



Artifact Showcase

Captain Midnight Flight Patrol Wings

Captain Midnight was a children's radio show about a World War I fighter pilot that aired from 1939 to 1949. It was presented by Skelly Oil, and later, by Ovaltine. (Ovaltine had sponsored "The Little Orphan Annie Show" for a decade. Looking for something new, it chose the Captain Midnight program to replace it.)

Captain Midnight got his name after returning at midnight from a dangerous mission. Postwar, he and his airborne colleagues fought evil criminal Ivan Shark lest he control the world.

From the 1930s through the 1950s the sponsors of many children's radio programs offered "Radio Premiums," small trinkets related to the story, obtained perhaps by sending in a dime and a couple of box tops or package labels from the sponsor's product. In this case, the premium is a cast metal pin showing that its wearer is a member of Captain Midnight's Flight Patrol Club.

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