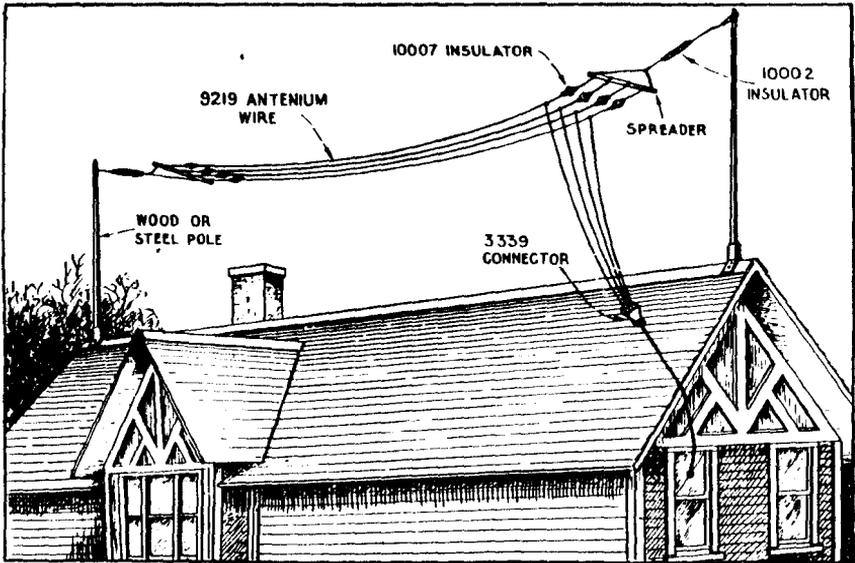


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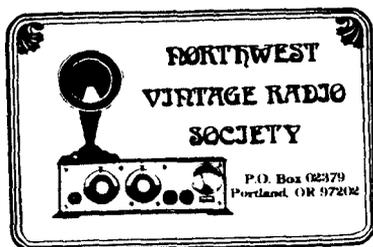
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COVER: Advertisement from Gernsback's
E.I. Co. catalog from 1915.
Courtesy of Joe Tompkins.

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit organization incorporated in the State of Oregon. Meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at the Buena Vista Clubhouse in Oregon City (see page 3).

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September

DATE : September 8th, 1984
TIME : 10:00
PLACE : Buena Vista Clubhouse
ADDRESS : 16th & Jackson streets
Oregon City, Oregon

Bring an entry in the Club's Choice Contest! This month the category is POWER & PULL. Bring Batteries, Battery Eliminators, Battery Chargers and Loop antennas.

During the meeting there will be a discussion of the 1st annual NWVRS radio contest as well as a chance to help plan next years contest. (for contest results see page 5).

In the business meeting there will be a call for a vote on where to have our 10th anniversary banquet. Banquet-style restaurants (chuck wagon, etc.) were mentioned in previous plans, but none of these establishments would make reservations for a Friday Night. A choice will therefore be offered between The Old Country Kitchen (on Stark) & Rose's east side. (for details see page 7).

Directly Following the meeting will be an administrative board meeting for the officers (& anyone interested). The business at hand deals with action with other clubs, and filling the office of Vice President.

Mr Rank and his son from Seattle have said that they would be coming to the meeting with a van full of radios to sell. They'll try to park in the driveway near the chain and will tailgate until everything is sold (why not try to leave them some room to park close in ?)



by Tom James

The First Chapter

I put a 2¢ stamp on the letter
Requesting a catalog from Sears.
And it won't take a brilliant man,
To note the passing of years.
I'd get 50¢ for an hour's work
As a radio service boy.
It was an honest living, Sir,
Though not a laughing joy.
But I quit the Ruddy Racket,
In the early thiries- Man-
Nothing creates liars quicker
Than PUBLIC relations can!

Hoarse & Buggy

My Fine Finished Cabinet G.E.
Was about as high-toned as you'd see.
But the circuit had bugs,
So one need jugs,
Of the well known cure DDT.

(reprinted from 8 years ago this month)

Honorable Mention

Our contest was a real eye opener. In the judging stage we learned a lot. Next year we will avoid ties and will issue numbers when the sets are registered to refer to at ribbon time. All things considered, we had a good time.

The ribbons were awarded as follows:

Early Crystal Sets

- 1st Plc Dick Howard's DeForest
- 2nd Plc Jim Mason's Galenadyne
- 3rd Plc Dan Wills' Miracle

Battery Sets

- 1st Plc Dan Howard's Westburr
- 2nd Plc Jerry Talbott's Federal 61
- 3rd Plc Joey Tompkin's Radiola 20

Early A.C. Sets

- 1st Plc Dick Howard's Pye
- 2nd Plc Jim Mason's Everready
- 3rd Plc Don Iverson's Telefunken

AC/DC Transformerless sets

- 1st Plc Jim Mason's Motorola
- 2nd Plc Dan Howard's Emerson
- 3rd Plc Jerry Talbott's Knight

Ham Receivers & SW Converters

- 1st Plc Dick Howard's National SW3
- 2nd Plc Jim Mason's Philmore
- 3rd Plc Jerry Talbott's Hallicrafter
S41W

(Jerry Talbott took 1st place in the Seattle contest "Novelty Class" with his Charlie McCarthy set and third in the "Crystal Set Class" with his Little Gem. Jim Mason brought home a 3rd place ribbon for his Motorola Celluloid in the "Plastics Class")

Accession:

(To obtain or add to a collection)

Dick Howard A Bremmer Tully 7
& Son: A Radiola 18
 An A-K 40
 An Emerson 511
 A Silvertone radio/phono
(Son Dan looks like he's finding
more than dear old dad. We'll have
to get him as a new member !)

Joe Tompkins: A Kemper A.C. Set with
 optional legs to make it
 console.
 A Crosley 5
(Joe sez he just stumbled onto them
at an estate sale not too long ago)

Jim Mason: An Early A.C. Gilfillen AM
 FM table set.
 An Un-named Battery Portable
 A Radio Table (speaker and
 Batteries) to match an
 earlier find.

Bob Teague: A Home Brew mantle clock set.
 An Echophone cabinet to re-
 place the storm damaged one.
 A Wilcox Gay Tombstone
 A Howard Cathedral
 A Crosley 516 Tombstone
 An American Bosch Console
 An Airline Battery set
 A Crosley
(Bob got a good deal on the last three
because the baskets came with the
basket cases ED.)

Jerry Talbott: A '38 Zenith Zephyr chairside
 A '40 Sears "Table Radio"
 a round table with the
 radio behind doors.

ANNIVERSARY PLANS

At the August meeting it was decided to place the anniversary banquet on the eve of the Fall (October) Swap Meet. This was in part to encourage collector's and enthusiasts from greater distances to come not only to the swap but come and celebrate our anniversary with us.

We have invited the Seattle Club members as well as officers and friends of the California Historical Radio Society to attend.

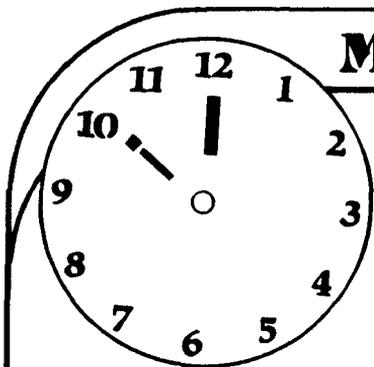
If possible (and if there's enough interest) we will plan to make a whole weekend of it. These are the tentative plans.

On October 12th at 6:30 there will be a social time before dinner at 7:00. After dinner a few highlights of the last ten years will be touched upon and a door prize drawing will be held. For those who want to stay, a slide show of radio displays and museums will follow.

On October 13th at 10:30 am the Fall Swap meet will commence and will last until 1:30. Brown Bags will be welcome. Starting at 2:00 pm and continuing into the afternoon our members as well as those of other clubs will be welcome to tour some of the homes and collections of the metropolitan area. (registration for the tours will be made before the swap meet)

Volunteer to help with these plans & be a part of our 10th year celebration. Contact Dick Karman or Jerry Talbott.

Meeting Minutes



The August 11th meeting was called to order at 10:15 a. m. by President Jerry Talbott. The Minutes of the July meeting were approved as published in the Call Letter. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

It was good to have George Rudolph at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The videotape of the AWA Museum has been ordered, but not received as yet.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to invite members of the PSARA to the 10th Anniversary dinner, and hold it the evening before the October meeting and swap meet. Following the swap meet, open house will be held by NWVRS members interested in showing their collections. Tentative locations for the dinner will be presented to the membership at the September meeting for final selection.

NEW BUSINESS:

Editor Dick Karman suggested that savings of approximately \$72 per year could be realized by switching to bulk mail (3rd class) for the Call Letter. This would require advancing both the deadlines and mailing date to insure delivery prior to the meeting.

Robert Teague will prepare the "Acquisitions" page (formerly O'le!). He requests notifications by phone or mail.

"ATMOSPHERICA" will continue, using material from past issues.

The membership approved Honorary Life Membership for Dorothy James.

The Club Choice for the September Meeting will be vintage batteries, battery eliminators and chargers, and loop type antennas.

Needs and leads were given. Adjournment was at 11:30 a.m., followed by contest judging and picnic.

Jim Mason, Secretary



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I T E M S F O R S A L E :

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Walt Kiefner 524-1388

Silver Marshall model 30 in high boy cabinet
good condition. \$100. George Harvey
782-6130

High voltage vacuum capacitors, old
transmitting and receiving tubes (cheap).
Harry Goldman, RD3 Box 181, Glen Falls, NY
12801

20s and 30s style grill cloth, \$0.75 per
square foot. SASE for samples. Steve
Carter, 5154 S. 329th Pl., Auburn, Wa. 98002

Western Electric Sensitive Relay for use
with Branley Coherer. Similar to one
pictured on page 165 of Vintage Radio.
Slate base. Will trade for complete small
rotary spark gap. No homebrews please.

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(206)453-9039 work
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The following ads were submitted by Art
Corbus:

Marshall Johnson, 1-793-1396 (Sultan),
323-4414 (work Seattle) has the following
sets for sale:

- RCA Radiola 51 (console version of
Radiola 18)
- Philco 610
- RCA conaole model 813K
- Sperton console model 968
- tone model 7068 console
- another Silvertone console

Margaret Blanchett, 824-0530 has parts
and old radio literature for sale.

I T E M S W A N T E D

Transcription records, V-records, Recording blanks (unused), 14" Brunswick records, all pre-1950, Max A. Kaplan, 1-851-4187 (Gig Harbor)

Grunow radio model 801, complete or cabinet only. Darrell Forsberg 363-0754

Atwater Kent model 19. Tom Adelsperger 678-6600

Plastic radios, TV sets pre-1950, Radiola IV Ken Korhonen 932-9363

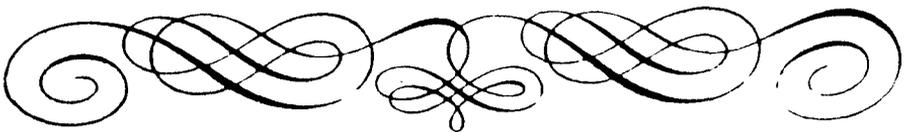
Dial assembly for early Hallicrafters Sky Buddy (plastic dial), Jim Barrows 337-4880

Books and magazines on wireless telegraphy (particularly spark telegraphy), medical electricity, etc. Also, would like to contact anyone interested in tesla coils. Harry Goldman, RD3 Box 181, Glen Falls, N.Y. 12801

Radiola III or Atwater Kent audio transformers, John Schnieder, 525-6974

Baldwin Driver, Steve Carter, 833-3720

Escutcheons for Grebe Syncrophase, Zenith AA radio batteries ca. 1960 (dead preferably!) Norman S. Braithwaite 782-4864 home, 453-9039 work.



SWAP SHOP

WANTED:

Zenith cabinet for Zenith Console.
Needs to have big dial face and a
knob in each corner (4) of the dial.

Zenith cabinet for console. Must
have heart shaped bezel and a round
blade dial.

Please Contact Joe Tompkins
3796 Hulsey SE
Salem, Or 97302
503-362-8071

Knob & RF coil for Bremmer Tully 7

Please Contact Richard Howard
9999 SE Frenchacres Rd
Portland, Oregon 97266
503-775-6697

FOR SALE:

Kolster Model 6-J a.c. Table Radio
Good cabinet, with tubes (some good)
\$40.00 or trade for cathedral

Please Contact Dick Karman
2515 NE 37th Ave.
Portland, Or 97212
503-288-1285

Miraco Battery Set, Looks good \$75

RCA Receiver/Amplifier unit #AP947
Needs work (tubes included 210, 216
874, 876) \$25

Please Contact Joe Tompkins
(see above)



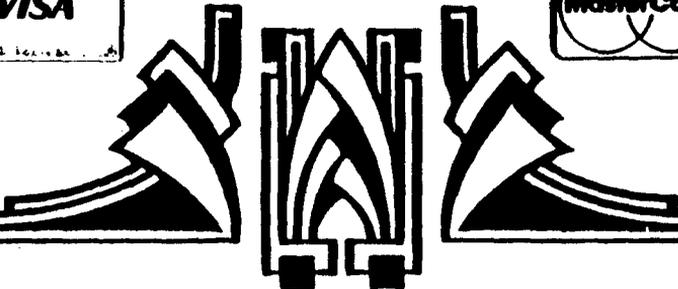
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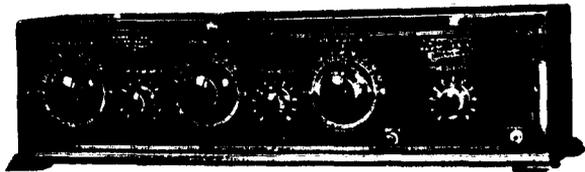
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Notify Bob Teague of any or all of your new acquisitions. There will be a pass-around sheet at the monthly meeting. If you miss it call Bob or your editor.



**ANTIQUE
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**SATURDAY
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10:30 to 1:30**

**BUENA VISTA CLUBHOUSE
16th & JACKSON STREETS
OREGON CITY, OREGON**

From I-5 South, Take Oregon
City Exit, Follow 99E south
into Oregon City. Turn left
on 14th (signal) turn right
on Washington, Turn up hill
on 12th to Jackson st. Turn
left on Jackson to 16th.