is pretty unique.

(MORE)

LEFTY (CONT'D)

We broadcast live from a vintage 1966 Airstream landyacht travel trailer located on our beautiful twenty-five acre property tucked in the rolling hills between Richland Center and the Highland Township.

RED

And it's also our home.

LEFTY

That's right.

RED

Now we didn't originally intend to host a radio show.

LEFTY

We did not.

RED

We bought this property over twenty years ago to become farmers.

LEFTY

Yes we did.

RED

We had the perfect crop; a rare, unusual, yet very popular product that was going to become the hottest item at the Farmer's Markets. Unfortunately, we discovered one fatal drawback--

LEFTY

Mangos do not grow well in Wisconsin.

RED

They do not.

LEFTY

So, after eight unsuccessful growing seasons, we had to face the music and pay the bills. So I picked up a job at Veletnik's Welding in Lone Rock. Funny story, I actually lied about the years of experience I had as a welder--

RED

--You had none.

LEFTY

I had none. First day on the job, I picked up the wrong end of the welding torch.

RED

Lopped off all of his fingers.

LEFTY

Every last one. But, I replaced them with a handy, stainless steel multi-use claw.

RED

He goes as Captain Hook every Halloween.

LEFTY

And ironically, my given Christian name is Lefty. Lefty Horatio Sobczek. So, this whole disfiguring welding accident hook thing is just a happy coincidence.

RED

Well, when the good lord welds shut a door, he breaks open a window.

LEFTY

Amen.

JINGLE: Landyacht Weather!

LEFTY (CONT'D)

Oops, that jingle tell us it's time for local weather. Let me stick my head out here.

We hear the sound of a window opening and his head outside.

LEFTY (CONT'D)

Well, it looks like it's gonna be partly cloudy, although it's hard to see past the black walnut leaves that are overhanging the trailer. So--yeah--no, I'm gonna say partly cloudy with a chance of rain later...or not.

JINGLE: Landyacht Weather!

RED

Since this is our first ever show, we thought we'd give you folks a tour of our studios. See what we're all about. What makes Landyacht Radio tick.

LEFTY

A little tough to do in a non-visual medium, but what the heck.

The sound of Lefty and Red moving about the trailer. A door opens.

RED

So to start with, this is the bathroom.

LEFTY

Gender friendly.

RED

It has an actual flush toilet and a baby changing station.

LEFTY

I just nailed the lid of an old cooler onto the wall with a piano hinge, but, hey, dirty diapers can't be choosers.

The door shuts. More movement.

RED

And over here, behind this tiny closet is the hi-tech equipment room. The heart beat of Land-yacht Radio.

SFX Door Opening.

LEFTY

And inside here is the guy who makes it all happen; chief engineer Wayland Smaltz.

RED

Hi-ya Wayland.

WAYLAND

Oh, Hi-Dee-Hoo.

RED

We're so very lucky to have a man of Wayland's experience on staff.

WAYLAND

Aw, shucks...

RED

He spent three years at the Radio Shack in Dodgeville before they closed up.

LEFTY

What-cha doing there Wayland?

RED

Looks like a complicated job. Are we still on air?

WAYLAND

Oh sure..y'ow, I'm just re-routing the ICOM IC-7300 to bypass the Network Switcher and run it directly to the, y'ow, HR70 BAP Processor...y'ow.

RED

That...doesn't look like standard wiring.

WAYLAND

Yeah, well, y'ow, I ran out of the D-55 digital wiring harnesses so...y'ow, I just snipped a hunk of barbed wire from the fence out back, and uh...y'ow. I mean it's metal and, it bends and stuff, so...y'ow.

RED

Okay

LEFTY

You're the expert.

RED

(jokingly.)

Your not gonna burn the place down are you?

WAYLAND

(chuckling.)

Oh, no...

SFX door shutting.

WAYLAND (CONT'D)
...I mean...probably not.

SFX door shuts. Lefty and Red moving.

LEFTY
Now let's go back to where the money's made. In the rear of the trailer is the office of Sales and Promotions.

RED
And heading up that department is our sales and promotions whiz, Ethyl Flapsaddle.

LEFTY
So Ethyl, what's new on the S&P front?

Ethyl's voice is quiet and barely audible as she stammers and halts in her speech.

ETHYL
Hi...I...uh,dmnmnmbn...uh...have nmndt-† uhmm...

LEFTY
Sorry, you're going to have to speak up there, Ethyl. Step right up and eat the microphone, as they say.†

Ethyl is extremely close to the microphone, distorting everything.

ETHYL
MMMPH..GLORP...MAWANNPH!

LEFTY
Okay, not literally, sweetheart. Let's just split the difference, okay?

ETHYL
(shy and meek.)
How's this?

LEFTY
Perfect.

SFX: Cats meowing.

RED

I see you brought your cats in today. Ethyl.

LEFTY

You said you had four at home, but right now I'm counting...at least nine.

ETHYL

Yes, well, the Cat Fancier's Shelter in Boscobel was running a two for one sale on foster kitties last week. So now I've got Mr. Snotzi, Ahab Fuzzy Belly, Lou Jacobi, Her Ladyship Gland Squeezer-

LEFTY

--You're quite the feline enthusiast.

ETHYL

Oh yes...some days I wish I was a cat instead of a human person.

LEFTY

Uh-huh...

ETHYL

They're mysterious and independent and graceful...and who wouldn't want to poop in a box of sand once in a while?

LEFTY

Okay, moving on. What progress have you made in the old S&P department?

ETHYL

Well, I have my sales notebook, which I've gridded off into equal columns of two inches by one inch, with potential sponsors on the left side in blue, and accrued ad dollars and donations on the top in red.

SFX: Cat meowing and snarling.

ETHYL (CONT'D)

No, Mr. Snotzie! Down!

LEFTY

And have you made any sales calls
so far?

ETHYL

(petrified.)

Calls?...Oh, no...no, no, no, no,
no, no, no...I can't--

(hyperventilating.)

I can't...oh god...no, no...I
can't...talk...talk to...

(weeping.)

Go outside? And talk? To people? To--
-oh god. I'm sorry...I have to...I
just...

She leaves, weeping. Sounds of cats fighting.

LEFTY

Okay Ethyl, well you just take five
and we'll get back to you.

From off mike.

ETHYL

Oh god!

LEFTY

You'll have to excuse Ethyl.

RED

She has a bit of a shyness issue.

LEFTY

Actually she suffers from something
called Anthropophobia.

RED

Which is a dreaded fear of all
living humans.

LEFTY

A little hitch in her giddy-up, but
I'm sure once she gets her feet wet
on a few sales calls, she'll be
just fine.

We hear Ethyl crying in the background.

RED

Let's take a break for the few
advertisers we do have. You're
listening to Landyacht Radio.

SFX Jingle: Landyacht Radio!

AD

SFX Jingle: Landyacht Radio!

LEFTY

We've got some late breaking news here at the Lefty and Red show. It involves a high speed chase out near the elementary school in the town of Clyde. On the scene is our own field reporter, Cookie Hightower, Cookie, what's happening out there?

We hear Cooking Hightower form the field.

COOKIE

Lefty, I'm here at the Clyde Elementary School where it's been reported that at least three passing cars have been going over the posted speed limit during school hours. I'm here with Clyde Elementary School custodian and crossing guard Herm Demmel. Herm, fill us in on what happened.

HERM

Well, I was out here this morning helping the kids cross county road Q, I got on my bright green vest and my stop sign and what have you, when all of a sudden, great guns, bat outta heck this Subaru Hatchback comes outta nowhere's, doin' at least 14 to 16 miles per hour over the allotted 10 miles per hour during school hours that's clearly posted in three places along the road.

COOKIE

Then what happened?

HERM

Well after he goes whippin' by, I shake my fist at him and what have you, making sure all seven kids is safe and all first, of course.

COOKIE

Of course.

HERM

When out of god's green sky two
more cars go racing past doin'
about the same speeds as that darn
Subaru.

COOKIE

And I understand a high speed chase
ensued.

HERM

Well I chased after them as much as
I could, but what with my heavier
work boots on and my plantar
fasciitis I didn't get too far,
needless to say. I tried throwing a
can of Copenhagen at them I had in
my back pocket...to no avail. I did
notice one thing they all had in
common, though.

COOKIE

What's that?

HERM

(ominously.)
Illinois plates.

COOKIE

Horrrifying. So what valuable lesson
can we all learn from what happened
here today, Mr. Demmel?

HERM

(after a pause.)
Slow down.

COOKIE

Sage advice. I'm Cookie Hightower,
back to Lefty and Red in the
studio.

LEFTY

Thanks Cookie for that chilling
story.

RED

Really makes you think.

LEFTY

I'll say.

SFX Jingle: Lefty and Red-Ask Your Neighbor!

RED
 (chuckling.)
 Hey Lefty, it's that time again.

LEFTY
 You bet. Time 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, local radio
 version of FaceBook.

LEFTY
 Without all the pictures of
 desserts, cats doing gymnastics or
 deep state propaganda.

RED
 And no ads.

LEFTY
 So if you got something you'd like
 to talk about, get off your chest
 or want to barter with your
 neighbor, pick up the phone and
 give us a call.

SFX: Phone ring.

LEFTY (CONT'D)
 And there's our first caller. Hi,
 you're on Lefty and Red's Ask Your
 Neighbor.

LOUELLA
 Hello, this is Louella Bowie
 calling from over in Boaz.

LEFTY
 Hi-ya Louella, what can we do for
 you?

LOUELLA

Well, I just wanted to let folks know that the Swing Dance evening at the VFW last Friday was such a big hit, that we're scheduling a few more.

LEFTY

Terrific!

LOUELLA

Ya', so next Friday we're have Rhumba Lessons 101, then the following Thursday will be an evening of Waltz, Fox Trot and Twerking. No charge either night, just bring a dish to pass.

LEFTY

Sounds like a lot of fun to get out and shake your tail feathers in Boaz the next couple of weeks.

LOUELLA

Oh, and music supplied by Jerry Merton and his Magic Organ. Thanks, bye-bye.

LEFTY

Gotta love Jerry's organ.

Phone Ring SFX

RED

And we have another call. Hi, welcome to Lefty and Red's Ask Your Neighbor.

BERT

Hi, this is Bert Coombs over in Lime Ridge.

RED

What's up, Bert?

BERT

I work at the muffler shop on main street over here, and I just wanted to let folks know there is a suspicious looking guy walking back and forth on the sidewalk the last few hours singing songs...real loud.

RED
Singing songs?

BERT
Real loud, yeah. I called the
police, but they said they couldn't
do much at the moment, so...

RED
What's he singing, Bert?

BERT
Oh, you know, lot's of 80's hits,
mostly. Right now he's belting out
"Some Like It Hot" by Robert Palmer
and The Power Station.

RED
Well that's a crime right there.

LEFTY
Gonna be stuck in my head for the
next few hours.

RED
Well keep us posted with any late
breaking singing news, okay Bert?

BERT
Ya, you got it, thanks.

Ringin Phone SFX.

RED
Hi, welcome to Ask Your Neighbor.

WOMAN
Hello, we just moved my Mom into
the White Oaks Retirement Facility,
and cleaning out her house last
weekend, we found a bunch of
crocheted toilet paper cozies.

RED
Uh-huh...

WOMAN
You know, the fancy ones with the
little ballerina doll on top.

RED
Right?

WOMAN

All glittery and what not.
Well...going through the closets
and drawers, we found she made a
lot of them. Many. Many, many.

RED

How much is many, would you say?

WOMAN

Somewheres between two and four
thousand.

RED (V.O.)

Oh my...

WOMAN

Plus, about 500 skeins of assorted
colored yarns and dozens of crochet
hooks, all sizes. So...if anybody
wants a cozie for the back of their
toilet, or yarns or hooks, please
stop by and we'd be happy to
unload. Please, really, we need
help.

RED

And where can folks go if they want
these cozies--

Sound of a phone hanging up.

RED (CONT'D)

Oh geeze, they hung up.

LEFTY

That's not gonna help the cause.

RED

No sir.

LEFTY

I'm gonna predict a lot of
unclaimed TP Ballerinas.

Phone Ring SFX.

LEFTY (CONT'D)

And another caller. Hi, your on Ask
Your Neighbor with Lefty and Red.

BERNICE

(on the phone.)

Hello, this is Bernice Ramsey, over
in Muscoda.

LEFTY

Hiya, Bernice. Good to hear from
you again. What can we swap for
you?

BERNICE

Well, I have a very nice, queen
sized mattress I'd like to trade.
It's about eight years old, but in
very nice shape. Very firm and
springy and everything.

LEFTY

Uh-huh...

BERNICE

Now it's a little stained. But it's
just coffee. Coffee stained.
Believe me. Nothing else. Just
coffee.

LEFTY

Okay, so Bernice has a nice,
springy, slightly coffee stained
queen sized mattress, and what
would you like to trade for it?

BERNICE

Well, I'm looking for two tickets
to see the Osmond Brothers
Christmas Spectacular Show in
Branford, Missouri this December.

LEFTY

Oh, The Osmonds? They put on one
heck of a show.

BERNICE

Well, my sister's coming to stay
with me over the Holidays, and she
just loves that Donnie & Marie.

LEFTY

And who can blame her? Well, if you've got two tickets to the Osmonds Christmas Show in Branford and want to swap them out for a coffee stained queen-sized, just give us a call here at the trailer and we'll make the swap.

SFX: Phone Ring.

RED

And we've got another caller. Hi, you're on Lefty and Red's Swap Meet.

HERM

Hi, this is Herm Demmel from over at the Clyde School...

RED

Hiya, Herm. What can we do for you?

HERM

Well I tell ya', that queen sized mattress sounds just like what the doctor ordered for me, what with my ciatica and what not. I mean, the mattress I have now is fine. It's perfectly good. My grandfather died on it about twenty-five years ago. But it is getting a little lumpy and I'm due for a change.

RED

You don't mind that it's a little stained, do you?

HERM

Oh no, I prefer stains, actually.

RED

Okay, well we won't go any further with that. You happen to have those tickets to the Osmonds Show Bernice wanted?

HERM

Not exactly, but I think I might have something just as good.

RED

Well we've still got her on hold,
let's bring her back and see what
she thinks.

LEFTY

Hi Bernice, you still there?

BERNICE

Hello? Oh...that was such nice
music I was hearing.

LEFTY

That's our hold music, Bernice.

BERNICE

Can I get a phonograph record of
that?

LEFTY

Bernice, we have Herm Demmel over
in Clyde says he wants your
mattress and he might have
something just as good as Osmond
Christmas tickets. Care to hear his
offer?

BERNICE

Oh my, yes.

HERM

Hello Bernice?

BERNICE

Yes?

HERM

Yah, this is Herm over in Clyde.
Say I really want that mattress,
and I got something just as good as
that Osmond show.

BERNICE

Okay?

HERM

This is something I won at the Corn
Fest over in Cobb. I got first
place in the Don't Spill The Beer
Contest.

(MORE)

HERM (CONT'D)

Okay, it's two tickets, all expenses paid to spend New Years at The Leech Lake Casino in Brainerd, Minnesota to see the internationally popular ZZ Top cover band YY Bottoms.

(reading.)

It says, uh...Enjoy their fairly accurate renditions of your favorite hits like "Gimme All Your Lovin'".

BERNICE

Uh-huh...

HERM

"She's Got Legs"

BERNICE

Oh sure...

HERM

And "Tush."

BERNICE

Oh my.

HERM

Complete with accomodations, all you can eat chicken and ribs buffet and twenty dollars each in Leech Lake Gambling Tokens to play the games of your choice.

RED

Wow, that sound like one heck of a New Years.

LEFTY

What do you say, Bernice? It's not the Osmonds, but it still sounds like one heck of a show.

BERNICE

Well...all right. My sister loves playing the slots, so...

LEFTY

Terrific. Looks like Bernice and her sister will be "crazy for a sharp dressed man" this New years Eve.

BERNICE
 (confused.)
 I'm sorry, what?

LEFTY
 Stay on the line, you two, and
 we'll have you work out the details
 of today's swap.

RED
 And we'll be right back to
 Landyacht Radio with Lefty and Red,
 right after this.

Jingle: Landyacht Radio! With Left and Red!

GARY
 Hi, this is Gary for Gary's Dairy
 and Berry Sanctuary. We have all
 the supplies to suit your dairy and
 berry needs. Bulk Calf De-wormers?
 We got 'em. Foot Rot and Ringworm
 Sprays? We got 'em. Bovine Anal
 Syringes? You know it, we got 'em.
 And Gary's always keeps a wide
 variety of udder creams in all your
 favorite scents; mint, juniper, and
 my favorite, sandalwood. Mmmmm,
 that's smooth. And don't forget to
 head over to our berry section,
 where we now have a fresh supply
 of red raspberries, Michigan
 blueberries and black caps. And
 this Friday I'll be at Lester's
 Cozy Inn Bar and Supper Club in
 Belmont for Open Mike Comedy Night.
 "What's with airplanes these days?"
 Ha-ha. That's Gary's Dairy and
 Berry Sanctuary, right next to the
 grain silo on Highway KK in
 Casseville.

LEFTY
 Well, that's all the time we have
 for our maiden voyage of Landyacht
 Radio With Lefty and Red.

RED
 We hope you've had as much fun
 listening as we've had
 broadcasting.

(MORE)

RED (CONT'D)

And tune in for more episodes,
right here on WRCO Radio in
Richland Center.

LEFTY

We would sure like to make this a
regular weekly show, as we are
heavily in debt with The Mango
Growers Association down there in
Guatamala Central America.

RED

Not nice people.

LEFTY

They are, indeed, a violent cartel.

RED

We fear for our safety.

LEFTY

Thanks everyone for tuning in. For
Red, myself, and the entire staff
here at Landyacht Radio--

RED

You want to come with?

LEFTY

Then come here, once.

End Music.