

The resulting mp3 files are a culmination of a 13 month process from purchasing 16" Transcription discs to their final audio restoration.

The OTRRPG group purchased Transcription Discs for \$2000. This included the following Discs:

Indian Trails = 34 shows on 30 discs  
The Lone Indian = 21 shows on 17 discs  
Santa Fe Trail = 22 shows on 16 discs  
Wife Wanted = 20 shows on 14 discs  
Tommy Gale and The Box T Ranch = 2 shows on 1 disc  
The Singing Bandit = 29 shows on 20 discs

There is an enclosed description from <http://www.radiogoldindex.com> of the programs. I couldn't find very much about the shows. The writer, producer and narrator for all the recordings was Robert A. Callahan.

*Callahan (b. Oct. 27, 1892; d. Jan. 10, 1981), an entertainer and novelist, exploited America's fascination with all things Western — especially the romanticized notions of Old California as presented by Helen Hunt Jackson in her seminal 1884 novel, "Ramona" — by collecting objects with a connection, real or imagined, to the novelist and her work, and displaying them for paying tourists at his Ramona Village in Culver City. Renamed Mission Village, he closed it in the 1950s and moved it to Saugus when construction of the Santa Monica Freeway displaced him. (In Callahan's day, the area was known as Saugus; the county of Los Angeles later included it within the Acton-Agua Dulce Town Council's sphere of influence. It is commonly considered part of Agua Dulce today.)*

Doug Hopkinson kindly transcribed the discs for the group. He sent Flac files for audio restoration, which was done by myself. Doug included jpegs of each transcription discs. I added each disk's image as their artwork. I've included all transcription disk images in their individual series folder. It is quite interesting to view these discs and to imagine what kind of noise will be produced by playing them. Some of these discs are pretty rough!

**There are more discs than shows** because most of the shows had several discs of the same recording. I chose the best sounding recording and restored it. The filename often includes the matrix number of the disc and the number of the transcription image -- Santa Fe Trail 37xxxx 001 (RR1489) #18.mp3 — the usual date and episode number are given,

followed by the matrix number as RR1489 and disc image #18.

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