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## Rainman Radio Goes Retro

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Rainman of Rockwiz Mark Boerebach, announces permanent program line up for his station 2PR FM. Playing a continuous mix of 70s, 80s, and 90s tracks, the net-caster is conducting its second broadcast test from Monday 28th December 2009 till Monday 1st February 2010.

Back in 2008, Mark Boerebach's impressive knowledge of the Australian Music Charts captured the attention of TAFE music teacher Russell Kilbey, whose son, like Mr Boerebach also suffers from Asperger Syndrome. It was through Mr Kilbey's music course that they both bonded, which led to Russell and his wife Amy Scully producing a documentary: Rainman Goes to Rockwiz. The program, which aired on SBS Television followed Mark's years of unemployment, to his team's spectacular win on Rockwiz.

Despite being unemployed since leaving school in 1988, Mark has completed several work experiences and TAFE courses. In his true "can do" attitude, he continues his journey towards a paid job, with once again showing everyone else what he can do, with the operations of his current web broadcast.

Since November 2000, Mark has operated his own internet radio station, 2PR FM. 2PR originally carried over a hundred hours of pre-recorded music shows. These were test and demo programs intended to show potential employers his skills in music research, radio production, sourcing voice talent for on-air promos, mixing and the recording of radio shows. Most importantly, it was to show employers his vast array of skills from audio production, graphic art, through to web-site design.

The 2PR FM website was launched in November 2000 as a simple retro album review site. The first "Classic Backtrax" programs were test broadcasted in November 2001. Regular airings of "audio on demand" shows commenced in November 2002. Since this time a vast array of shows have aired, including the station's main show "Classic backtrax" which plays everything from the 70s and 80s. The site grew with new sections including, transferring LPs to CDs, classic arcade video gaming, a section on 80s Radios, and the ABC's music show Countdown.

It is notable that web-radio only had a small market during the early noughties. With Mark's positive and innovative attitude, he brought 2PR FM into its most exciting phase when the web-caster carried out its first live test broadcast. From Tuesday 18th August to Friday 18th September, his web-radio broadcasted live for 24 hours a day for an entire month.

With the first two weeks of 2PR FM's second test completed successfully, Mark has announced some changes as of Monday 11th January, including a three week extension of the broadcast, up to Monday 1st February.

Currently 2PR FM has three regular programs on its schedule, all produced and aired by Mr Boerebach himself, an incredible feat considering he is nearly blind and has moderate asperger's syndrome.

The Retropartymix.com goes to air every Saturday night, with Sunday night 70's playing six hours of seventies music. The top 40 Chart Mix plays tracks direct from various charts from the 70s 80s 90s era, with some nights carrying special themes.

Listeners can tune into these programs and 2PR FM's continuous backtrax mix by tuning into <http://www.2prfm.com>.



**Able and Willing:** With his instant recall for chart music, Mark Boerebach goes live to air with Retro Radio 2PR FM.

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