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monkcanada
Buccaneer

Posts: 136
From: Langley, B.C.,
Canada
Registered: Dec 2000



posted 16 January 2001 07:29 AM



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I just tried to check out the 'other' BBS, and it seems the newest registered member there is our Admiral, Art Bell!

Are ya' at least going to register on the good ship "FF", as well, Art??

If you did, you would make this crew one of the happiest on earth, NO exaggeration! After all, this ship was christened solely in your name, Sir.

What d'ya say, Admiral?
Will you "hoist the black flag" with us?

Please don't hang us out to dry! ☹️

Your loyal fan,
monkcanada

Disclaimer: The views of this fan(me, lol!) do not necessarily represent the views and opinions of the FantasticForum. 🗣️

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Kurt Kruschinska
Buccaneer

Posts: 334
From: Clowns to the Left
of Me, Jokers to the
Right..
Registered: Dec 2000



posted 16 January 2001 07:57 AM



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quote

"art..bell" I suspect it's not...

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rapa
Swashbuckler

Posts: 1814
From: Fairbanks, Alaska,
USA
Registered: May 2000



posted 16 January 2001 08:06 AM



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quote

If he joined over there after all the things KR said & did, it shows money talks. Business goes on as usual. I know we expect more from Art, but all he really owes us is a good show. I hope it isn't true but since he will be working for them, it probably is.

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monkcanada
Buccaneer

Posts: 136
From: Langley, B.C.,
Canada
Registered: Dec 2000



posted 16 January 2001 08:14 AM

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"Registered Members: 2891
Welcome to our newest member, Art Bell."

The above was just cut-and-pasted (except for the quotation marks...those are mine.) from the top-right of the screen there. (I hope that's allowed. If not, then by all means, Cap'ns, delete this and "sorry!")

What's really strange, however, is that when I 'clicked' on the name when I was first there, it showed the incomplete 'profile' for Art Bell...NOW, about a half-hour later, I clicked on the name "Art Bell", and it showed an incomplete 'profile' of...Mike Siegel(???)

What's goin' on, man! I'm goin' insane in the membrane!

[This message has been edited by monkcanada (edited 16 January 2001).]

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flprice
Swashbuckler

Posts: 2058
From: Anthrax-free,
Arkansas, USA-Proud to
Be An American
Registered: May 2000



posted 16 January 2001 08:27 AM

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Admiral Bell is indeed a registered member of the Fantastic Forum and has been since last year. Art was one of the first 100 members to register although I can't remember what month (May?, June? July?).

It is possible that KR registered Art's name at the c2c board in order to reserve it to keep any one from posting under Art's name. It is also possible that Art registered himself and just didn't fill out the profile.

Frank

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monkcanada
Buccaneer

Posts: 136
From: Langley, B.C.,
Canada
Registered: Dec 2000



posted 16 January 2001 08:55 AM

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That seems like a reasonable explanation, I suppose.

Thanks, Frank!

monkcanada/Stephen

[This message has been edited by monkcanada (edited 16 January 2001).]

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Spike Mike
Swashbuckler



posted 16 January 2001 09:07 AM



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quote

Posts: 5742
From: TEXAS! WhoopAss
Capitol of the World!!
Registered: Jan 2001

Good point, Frank. Another good point was posted by Crabby. I don't know where it is, so I won't try to quote him directly. But it pointed that Art was not allowed (possibly by contract agreement) to post on any forum. When Art starts working again, his new/amended contract will kick in, and this may change. I certainly hope so.

SpikeMike~ Newsmonger
Gunner1stClass

#1Turret~ KewlFT#1

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Star
Buccaneer



posted 16 January 2001 11:24 PM



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quote

Posts: 462
From: Florida's Balmy
West Coast (Tampa Bay)
Registered: Apr 2000

< sigh >

When many of you are ready to see him as a flawed man instead of some sort of god, then maybe we can focus on what really matters... that is, continuing the genre of art-bell type talk radio and making sure that monopolistic corporate (govt?) entities do not end up controlling our last hope of free information.

Art may have sold out .. but we do not have to, the genre can continue but only if enough of us do not follow the lemmings over the cliff.

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HB3
Buccaneer



posted 17 January 2001 12:02 AM



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quote

Posts: 1994
From: Altadena, CA
Registered: Nov 2000

Frankly, I don't care much about the "Art Bell genre," whatever that is. I listen to C2C (or, I used to) because I enjoy it, knowing full well it's snake oil. And most of it IS snake oil, star.

Other than that, I've been thinking you have a point. You definitely have a point but on the other hand I'm going with my interest. I've never bought a product advertised on C2C and I probably never will. Advertising has virtually no effect on me. When Art was on KABC I started listening to other shows on KABC; now that he's gone, I don't. I was mostly appalled by what I heard anyway. After Art left, I would occasionally try NPR out here in Los Angeles, but it's a hit-and-miss...when Alan Watts is on, I listen. Art was generally more interesting on a more consistent basis though than NPR (mainly because they don't play Watts 24 hours a day).

You're certainly right about the money-grubbing aspect of it. But I've said this before -- in the proper circumstances, the creative individual dictates terms to the capitalist, because he has the secret of charismatic expression. It's ineffable and not necessarily "subject-oriented," though a particular subject can create a certain spark in an audience, and Art certainly rode that wave (or UFO) for all it was worth. All the swine can do is recreate a facade based on whatever theory they've cooked up in their little pea-brains.

For instance, the show, as hosted by Sieguilll, is boring and ludicrous! Art Bell was sometimes ludicrous but never boring!

You're right about some things and your cynicism is in a sense welcome. I've got a bad feeling.....first that truck driving into the Capitol....on the night of the 10 year anniversary of the Gulf War....and Bush, Jr. about to take office....here's hoping things get better, but generally, yes, I'm seeing an overwhelming degree of cynicism, bureaocracy, skullduggery, and manipulation!

[This message has been edited by HB3 (edited 17 January 2001).]

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Shooter
Buccaneer



posted 17 January 2001 03:28 AM



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Posts: 102
From: Chicago, Illinois,
U.S.A.
Registered: Oct 2000

I have to agree with STAR! If Art caves to placate the corporate entities and we get nothing but "sanitized" information, we gain nothing! I'm not being alarmist... only suspicious. TRUTH is what we're after! "Truth" is the real Art Bell Genre... and anything short of that is just a hoax!

Shooter

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Cherry Kelly
Swashbuckler



posted 17 January 2001 09:17 AM



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Posts: 3439
From: Belton, MO USA
Registered: Jul 2000

Art will run his radio program the way he desires. That is how ART operates.

Listen to him - enjoy his format - there's none like it!

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HurricaneJoan
unregistered



posted 17 January 2001 09:17 AM



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Sometimes ignorance IS bliss...maybe we all know too much and that hazes over the FUN of listening to Art. Reminds me of several situations where I wanted to know "more" about some of my fave entertainers and wished I'd just left them a mystery, as in:

1) Billy Connolly (Scottish comedian/actor) -- left his first wife and **TOOK THEIR CHILDREN FROM THEIR MOTHER** to hook up with another woman to have yet **MORE** children (yes, this IS a bad thing, trust me).

2) Dermot Morgan (star of the Britcom "Father Ted"). I just loved the guy and looked him up on the Internet, only to find out he **DROPPED DEAD** of heart failure about two years ago. Now it's tough for me to enjoy the show, knowing that talented man is gone....

I don't think I want to delve into people's private lives anymore...I just want to **ENJOY** what they bring to the table and to heck with the rest (horrible attitude, but...).

If only WE ruled the world.... 😊

I'm here coz I love Art, that's all. :)

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Melissa
Swashbuckler



posted 17 January 2001 10:48 AM

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Posts: 437
From: Florida
Registered: May 2000

This the deal folks. Art can only demand so much. What ever the "deal" is, it's a compromise of some sorts, I'm sure.

The difference is, he is willing to demand more then most talk hosts.

If "going over to the other side" means forcing them to allow many of "his" rules that they would NOT allow anyone else.. then so be it. At least we get the show closer to "free and clear" then many other shows out there.

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revisedcode
Dread Pirate



posted 17 January 2001 10:53 AM

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Posts: 2544
From: Far Far Away in a
long lost galaxy
Registered: Apr 2000

Hi ya all.

Art is registered on FF only because I registered him to protect the name.

Art has never posted here although he said he would!

Maybe later after the show get rolling again!

Revisedcode

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Richard Lina
Buccaneer



posted 17 January 2001 04:25 PM

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Posts: 210
From: Fort
Bragg, Calif..USA
Registered: May 2000

Joan..wish you had not mentioned about "father Ted" sadly.
watching the show will never be the same!!

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Spike Mike
Swashbuckler



posted 18 January 2001 11:22 AM

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Posts: 5742
From: TEXAS! WhoopAss
Capitol of the World!!
Registered: Jan 2001

Thank you, Cap'n.

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Crabby Oldman
Buccaneer



posted 18 January 2001 04:41 PM



Posts: 810
From: Mid, Atlantic, USA
Registered: May 2000

The most contact I ever had with Art was in the last couple of months. I think most of us would have to say the same. This was while he was still retired. Now that he's going back to the 5-hour show I expect "contact" will be as rare as it was before.


We know he's busy for 5 hours a night just doing the show. Beyond that he has pre and post production work related to the show, as well as commercials and 'carts' to make. I've listened to him make those commercials and he often does many 'takes' before he's satisfied with the result.

He's still human and has to sleep, bathe and eat just like the rest of us. I'm sure he has to take a break now and then just to clear his mind. I doubt that we'll ever see him post here.

If he ever does 'post anything over there' beyond a brief comment, I'll be very surprised. He never did it before, why would he start now? I'll answer my own question here by saying that there does seem to be an effort to consolidate his audience back over there and Art appears to be a willing participant in that effort.

But if he ever starts carrying on an interactive dialogue with the people over there I won't believe it's actually him doing the writing until he tells me that himself! He simply does not have the time to do it.

Just my considered opinion.

Crabby  Old-man

Edited to add a personal note to ART (which I doubt he'll ever see)

I can understand your loyalty and friendship regarding your old webmaster. He has served you well for many years and contributed to your success. He is highly competent and skilled in that area. The BBS is another matter. He has disaffected many and driven them away, not only at that site, but at others which he also controls. Complaints have been registered about such. In some cases, those responsible have defended him and allowed him to continue. Others seem to have found new webmasters.

The part I can't understand is why you, of all people, who has encouraged your audience to make their own judgements and think for themselves on controversial subjects, would expect us to agree to march in mental-lockstep to the tune of one man when it comes to expressing our thoughts on a BBS!? You openly discourage your fans from following you with such blind faith. Why would you expect us to accept his judgements and decisions without question?

We are all here on Fantastic Forum for a reason - it's a good reason - and I'm not about to change.

(Sorry, I just needed to get this off my chest)

[This message has been edited by Crabby Oldman (edited 18 January 2001).]

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rapa
Swashbuckler



posted 19 January 2001 09:36 AM



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Posts: 1814
From: Fairbanks, Alaska,
USA
Registered: May 2000

Crabby, You took the words right out of my mouth!

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Dread Pirate



posted 19 January 2001 09:57 AM



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Posts: 2544
From: Far Far Away in a
long lost galaxy
Registered: Apr 2000

quote:

Originally posted by Crabby Oldman:
< sinp >

I doubt that we'll ever see him post here.

Art himself said he would post here!
But did not want to get blasted with questions he could not answer.

So we had the read only section for him to post in. I registered Art
on this ubb.

I am sure Keith did the same!

There is plenty of room for both bbs's not to worry!

Art does not expect FF to jump ship.

Not happening and everyone knows it!

Revisedcode

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Crabby Oldman
Buccaneer



posted 19 January 2001 04:49 PM



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Posts: 810
From: Mid, Atlantic, USA
Registered: May 2000

Sorry Cap'n

Say...could I get you and linnea and maybe some of the other
shipmates to help me get my foot out of my mouth?

Crabby  Old-man

IP: [Logged](#)

Melissa
Swashbuckler

Posts: 437
From: Florida
Registered: May 2000



posted 19 January 2001 05:09 PM



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quote

Code is correct guys. I use to post in a chat room on AOL called the "Grassy Knole." Art Bell WOULD come on there LIVE during a show. Well, during the breaks. You can't "chat" and host a show.

And YES Keith was his web master THEN, no problem. Art is his own person. And at times he would mention the Grassy Knole, and how to get there.

And YES, you knew it was him. On AOL, your "nick" was your e-mail address. If you remember, his old e-mail address was "ArtBell@aol.com". No one could go into a chat room as ArtBell except him. And he would say hello to those in the "Grassy Knole" while he was on the air.

However, when he DID come into the chat room, everyone would go NUTS. Both pro and con towards Art. Let me explain. The chat was a "hosted" chat on AOL. There was always a host directing the topics, making people behave, etc. It was used for other topic depending on the day, etc. But all in the Art Bell genre. And only during the Art Bell show, was it an Art Bell "chat." Which means, not all the regulars were Art Bell fans.

Questions, and comments were FLYING around, no one could actually "chat." And of course, there would always be the newbies trying to figure out if it really WAS Art. In the end, there wasn't a whole lot he could say there.

One night, While he was on vacation, he stopped in. It was Ramona's B-day. That was how come I will never forget her b-day, cause it is the exact same day as mine. And yes, I made the mistake of mentioning it, which made everyone call me either a liar or a suck up. Tee hee

We were all impressed that he stopped by, while he was on vacation over seas. What we didn't know, was that he and Ramona was thinking about him leaving the air. And several days later, he retired for the first time.

It's much different here. We ARE Art Bell fans. And he knows that we have stood by him. He KNOWS we will have tons of questions. And if he did show up now, how could he respond?? How would WE respond? Most likely crash RC's server.. WOOPS! Lots of band with on quesitons that he can't answer right now. Not to mention follow ups wanting a response. etc.

Give it time. Forget Post to Post. We are just who we are, why are we concerned with any place else? The most important thing is that ART knows that we are here. And he DOES! He likes to vist with his fans. And I'm sure it will depend on how WE act, when he does appear, on how often he actualy posts. Other wise, he just might continue to lurk.

Basicly guys, now is not the time. One thing at a time. And right now, it is that he is at least coming back on the air. Let's enjoy THAT first!!

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Dread Pirate



posted 19 January 2001 05:14 PM



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Posts: 2544
From: Far Far Away in a
long lost galaxy
Registered: Apr 2000

Well said Melissa!

Cap'n Code 

Crabby you already did!

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very large array
Buccaneer



posted 19 January 2001 05:19 PM



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Posts: 91
From:
winnipeg,manitoba.canada
Registered: Oct 2000

Good job Melissa!

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