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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a nonprofit 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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# January

DATE : January 12th, 1985  
TIME : 10:00 AM  
PLACE : Buena Vista Clubhouse  
ADDRESS : 16th & Jackson streets  
Oregon City, Oregon

The January meeting is the "annual meeting" of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society Incorporated.

The business will begin with the introduction of the new officers. The balance of the business is detailed in the agenda below.

Apart from business there will be an informal radio swap meet; a show of everyone's newest acquisition and an excellent chance to pay your 1985 dues.

You will want to arrive early. It has been made known that Joey Tompkins will be selling some of the last of his collection at the swap meet before the meeting (see page 14).

## **AGENDA** January meeting

### Old Business:

Swap Meet information  
(committee volunteers)

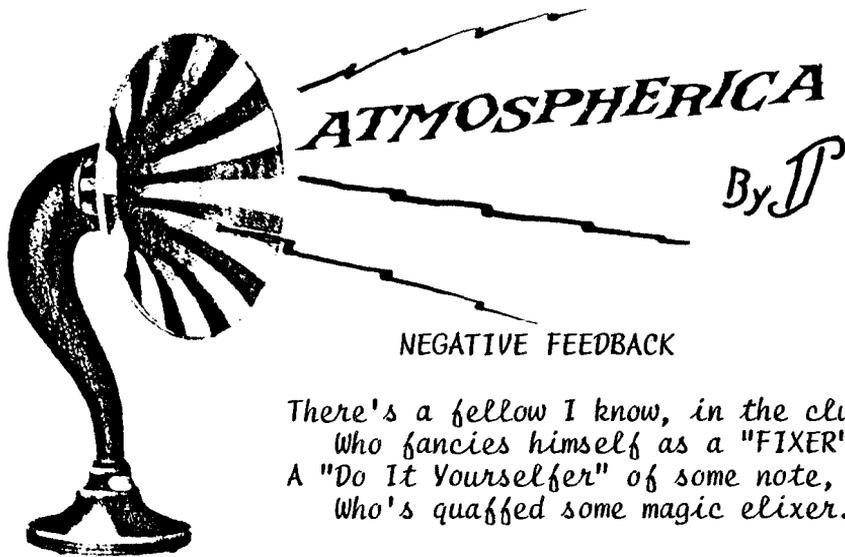
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### New Business:

Club Historian,  
Membership committee  
Call Letter

Permission to reprint  
Business Advertisements  
Support Committee

Donations to the society



### NEGATIVE FEEDBACK

There's a fellow I know, in the club  
Who fancies himself as a "FIXER";  
A "Do It Yourselfer" of some note,  
Who's quaffed some magic elixer.

He Tackles wild problems of finish,  
On wood that's lost it's tone.  
He glues a piece of brown paper  
On a crack in a delicate cone.

He solders a by-pass condenser  
Across a filter that's sour!  
He can explain the "short cuts",  
Which often plague me by the hour.

Some of his cabinets show sand marks,  
Several speaker sound scratchy & bum.  
His chassis often smell a bit heated,  
And an orchestra is lost in the hum.

I've tried in vain to enlighten  
This bumbling "restorer-of-sorts",  
Of the folly of his faulty work habits---  
But he glares at me archly and snorts!

So I guess I've wasted my time,  
My patience is ragged and worn;  
Just now I caught myself using  
A wad of gum in a crack in this horn !

# Grateful Acknowledgement

**THANK YOU for Jobs well done**

The CALL LETTER and it's editor wish to thank all those who supported our society and our newsletter during the past year.

the late Tom James, Vice Pres.  
Contributing Writer & Poet

Jerry Talbott, President  
& Advertising sales

Jim Mason, secretary  
Ed Charman, Treasurer  
Chuck Kibler, Librarian  
Doug Eggert, mailing assistance  
Dan Wills, photo copy assistance  
Joe Tompkins, contributor, at large

Bobbie, Dorothy, Virginia &  
All the ladies in the Power Supply

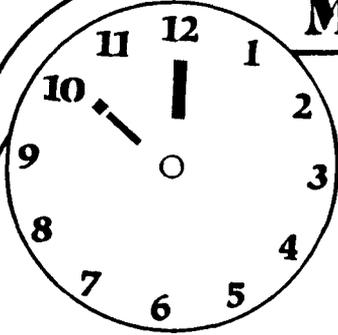
Norman Braithwaite, Editor PSARA

Gary Steller,  
Cascade Surplus Electronics

Mr. J. Mcdonald, Ja-Mac Products

Dorothy Karman, wife and proofreader

# Meeting Minutes



The December 8th meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Jerry Talbott. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published in the CALL LETTER.

The Tresurers report was given and approved. The Ballance in the treasury at the end of 1984 is \$275.79.

## GOOD & WELFARE:

Welcome news was received that member John McConnell has recovered sufficiently to return home.

## OLD BUSINESS:

None

## NEW BUSINESS:

The question of family members participating in the activities of the club was discussed at length. The principal concern was participation by children of the club members in the club contest. There is no provision for age limits for members, and the articles of incorporation do not permit family memberships. Since the principal matter involves participation in the club contest, it was decided to handle it by means of setting eligibility requirements for the contest.

Jerry Talbott offered to write to old time radio manufacturers still in business requesting historical materials which may otherwise be discarded.

The results of the election of club officers are as follows:

President-	Dick Karman
Vice President-	Frank Plaisted
Treasurer-	Ed Charman
Recording secretary-	Jim Mason
Corresponding Secretary-	Dan Wills

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m., followed by exchanging of gifts, and door prizes and refreshments provided by the Power Supply.

Jim Mason,  
Secretary

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## RECENT ADDITON TO THE LIBRARY

The following were donated to the library by  
Joe Tompkins:

Aligning Philco Radios	J.F. Rider
Aunt Sammy's Radio Recipes	USDA
Collecting Old Radios	Max Alth
Electronic Tubes, Ratings	G.E. Co.
Fundamentals Of Radio	Terman
Radio Construction For The Amateur	Duston
Radio For The Millions	P.S.
Radio Handbook-1924	I.C.S.
Radio Kinks & Wrinkles	Palmer
Radio Trouble Finder Log	Hoff
Radio/Wireless Antiquers Guide	MIDCO
RCA Receiving Tube Manual	RCA
Service Hints, Vol.3- 1943	Sylvania
Silver Ghosts (Scott Radio)	Puett
The Big Broadcast, 1920-50	Buxton
The Encyclopedia Of Antique Radio	Puett
The Gateway To Better Radio	Clarostat
The Radio Amateur's Handbook, 14 <sup>th</sup>	ARRL, Inc.
The Radio Manual	Sterling
The Zenith Story, A History	Zenith
Tube Complement Book - 1937	Sylvania
Zenith 1942 Receiver Serv. Manual	Zenith

Also donated were several Sams Photofacts by  
Ron Whisman which helped fill in some that  
were missing from our collection.

These and the other publications in our library  
are available to the members by contacting me  
at work, 243-4482, at home, 678-5066 and by  
writing to the address given in your copy of  
the membership list.

Chuck Kibler

# RADIO REPAIR



## SIMPLIFIED

There are many times when some of us who are not technically inclined would like to know exactly how to test out a filter capacitor; rewind a potentiometer; stop a grid leak; or raise a dent in veneer.

This page is for us.

As your editor I know little to nothing about the blood and guts of a vintage chassis. I have never heard a question that I consider dumb. I'm the guy who looked for a puddle under the grid leak.

So ask me !!

I can't answer your questions, but I will find someone who can. Send your letters and cards to RADIO REPAIRS SIMPLIFIED. Send them anonymously if necessary. Each month (except December) they will be answered here.

# COMMITTEES GET INVOLVED

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If there is a portion of the society that seems just a little slow in getting things done, it may be a lack of someone to do them.

This year there will be an opportunity to get involved without having to get the whole job dumped in your lap. At the January meeting we will discuss the formation of three committees.

The first committee will be to help make decisions regarding the Swap Meets. In parliamentary procedure a committee can bring motions before the membership, present the pros and cons and save everyone a lot of time. No one person should have to do all the work.

The second committee will be to help build the membership. The only function of the committee will be to have one of it's members present at every meeting and function of the club to distribute information and sign up new members.

The third committee will be to help the CALL LETTER editor once or twice a year. There are items of interest and concern that might impact the membership that come to the Editor's attention. He needs the input of other members so that action can be taken before the next meeting.

The nicest thing about being active on committees like these is that they require nothing of you but an interest in the Society and a willingness to help in the planning. None of them ask you to attend special meetings, take more time from you, or involve labor.

PLEASE think about these and be ready to volunteer at the meeting.

AC·CES·SION /ik- 'sesh-ən, ak-/

1. acquisition of additional property
  2. to record in order of acquisition
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Jerry Talbott:

Steinite crystal set  
Duck loose coupler  
Western Electric cone speaker  
Pre-war FM, 8 tube tuner

Sonny Clutter:

Radio Keg  
(or is that Keg Radio)  
Steinite crystal set

Frank Plaisted:

National 183D matching speaker  
Halicrafter SX-42 matching speaker  
two Halicrafter speakers

Wally Kelly:

Grebe MU-1 Synchrophrase  
Crosley Dynamic Speaker

Don Iverson:

Spark key  
Bristol 1 tube amplifier  
Unameter Tube checker  
3 brass base "01-A"s  
Lots of parts & magazines

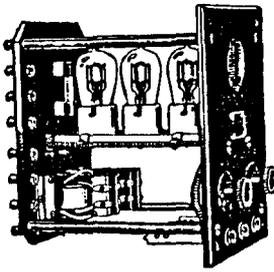
John Tuerck:

Midwest Model 816  
with 16 tubes and  
shortwave band  
circa 1949 good shape

Steve Crowe:

Philco Jr.  
Clarion "Music Box"





**FOR SALE:**

Battery radios, old test gear, books  
magazines, tubes.

Don Iverson 503-286-1144

**HORN SPEAKERS (working)**  
Atwater Kent short Gooseneck \$35.00  
RCA conventional straight neck \$35.00  
Unknown brand gooseneck \$35.00  
Music Master large gooseneck \$35.00  
Kellog large horn \$40.00  
Airline large neck large horn \$40.00

**TUBES (good)**  
201-As, 200s, 112s, and 171 \$2.50  
each

**BATTERY SETS (with tubes)**  
11 sets, quality sets, good looking  
\$30.00 each

Joe Tompkins 3796 Hulsey SE  
Salem, Oregon  
97302

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society/Call Letter is not responsible  
for the quality or availability of items advertised in the SWAP SHOP.

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February 1985 edition.  
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# Puget Sound Antique Radio Association

## W A N T   A D S

Wanted: Radiola IIIa parts or set. Joe Schwarz, 547-6323.

Wanted: Colored plastic radios, Radiola IV, mirrored glass radios, Sparton 4900TV or power supply chassis for same (c 1949 mirror in the lid set), Pilot magnifier for 3" TV set, Sparton 1466 console radio, Radio Retailing and Radio and Television magazines to 1950. Ken Korhonen, 932-9363.

Wanted: 5 UV-201A tubes with tips. John Aikin, 1-866-8407 (Olympia).

Wanted: Bakelite or hard rubber panel one half inch thick, 5-1/2" square. Jim Barrows, 1-206-337-4880 (Bothell).

Wanted: Small two gang tuning condenser for an AC-DC portable. Warren Green, 232-5119.

### For Sale:

- 1) Atwater Kent 20 (large) - \$55.00,
- 2) Majestic 196 (AC cathedral) - \$85.00,
- 3) Philco 37-33 (DC cathedral) - \$65.00,
- 4) Music Master speaker (wood horn in cabinet) - \$35.00, 5) Crosley Dynacone - \$35.00, 7) RCA 1325 (reproduction base, Baldwin driver) - \$35.00, 8) Riders Manuals (I-V abridged, VI - XVII) - \$75.00, 9) Motorola 7" TVs (1948 - 4 sets) - \$125.00, 10) Columbia Gramophone (78 RPM) - \$85.00, 11) Dailstick telephone (AE dial) - \$85.00.

Wanted: Base and driver for Atwater Kent "H" or "L" horn.

Al Mackenzie, 2109 Whitman NE, Renton, Wa. 98056, 271-1674.

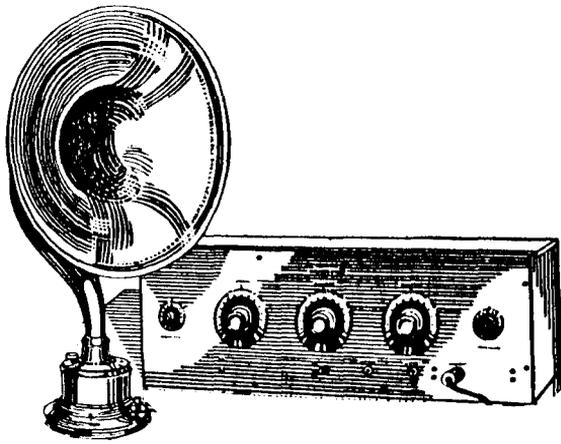
Wanted: 7"x12" slant front cabinet (from Anderson house), tuning control knob for Colin B Kennedy model XXX type 435, large tuning control knob for Colin B Kennedy model XV type 430, filament control knob and volume control knob for Thompson V-58, wooden top piece for Philco model 51 clock radio, cabinet for Federal type D battery set, two audio transformers for Deforest MT-200, binocular coil cover for Grebe MU-1. Lee Williams, 22026 3rd Pl. West, Bothell, Wa. 98021.

For Sale or Trade: Federal 61 (incomplete); Atwater Kent 60 with speaker; Thermiodyne battery set; Zenith 9S367, 1939 9-tube with radio-organ and robot dial; art deco wood and chrome Sparton 517 (table model); Philco 46-1201 (FOS p136); 201A and 301A tubes; Zenith Transoceanic box; new wood and plastic Emerson radio cabinets for the late 40s and early 50s models; Philco service notes and parts handbook; bound RCA service notes.

Wanted: Hickok 288X signal generator; Remler "Scotty" radios; Zenith speakers 49-124 and 49-125; Scott, McMurdo Silver, Sparton, Zenith, and other manufacturers sales brochures, literature, and manuals; tweeters, horns, pedestal speakers, and speakers with dye cast frames from the mid 30s through the 40s. Norman S. Braithwaite, 782-4864 (home), 453-9039 (work).

Wanted: Westinghouse WR-15 or RCA 74, 76, or 77 chasses. Art Corbus, 783-6151.

N.E. TV Service and Sales, 927-3001 (Tacoma) has old tubes, drive belts, vibrators, and other old stock goodies for sale.



### **NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY**

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Recording Secretary--Jim Mason 644-2343  
Corresponding Secretary -----  
Dan Wills 667-9454

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