Subject: Music Hit List
Posted by GoodVibrations on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 02:25:29 GMT
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My large family decided to do something a little different for Christmas this year in that we are all making our gifts. We don't tag the gift so that, initally, no one knows who the gift is from. My son was asking for ideas on what he could make, so I suggested he make a CD that has all number 1 hits from past and present. Does anyone know of a website that would have historical information on music? I was hoping Billboard would have a list, but I can't find any historical data on it. Does anyone have any suggestions?

Subject: Re: Music Hit List
Posted by Adveser on Thu, 16 Dec 2010 03:07:18 GMT
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Yes. I can help.

Attached is a list of every song that has made the Billboard hot 100 for the years 1946-2004, plus a minimal amount of stuff I have added.

There is some oldies and hip hop missing from the letters A-C because I am in the process of cutting this list down of stuff I know I will never want to hear and has no practical purpose. A handful of songs (from the likes of Boston, Journey, et al.) are missing because I have the albums, so I deleted the extra copy.

The few pop albums I have are there in their entirety as well, so you can assume Peter Cetera did not have every song he recorded make the list(s). There's also some dupicates because some of these MP3's are very old encodings and needed replacement:

Here is the list, warts and all:

File Attachments
1) Hits Collection.html, downloaded 1057 times

Subject: Re: Music Hit List
Posted by GoodVibrations on Fri, 17 Dec 2010 19:50:33 GMT
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ABSOLUTELY Awesome! Thanks so much for the link. This will be a huge help. You even have

Zager & Evans listed with their one-hit wonder 'In the Year 2525'!

Don't suppose you have anything on country music? My son was thinking of creating one of popular music and one of country. If not, no matter because this is a great place of reference for him to be able to pick and choose. Appreciate your help!

Subject: Re: Music Hit List
Posted by Adveser on Sat, 18 Dec 2010 05:05:19 GMT
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You're welcome.

I don't know anything about the genre specific lists myself. That would be great to have every billboard chart ever published. Billboard makes a lot of books though. They had one out that was an alphabetical listing of everyone who appeared in certain decades and listed all their chart dates and recordings. That book was great. Great for finding old classics few remember. Some artists had outstanding singles that were ignored in subsequent years for various reasons and resources like this are much less cumbersome than skimming through thousands of albums looking for the hits. There were tons of great songs that got played for a week and then it was gone.

It is odd though. Billboard is in now way a complete picture of "hit music." You lose all the MTV influence in the 80's and regional favorites are lost in the shuffle. There are also other reasons and song can't possibly chart.

Billboard has a website that has everything, but they treat it as a professional resource, which means the people who need it will pay whatever they ask, like an insurance policy. It's a shame that they don't consider reasonable access to their charts
to be a priority.
