

The Chicago Hollywood Show

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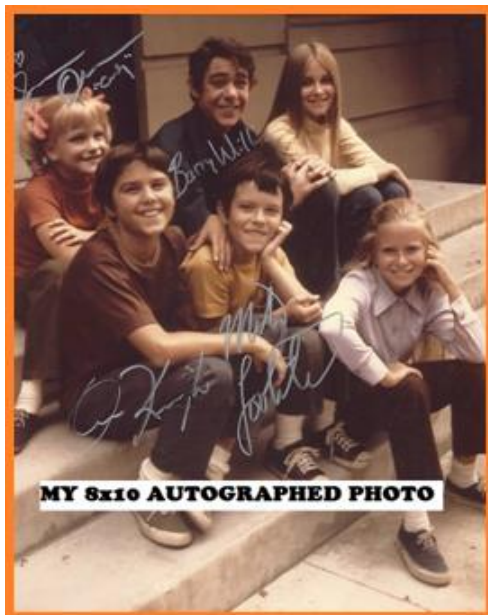
I would like to tell you about a special day I had. As you all know (or at least most of you) I have always been a big fan of pop culture since I was very young that all started out with The Brady Bunch. On Saturday March 24th there was a special show in town called the Chicago Hollywood Show. I heard about it through <http://www.bradyworld.com/> and had my buddy Dan, and Cris (the husband of Kevin's step-sister Diane) with me, who is also a Brady fan.

I have never been to anything like this, so I had no clue what this was going to be like. From what I heard, it was going to be celebrities coming to meet their fans, with food and drinks. So I thought it was going to be an overcrowded area with lots of lines and waiting to whoever you wanted to see. Boy was I wrong! This was a big inside type flea market set-up, the celebrities were all at tables around the walls of the room, and the rest of the room was people with their set-up booths selling all sorts of TV and movie memorabilia things. I was wearing my Barry Williams (Greg Brady)

t-shirt and headed straight over to the Brady table where Barry, Christopher Knight (Peter Brady), Mike Lookinland (Bobby Brady), and Susan Olsen (Cindy Brady) were all sitting. I also was able to meet Wendy Winans (the president/creator of bradyworld.com) who came in from Cleveland, OH for the show. Wendy had a special entry form page on her site for a few weeks before the show that said,

The first 6 people to bring the contest entry form to me at the Hollywood Show – Chicago will win a prize. All entries received (including the first 6) will be entered in a drawing to win THE GRAND PRIZE signed by some of the Brady Bunch cast. Only one entry per person, The Grand Prize Winner will be notified on Monday, March 26th. HOPE TO SEE YA IN CHICAGO.

So I printed the form and brought it with, but then purposely left it in the car thinking, well I probably lucked out by now! The tickets we bought were for 10:00, and the show started at 9:00. So after I met Wendy she asked me if I had a form, and I said, well, I left it in the car. She then said, well, you would be the first person to turn it in. So Cris ran back to the car for me and grabbed it, plus there was still a whole day to go with the show. While I waited for Cris to come back, I gave Wendy 2 homemade DVDs I brought for her of



The Brady Kids cartoon (that she only has about 5/22 episodes and I have found almost all of them. So she was happy I had that. I then gave Barry my book that I brought with “Growing Up Brady” that was written by him in 1996 for him to sign. I left it with him for a minute while I went along the rest of the table to meet everyone, and I was able to get a nice picture taken with the 4 of them. As I came back a little later for my book, he was playing dumb talking with his agent and said, Hey have you seen where this nice guy Noah went? He left his book with me

but I don't see where he went. Must be here somewhere, Oh here he is! He then signed it, "Here's the story Barry Williams" on the title page (which now makes it more valuable)! I also bought a \$10.00 8x10 rare photo of the 6 Brady Kids, and the 4 of them signed it near their face (more value to that now too).



I then went on to meet a few others. Lisa Loring (Wednesday on The Addams Family), Butch Patrick and Pat Priest (Eddie and Marilyn on the Munsters), Lee Meriwether (Batman, Love American Style, All My Children), Dustin Diamond (Screech on Saved By The Bell), and many others. There was always prices to pay for pictures, and/or autographs, everyone had their own ways and deals depending on if you took it, or they did and get it developed, etc. So, since I had my own camera with, I was on the cheapest deal, and everyone had their own card (the size of a postcard) with their picture on it, and a list of everything (or close to it) of what they have stared in for you to take for free. I then talked with Lee for a little bit so she was able to tell me some info on "The New Andy Griffith Show" that only lasted about 13 episodes in 1971 and she played Andy's wife (which I have been on the look-out for quite some time now). We then went looking around at all booths of what people were selling and I found a few neat rare things. I found a little Kermit the frog figure for a couple bucks, a complete set of Gilligan's Island trading cards, and a Brady Bunch plaque with a pin, picture, and all their names for \$15.00 (which was a steal) those normally can go for around \$50.00 at least. It then got to be about 2:30 and we had enough, and called it a day.

A few hours after we got home, I then got a call from my sister Jackie. She had some news for me that around October 19th this year, I will be an uncle for the first time! ☺

It is now Monday at work. Lunchtime comes around so I turn my phone on and I get an e-mail from Wendy at Brady World,

Hi Noah:

It was a pleasure to meet you on Saturday. Thank you for the Brady cartoons.

It is my pleasure to let you know you won the prize from the Chicago contest. If you send me your postal address, I will send you a paperback tie-in book, signed by the 4 Bradys that were at the show.

Have a great day!

It turned out I was the only one that entered! So that's my story of my fun and interesting day Saturday!



