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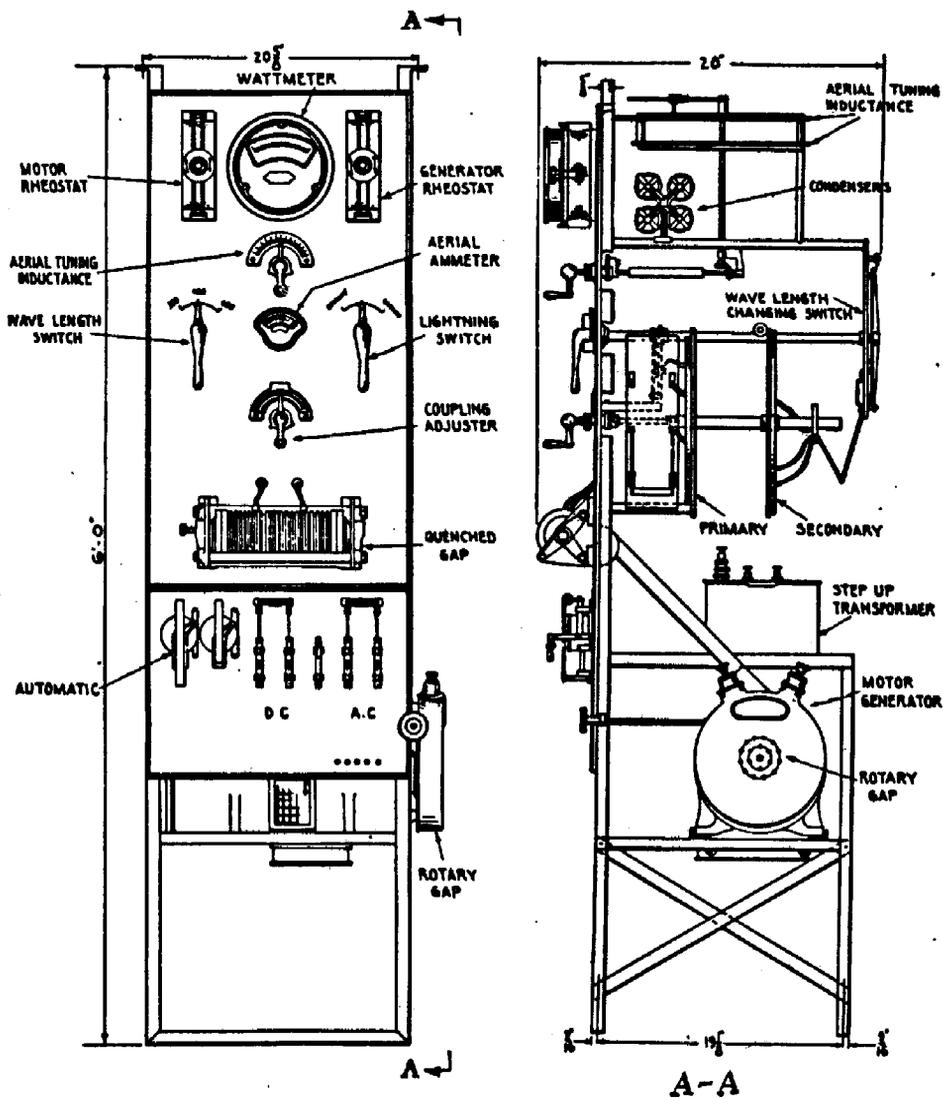


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DATE : March 14th, 1987
TIME : 11:00
PLACE : Buena Vista Clubhouse
ADDRESS : 16th & Jackson streets
Oregon City, Oregon

Be at the March meeting to hear some exciting announcements regarding the next meetings. President Ray and others at the board meeting suggested some very interesting ideas for the future.

A radio contest will also be held during the March meeting. The category is Tube-Type Automobile Radios. Although a narrow field, this is an interesting and educational type of radio gear. If some classics show up, they may well be part of the Forest Grove display. Bring an old "car radio"; compete for first, second, and third place prizes.

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ATMOSPHERICA

By J

Call of the Wild

The Golden Fleece,
being fetched home by Jason,
Brought odds he was
constantly facin'.
So too with our Hero,
His perils weren't zero,
Our venturesome member, Jim Mason.

Up into the wilds of Wenatchee,
Thru realms of the tricky Sesquatchee,
O'er hill and down dale,
On a track nearly stale,
Surpassing a prowling Apache.

He climaxed his mission with joy
At the garage of a Peachy Street boy-
Buying old sets galore--
(A truckload or more)
And boxes of "je ne sais Quoi* !

(French for "I don't know what")

[Member Jim Mason still treks throughout
the countryside as he did when this was
written in September of 1976.]

From the Tom James Collection
Originally from Sept. 28, '76

AWA SWAP MEET

The Antique Wireless Association and the Puget Sound Antique Radio Assoc. will co-sponsor a combined Swap Meet and Auction at Ronald School in Seattle on Sunday March 15th. The Swap Meet begins at 10:00 am. Registration for the auction is open between 10 am and noon. From Noon until 1 pm will be a silent auction. The oral auction commences at 1:30 and lasts until every item has hit the block.

Contact others interested in making the trip at the March meeting and make plans to car pool.

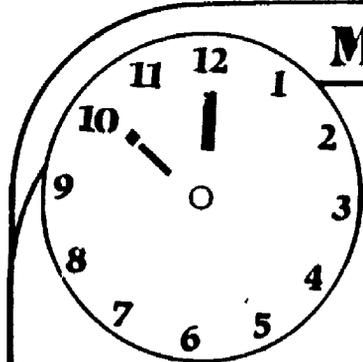
THE C.H.R.S. FOOTHILLS SWAP MEET (by Don Iverson)

The Swap Meet was out of doors in a parking lot near the Foot Hills Wireless Museum. It had a fairly poor turnout, at least in my view. There was about 12 to 15 people selling. There were four fellows with older stuff. The rest had items like phono players, hi-fi, stereo, tape recorders, and few console radios. There were no televisions.

The meet started at 6 am. There were approximately 300 "shoppers", but there weren't many real desirable items. I got a 1924 ACME breadboard before others arrived. It was one of the rarer pieces.

A contest was also held and I took 3 first places and one third place.

Meeting Minutes



The February 14th meeting of the Northwest Vintage Radio Society was called to order at 11:00 am by Pres. Ray Nelson. The minutes of the January 10th meeting were approved as printed in the Call Letter.

The treasurer's report was given and accepted with the current balance of \$1073.75.

GOOD AND WELFARE:

Gunner Alson and Scott Shank were welcomed as new members.

OLD BUSINESS:

Club badges and jackets are available by contacting Don Copeland.

The Society's display of radios was the highlight of the Salem Flea Market last February 8th.

Discussion was heard on the activities of the society for upcoming meetings. Decisions were referred to the board of directors. A board meeting was scheduled for Jim Mason's home on March 2. Members were invited and suggestions solicited.

A new SWAP SHOP INFORMATION sheet for members use has been developed and will be distributed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new radio Station KVIX (1290 AM) is soliciting comments and suggestions from club members. Mailing address KVIX AM 1290, P.O.. box 1803, Lake Oswego, Oregon, 97034. The Society members

agreed to put KVIX on the mailing list for complimentary Call Letters.

Jerry Talbott would like to hear from members with theme ideas for the July Forest Grove display at the Antique Auto Grand Concourse.

LEADS & NEEDS were exchanged. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am, followed by the Winter Auction.

Norris Jackson, Recording Secretary.

THE MARCH 2ND BOARD MEETING

An open board meeting was held at the home of Jim Mason on March 2nd at 7 pm. Present were Jim Mason, Chuck Kibler, Norris Jackson, Bill DeVey, Ray Nelson, Sonny Clutter, & Dick Karman. After a tour of Jim's collection the business commenced at 7:30.

Of primary discussion and comment was meeting scheduling for the 1987 season. Tentative scheduling was undertaken and a monthly calendar is forthcoming as a result.

Also discussed was the involvement of society members in promoting historic preservation of radio and broadcasting.

- 1) Volunteer to display some of your sets in the American Advertising Museum (call Jim Mason).
- 2) Help promote NVRS at the July Forest Grove display.
- 3) Promote KVIX in the work with radio awareness.
- 4) Subscribe to the Antique Radio Classified.
- 5) Join the Antique Wireless Association.

The next meeting was scheduled for an hour before the October meeting.

PART OF RADIO PASSING AWAY

Lee Aubrey Riggs

He was born Lee Aubrey Riggs. He "worked" in radio until the government forced him out of broadcasting in 1971. He was a specialist. He did only one thing and that particular talent gained him world-wide acclaim. He was so much "one of a kind" that no one was able to fill in if he should miss a broadcast. So he never did. His record was impeccable. When he named his terms for his first and only contract his one demand (besides money) was the freedom to work for charity in his off hours. After his forced retirement he founded the Community Fund, dedicated to training young people for future careers.

Who is Lee Aubrey Riggs? He grew up in the tobacco business. At age 18 he became a professional auctioneer of such repute that his friends called him "speed". At age 20 he held the worlds record for selling tobacco. From that time on George Washington Hill had him under contract to advertise for the American Tobacco Company. His voice was rated as number one in product identification in the early 40s. It rated sided by side with that of "little Johnney" for Philip Morris.

L.A. Speed Riggs was forced out of business when the FCC banned tobacco advertising on the broadcast media. Speed admitted in a 1981 interview that he was just as happy to retire after 38 years of service to American. It allowed him to work for charity full time.

Mr. Riggs passed away at the beginning of this year. His attitude of service, both to his employer and to the community, will long be remembered. So will his words, yet very few of us could understand what he was saying.

DANNY KAYE

On March 1st the newspapers covered the story of the death of Danny Kaye. He had been battling hepatitis since contracting it in a hospital accident in 1981. Mister Kaye's best remembered credits were in the movies and included "white Christmas" with Bing Crosby.

The Danny Kaye show on radio however dates back to January 6th, 1945. Though it lasted just less than 12 months, it was held in high regard by the broadcast industry. Popularity polls placed the show in the fifth slot. The Hooper rating was a little less complimentary with a 12. The show was sponsored by Papst Blue Ribbon Beer.

The show had a supporting cast of such notables as Lionel Standard, Eve Arden (our Miss Brooks), and Harry James and his Music Makers, and was written by Goodman Ace (Easy Aces), Abe Burrows, and Sylvia Fine (Mrs. Danny Kaye).

Though short lived on Radio, Mr. Kaye's memory will live on in our memories of the golden years.

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1. acquisition of additional property
 2. to record in order of acquisition
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Don Iverson:

1918, 20 watt spark gap transmitter,
One new TB-1 in the box,
3 New "old stock" WECCO crystal sets,
1924 ACME Reflex Breadboard,
Three rotary spark wheels,
Spark Gap transmitter transformer,
50 Amp spark keying relay
Murdock spark antenna switch,
A Chopper wheel.

Larry Callahan:

RCA- Victor R-32 and 29K Consoles

John Tuerck:

Magnavox CR 188 Console with 2 12"
speakers

Jim Mason:

New (in the box) Atwater Kent
Detector- Amplifier Unit (TA)

Ed Charman:

Magnavox R-3 horn,
Radiola UZ-1325 Horn speaker
National NC-88 Receiver
A Music Master Model 35 receiver.

Jerry Talbott:

1914 Electric Importing Spark Coil
1934 Gilfillan 5C table set
1935 G.E. A-70 Tombstone
1936 Grunow Teledial 12B console.

Sonny Clutter:

Atwater-Kent 82 Cathedral
Magnavox TRF-50 (1st Mag. receiver)
RCA mod 110 cathedral (small).

Technical Tips

* Soft rubber parts that have become hardened with age can, in most cases be softened by soaking them in or rubbing them with glycerin or automobile brake fluid.

* You can restore the black hard rubber portion of a horn speaker to it's original finish by using black paste shoe polish. Be sure to clean the horn surface first with light detergent. Apply paste wax (either black or clear) with a hard brush to work it in to Krinkle finish. After it's dry, buff with a polishing rag.

* Breaks and chips in cast iron parts can be filled or repaired with epoxy-type mending glues, or automotive-type body putty. these materials can be shaped and molded while pliable and sanded and painted when hard.

[The following appeared about 15 years ago in the AWA and bears repeating]

* Occasionally Philmore Crystal Sets are found missing the glass cover for the crystal detector. You can use the glass envelope of a Loctal tube with great success. Remove the glass from the base by scratching the glass carefully where it meets the base with a miniature file. Just keep rotating it against the file.

When the scratch is deep enough, hold the glass and gently tap the base on all sides until it breaks off.

Rub fine emery cloth on the cut edge to smooth it. The glass envelope is about the right size and fits well.

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K V I X

Update

The advent of KVIX has caused many in the Portland metropolitan area to stand up and remember Vintage radio as it was and as it's supposed to be. There is nothing like hearing Gunsmoke coming out of a Atwater Kent, or Dragnet coming from a Stromberg Carlson.

Timed, as it was, with the opening of the movie "Radio Days", the Golden days of radio are in vogue.

This is an opportunity to promote the preservation of radio. Write to KVIX and tell them that you support their work.

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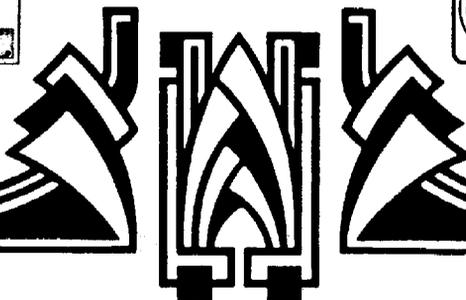
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FOR SALE: Two german table radios,
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Regular membership \$15.00
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Associate memberships are accepted from persons outside commuting distance of the Portland Metropolitan area.

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Mail membership information and dues to the **Northwest Vintage Radio Society** P.O. Box 02379, Portland Oregon, 97202

Membership includes monthly newsletters, ten monthly meetings (all except July & August), two swap meets and two auctions each year, as well as a trading roster of members, and unlimited "unclassified" ads in the **CALL LETTER**.