

NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY
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Written, edited, printed, stamped & addressed by Bob Bilbie. We have the distinction of being one of Americas' worst newsletters! We cannot be bought but don't rule out TRADES!;

Our very first show was a "howling" success, mostly because Bill Baker hooked up the batteries to his old Kennedy TRF. The response by the public to our display of over a hundred old beauties was tremendous and listening to some of the "old timers" passing through was gratifying. Everyone we talked to not associated with the club was indeed pleased to know that someone had taken the pains to save some of our dwindling heritage. So many rare old gems under one roof staggers the imagination, don't it? Our show was carried out in a professional manner, and we can all take pride in our young organization for showing up some of the larger, more monied exhibitors, who obviously lacked our zeal! We wish to thank all of those hard working people who spent many, many hours "guarding the store" and for showing up for their appointed times! Thank you again dear members for a very well done job.

As far as we know, not a single thing was stolen or lost. The only mishaps were your stupid editor spilling a cup of coffee down Bill Baker's display case, which unfortunately was victim of its owners own blunder of breaking the glass while transporting it to the show. (He forgot to tie it in the truck) I sincerely apologize to Bill and Florence Baker for the spilled coffee, I hope you accept.

Our club is now "International", because we have a Canadian member, who joined while visiting our display at Mall #05. Mr. M. P. Raynor, of British Columbia, Canada is our newest and northernmost member, who is interested in old receivers prior to 1929. We are quite sure Mr. Raynor would be very happy to hear from other members of the club. We are also sure that he can be of great help to us by telling us some of the history of Canadian Radio. Thank you for your interest in vintage radio, and we hope the year brings happy hours, restoring those old "gems of the past". We would imagine that commuting from B.C., to our meetings will present a problem, Mr. Raynor, but do the best you can! Seriously, we will keep in touch with you through the newsletter and anyone wishing to write, we have included your address.

Mr. M. P. Raynor-242 W. 6 St.-British Columbia, Canada

Other new members joining at the display are Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Novak, Portland, Mark Moore of Boring, Ore., Homer & Edythe Hayes of Boring, Phil & Anna Sprawcew, of Portland and James Lettenmaier of Portland. Also have several other memberships pending and as soon as we know for sure by receiving your dues we will include your names in next months newsletter. We hope you have a lot of fun in our new club. Thank you!

President Harley Perkins came up with a great idea last week... why not have another "SWAP MEET" for just the members this time? If you are in favor of this suggestion bring it up the meeting coming up! (ONE YEA VOTE HERE!)

Sorry the club is not all things to all people, but PROGRESS IS WHEN WE ALL PUSH IN THE SAME DIRECTION. Dedication and sincerity will accomplish more for YOU and give you a better understanding of the purpose of our club. Anyone who has truly participated in club business will agree that the CLUB has helped in our collecting. We speak for the club as a whole. Please get behind us and help PUSH a good thing, Vintage Radio!



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Below is another one of old friend, TOM JAMES', very funny poems;

"HOW I GOT MY KOLSTER"

HE SAID HE HAD A RADIO-THIS OLD TIME FRIEND OF MINE,
BEEN UP IN THE GARRET ROOM SINCE NINETEEN TWENTY NINE,
SAID IT HAD A LOTTA BATTERIES-COST A PILE TO OPERATE,
GOT AN "ALL-ELECTRIC" SOS HE COULD BEAR THE FREIGHT,
WELL I PLAYED IT COZY, DIDN'T SEEM SO EAGER, SO,
I COULD GET A BARGAIN BUY ON THIS OLD TIME RADIO,
I SAID I HAD SOME TUBES AND PARTS-TWOULD BE A BIT OF FUN,
TO TAKE THIS QUAINT OLD KOLSTER AND MAKE THE DAMNED THING RUN!
WAAL...HE HADN'T TALKED ABOUT IT MUCH(OR SO HE TOLD ME THEN)
EXCEPT TO ALL THE BAKER BOYS, BILL & BERN & BEN,
WHOSE INTEREST LAY IN OLD ANTIQUES, THEY OFFERED A HUNDRED TEN
TO BUY THAT RADIO DERELICT(PLUS A BEDSTEAD)THERE AND THEN,
WELL...HE TURNED THEM DOWN, HE SAID BECAUSE HE THOUGHT,
THAT OLD CLUTTERED JUNKY ROOM MIGHT BE WORTH A LOT!
NOW I'M OUT THREE HUNDRED CLAMS TO THIS SHYLOCK UP THE ROAD,
SAY....DOES ANYONE NEED A BEDSTEAD, OR A SHINY BRIGHT COMMODE??

TOM JAMES, 1975

Received a letter the other day from Morgan McMahon, author of "Vintage Radio" and "At the Flick of a Switch" congratulating us on our show at Mall 205. He seems to think that we are an aggressive group for such an undertaking! Ken Smith of Springfield, Ore. (not yet one of our members) has a good number of pictures of his radios in Mr. McMahan's new book. It seems to us that our hobby of Vintage Radio is growing by leaps & bounds and who knows what our collections will be worth ten years from now... We wish to thank Mr. McMahon for sending us copies of Radio Dating Guide, which were distributed at the show for all those present. Those members who did not get a copy of this really handy little card can borrow one and have it copied. Thanks, Morgan!

If you would like a "swap column" added to YOUR newsletter please write me before the 25th of each month and it will be included. With a little effort on your part we could make this a really interesting little paper!

Send submissions of anything pertaining to Radio to NWVRS-295 S. Knott St. Canby, Ore. 97013

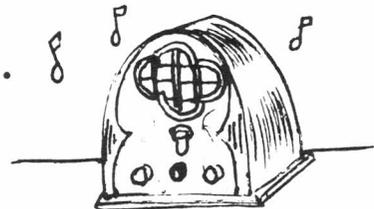
Get in touch with Don Knotts, he will have some neat old radios for sale before long. Don's phone number is 648-1738 (Members only)

If you have an old radio cabinet that needs restoring contact Bob Bilbie at 266-5336. Prices vary with type & size of cabinet. Table models run about ten dollars, consoles twenty five & up. All material furnished at these prices.

To give you an example of the increase in value of a radio that has been restored-an Atwater Kent Model 528, bought originally for \$8, sold at the Salem Flea Market for \$55.00. Sure, there is a lot of work involved but isn't that old gem worth it?

On the next page is information on our NEW clubhouse in Tualitan, Ore., and how & when to get there.....

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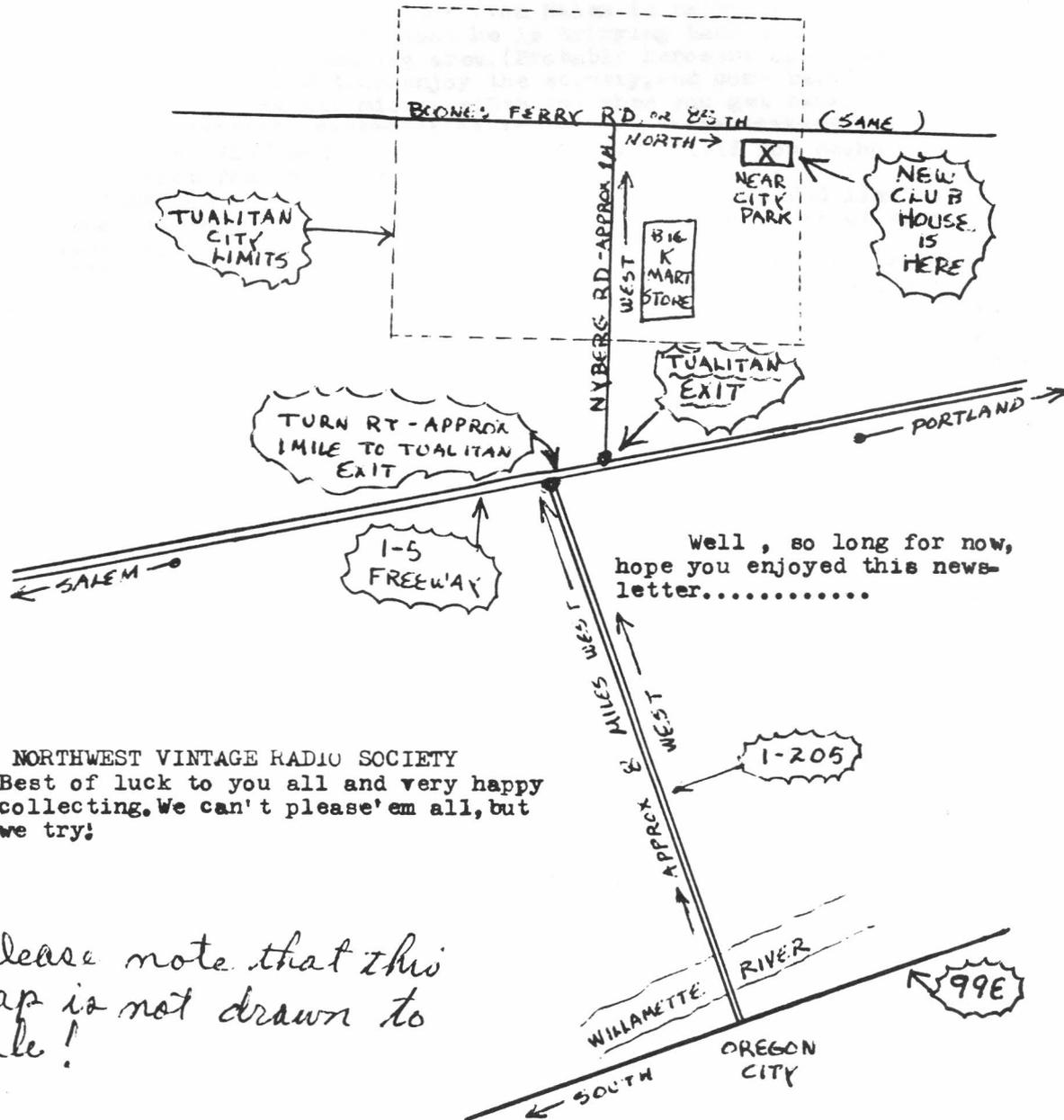
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Below is a map to help you get to our new CLUBHOUSE in Tualitan, Ore. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be JUNE, 14th, 1975 at 10 A.M., at the Tualitan Community Center. Please be there and help kick off our new meeting place. ATTENTION AL BLAKE-GET THE KEY AND BE THERE WAITING FOR US!

If any member new or old has any questions about time, location & how to get there please call 206-5338 or 638-7190 before meeting date....

Coming out of Portland, travel south on I-5 to the Tualitan Exit, This will be Nyberg Rd. - go west approx. 1 mile to Boones Ferry Rd (this is 85th in Tualitan) go north a short distance on Boones Ferry Rd. to the Tualitan Comm. Center

Other directions are self explanatory, below:



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Best of luck to you all and very happy collecting. We can't please 'em all, but we try!

Please note that this map is not drawn to scale!