

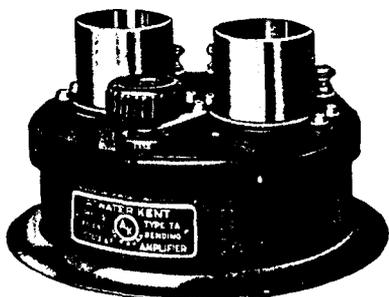
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# August

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

## Picnic Plans

C o m e o n e ! C o m e a l l !

At the August meeting we will have our annual Pot-luck picnic. The Power Supply will furnish beverages.

Please bring your place setting and a hot or cold dish. Also, we can always use extras like pickles, olives, dips & chips, vegetable sticks, etc.

Make this a family day. Bring the kids and wife and all their friends. There will be a free watermelon for the largest family in attendance.

Plan to attend!

### BUSINESS MEETING:

During the business meeting there will be discussion regarding the Forest Grove Display, a membership brochure, a nominating committee, and the vote on the by-laws change.

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+ Officers please contact the President+  
+ with a "good" fall date for an +  
+ executive board meeting. +  
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# ATMOSPHERICA

By J

IN-VE...

I traded off my old "Regen",  
For a TRF, By Jing  
Then along came the Neutrodyne,  
To obsolete the thing!

So I got a Neutrodyne,  
And was happy as a coot;  
Along came the Super-het,  
To supersede the Nute.

So I gets a Super-het  
With new batteries, when  
A.C. Tubes were introduced;  
Well, here we go again!

I possessed an A.C. SUPER,  
A beautiful Hi-Boy set;  
Everyone said "it's here to stay..."  
But we weren't finished yet.

The Cathedral beat out my Hi-Boy,  
A Tombstone edged out the Cath.,  
Then we got a PLASTIC crop  
To further boost our wrath.....

Now Solid State has reared its head  
I've wasted a pile of dough.  
I've reached a sound conclusion:  
TO HELL WITH RADIO !

From the Tom James Collection

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Originally from February 1976  
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## KAY KYSER

June 18, 1906 - July 23rd, 1985

Born James King Kern Kyser, "Kay's" first band was formed at the University of North Carolina in 1926. Kyser enjoyed leading a band but could not read music, nor did he play any instrument. This was a novelty in those years. Other things that were novel in '26 were the yo-yo, 16mm movie film and the National Broadcasting Company (founded at WEAf).

Seven years later, 1933, brought his first radio broadcast. It originated from the Bal Tabarin Cafe in San Francisco.

Few beginning "big bands" made waves on early radio. Kay Kyser accomplished this in 1938, when he began his Kollege of Musical Knowledge. He brought with him his trademarks of introducing a band number with four bars of the melody and added to it a cap and gown tradition. He even went so far as to have his band members wear beanies and lettered sweaters, and calling the audience "class".

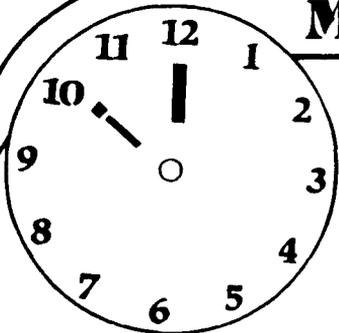
Many may remember Georgia Carroll who sang with the Kyser band during the war. Georgia became Mrs. Kyser on June 7th, 1944.

Kay Kyser and the band played more than 400 shows for our servicemen during and after the war. During world war II and the years that followed Mr. Bill Foreman became known as the "dean of versatile public speaking", with his "39 throats", and Merwyn A. Bogue became "Ish Kabbibble".

Kyser's band continued on radio until late in 1949 with it's last sponsor being Pillsbury Snowsheen cake flour.

In the early fifties Kyser retired from entertainment and became active in the Christian Science Church. For the last 30 years he has donated huge sums to that church from benefit appearances.

# Meeting Minutes



The July 13th meeting was called to order at 10:05 by President Dick Karman. The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published in the **CALL LETTER**. The treasurer's report was given and accepted. The current balance in the treasury is \$568.19.

Visitors were introduced and welcomed.

## **GOOD AND WELFARE:**

Buck L. Hannon, a local writer on antiques, and member of our society passed away recently. Among his writings were several articles on Vintage Radio which appeared in the Oregonian.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Dick Karman reported that due to the closing of the Hawthorne bridge for repairs, foot traffic around the Justice Center is very light and consequently felt that the planned window display by the club should be deferred until the bridge is reopened.

Voting on the changes in the by-laws raising the annual dues will be at the August meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The annual Puget Sound Antique Radio Association contest and swap meet will be held August 18th. Details will be published in the August **CALL LETTER**.

The California Historical Radio Assoc. (CHRS) is anxious to develop closer relations with our society. They meet twice a year and publish a quarterly Journal and a monthly ad sheet.

Dick Karman will contact Marconi's Cronies to obtain a speaker for one of our later meetings, and possibly set up a joint meeting with them.

Dick also suggested that members during their contacts with shops, flea markets, and businesses involved in our hobby, solicit ads for the **CALL LETTER**. Rates are from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per issue, according to the size of the ad.

**S P E C I A L   T H A N K S**

**Thanks Bill & Wally**

The members of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society owe a word of thanks to Bill DeVey and Wally Kelly for the work that they did at last month's Society Auction.

Bill and Wally were better organized than your editor when he tried it and the matters were handled very well.

Treat them nice and maybe they'll consent to doing the next one too.

**Thanks to a few**

Our Society got leads, accolades, exposure and recognition through our participation at Forest Grove this year. This was all possible by the energy and activity of only a few.

We should remember them and remember also to thank them for their efforts. The list includes, Dan Wills, Jerry Talbott, Alan Shatuck, Jim Mason, Andy Bell, and Jim Richardson.

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It's always easier to say "let the other gut do it". But if you do, don't complain when it doesn't get done to your liking.

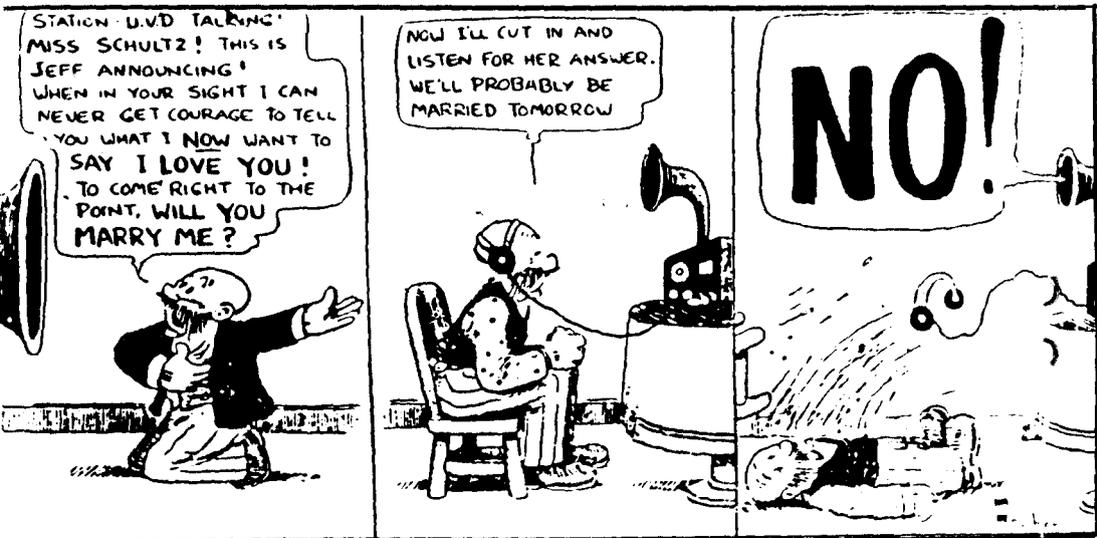
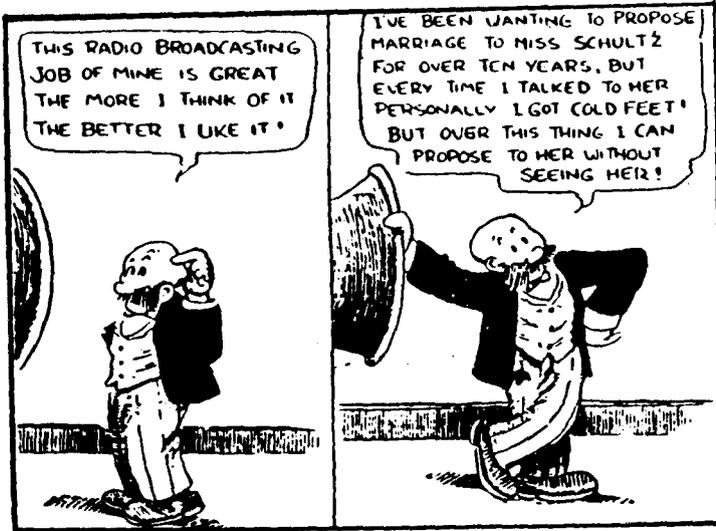
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**M**eting minutes (continued)

The annual picnic will be at the club house after the August meeting. Members are urged to bring their families, as well as a hot or cold dish, and their own place settings. The Power Supply will provide drinks.

Leads and needs were given and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. followed by the auction.

Jim Mason, Secretary

# CARTOON CLIPPINGS



—Cincinnati Times Star.

MISS SCHULTZ MUST HAVE  
A BROADCASTING STATION

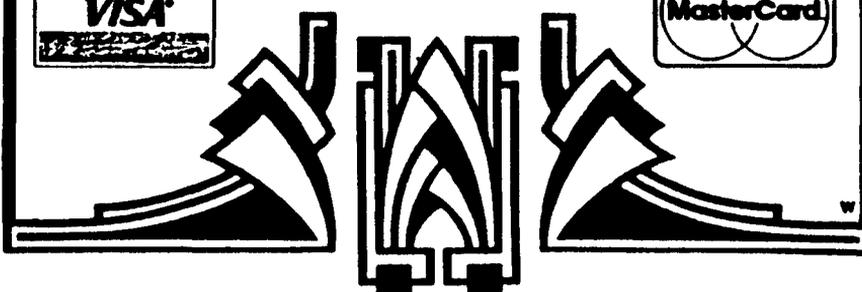
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**PUGET SOUND ANTIQUE RADIO ASSOCIATION  
RADIO CONTEST**

The date is Sunday, August 18th.  
Activities begin at 11:00 am.

PSARA tentative contest categories

- 1- Crystal Sets
- 2- Battery Sets,
- 3- A.C. Table Model radios
- 4- console radios
- 5- Communication equipment  
Amateur or commercial
- 6- Miscellaneous
- 7- Plastic & mirrored radios

PSARA Rules

No radio which has taken first place in past contests may be entered.

Plaques and accessories may be entered and displayed with the radios as long as the owner's name is not visible.

Contests sets must be registered before 1:15 pm.

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Judging will be conducted by each club member filling out one Judging scorecard. The scorecards along with specific instructions will be handed out at the time of judging.

3 points will be given for each first place vote. 2 points will be given for each second place vote. 1 point will be given for each third place vote. Points will be added for within each category for best of show votes.

Judging criteria will be in the minds of the beholder, consideration should be given to condition, authenticity, & desirability. Individual confidential voting and honesty are required to maintain a fair contest.



The Second annual Northwest Vintage Radio Society Competition will be September 14th. The contest categories this year will be:

- 1- Battery Sets (Regenerative & Reflex)
- 2- Home Brew Battery Sets pre- 1930
- 3- Early AC sets, 1930- 1942
- 4- Novelty sets - tube type only
- 5- Vintage Television

There will be a 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place ribbon awarded in each category.

Judging will be conducted by everyone attending the Radio contest. 5 tickets will be given each person present, one for each category. To vote, place a ticket in the receptacle in front of the radio of your choice. The radio with the most tickets will be awarded 1st place, the second most popular will be given 2nd place etc.

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+ Members of the California Historical +  
+ Radio Society and The Puget Sound +  
+ Antique Radio Association are invited +  
+ to participate in the competition. +  
+ +  
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### BEST WISHES

Dan Howard and Lisa Pennington will be married at a private ceremony at the Howard Home on August 10th. Dan and Lisa regret that they won't be able to be at the picnic, but I understand that there are other priorities. (We don't expect to see dad there either.)

We all wish them well and look forward to seeing them in September.

# Swap Shop

**WANTED:** Tube Sockets (two of them) for  
Crosley 51  
Dan Howard 9999 Frenchacre dr  
Portland Oregon 97266  
503-775-6697

Battery Sets and Horn Speakers  
(looking to get started)  
Del Hambly 8910 NW Lovejoy  
Portland, OR 97229  
503-292-0541

Ads Clipping and magazine pages  
from 1920s and 1930s. Need a  
copy for use in the **CALL LETTER**  
Dick Karman 2515 NE 37th Ave.  
Portland, OR 97212  
503-288-1285

**FOR SALE:**

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Dick Karman (see above)

Puget Sound Antique Radio Society -TRADIO-

FOR SALE: AK20 \$49.00, Philco 37-33 (DC cathedral) \$55.00, Music Master Speaker (wooden horn in cabinet) \$30.00, Crosley Dynacone Speaker \$25.00, Columbia 78 RPM Gramophone \$75.00 RCA mod 100 Speaker \$25.00. WANTED: Base and driver for AK "H" or "L" horn speaker. Al Mackenzie, 2109 Whitman NE Renton, Washington 98055 206-271-1674

WANTED: Philco mod. 90B Joe Schwarz 3712 Woodlawn N. Seattle, Washington 98103, 206-547-6323

WANTED: Colored Plastic mirrored glass, art deco radios, pre-1950 televisions especially pre-WW2, second IF transformer for Magestic model 461 (175 kc), unusual sets. Ken Korhonen 4022 41st Ave SW Seattle, Washington 98116 206-932-9363

WANTED: Early 1960s Fisher Stereo Knobs. Norman Braithwaite 4415 Greenwood Ave N. Seattle, Washington 98103 206-782-4864.

FOR SALE: 40s Magnavox radio-phonograph, worked OK until I advertised it 2 months ago. Harold Hagen, 4334 Evanston N. Seattle, Wa. 98103 206-634-1155 or 206-328-1591

WANTED: Karlson speaker enclosure, mono or stereo tonearm to fit REK-O-KUT turntable. Al Farlow 502 29th Ave. Seattle, Washington 206-328-1591

FOR SALE: Power Supply with variable transformer 0-350 VDC & 105 Volts regulated & Bias voltages 6 & 12 vac \$15.00 WANTED: Halicrafter Sky Buddy. Jim Barrows 15121 41st Ave SE, Bothell, Washington 98012 206-337-4880

WANTED: WW2 German military and commercial receivers & tubes, parts and literature for same Max Kaplan 8412 150th St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA. 206-851-4187

WANTED: Jefferson "Star" audio transformer Russ Anderson, 23028 NE 72nd PL. Redman, WA 98052 206-868-2110

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