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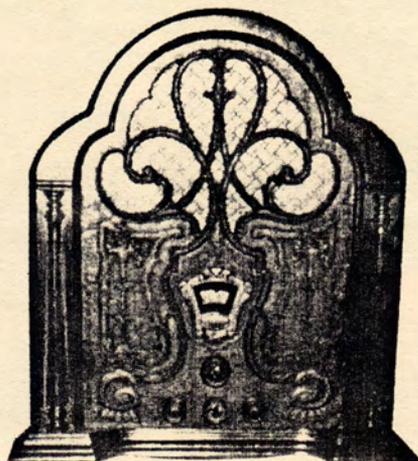
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TRADE MARK

RADIO OWL SAVES LIGHT BILLS, TUBES, BATTERIES



List Price \$5.00

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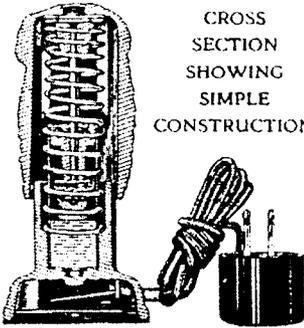
RADIO OWL

**AUTOMATICALLY TURNS OFF YOUR RADIO
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ON THE FRONT COVER THIS MONTH BELONGS TO JIM MASON.

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ATMOSPHERICA

By J

The Electron Cure

The MacIntosh Faradic battery
Is Jim Mason's latest find.
While most collect the common things,
Jim likes the shocking kind!

When rheumatiz has got him down,
Or from ague, his teeth are chattery,
He wets the sponge and fires up
His new Faradic Battery!

True, cure-all claims were glibly made,
And he wonders how he'll fare.
Jim-- just remember lasting cures
Are made by the 'lectric chair!

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High Fidelity

Away back in the twenties,
I was an audio nut,
Hi-fi was a way of life,
No if, no and, nor but.

I tried to get the best of sound
That technique could produce;
Anything less than quality
Was staunchly banned from use.

I still demand perfection
In every set I've got,
But what's the use, I ask of you,
With Broadcast gone to pot?



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SPEAKER RECONING ALL MAKES

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CLUB HOUSE

WE WILL REMAIN AT OUR PRESENT LOCATION AT LEAST ONE YEAR.

AUCTION

DIRECTLY FOLLOWING THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE THE FALL AUCTION OF 1987. PLEASE PROVIDE A LIST OF ITEMS TO BE AUCTIONED. PLACE A NUMBER ON THE ITEMS WHICH CORRESPONDS TO AN ITEM NUMBER ON THE LIST. ALSO-ANY MINIMUM BID MUST BE NOTED ON THE LIST (NOT ON THE ITEM).



KGON

OREGON CITY



40 YEARS

JULY 4, 1947 KGON BEGAN BROADCASTING AT 1230 ON
THE A.M. DIAL. IRWIN ADAMS WAS THE OWNER OF KGON.



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1. acquisition of additional property
2. to record in order of acquisition

JIM MASON

1922 WESTINGHOUSE AERIOLA JR. CRYSTAL RECEIVING SET.
1926 TOWER SCIENTIFIC CONE SPEAKER, NEW, IN THE
ORIGINAL SHIPPING CRATE.

PAT STEWART

ATWATER KENT MODEL 3945 BREADBOARD
ATWATER KENT MODEL 3975 BREADBOARD
ATWATER KENT CRYSTAL RECEIVING SET RESTORED AND
WORKING.
FOUR RARE TELEGRAPH KEYS.

SOMETIME DURING THE EARLY 50^S THE BLACK MIKE RADIOS
WERE USED TO HELP PROMOTE KGON. ABOUT 1955 KGON MOVED
TO 1520 AND INCREASED POWER TO 10,000 WATTS. THE WHITE
MIKE RADIOS WERE THEN USED TO PROMOTE KGON.

IN THE EARLY 60^S KGON MOVED FROM THEIR LOCATION
AMONG THE AUTO DEALERS IN GLADSTONE TO THEIR NEW
LOCATION ON JOHNSON ROAD. KGON THEN INCREASED POWER
TO 50,000 WATTS. KGON WAS SOLD AND BECAME KYMN, THEN
KYXI AND NOW KSGO. MEANWHILE KLIQ-FM WAS BUILT BY
DAVE JACK AND SOLD TO KYXI TO BECOME KGON 92.3

THE MIKE RADIO SHOWN BELONGS TO OUR VICE PRESIDENT
JIM MASON.



Winter Display To Put NWVRS On the Map

The displays staff from the World Forestry Center has contact member Dick Karman to coordinate an historic view of radio display to appear in the changing exhibits hall of the Forestry Center this winter. The proposal includes thousands of feet of display space, collaboration with the American Advertising Museum, audio production of vintage material, and possibly archival footage of vintage movies and documentaries where radio was featured.

**"Details have to
be approved by
the NWVRS
Membership"**

All of these plans have to be firmed up and approved by the NWVRS membership. They are also contingent upon an agreement being made between the Forestry Center and a corporate sponsor. By the time that this reaches our membership, a sponsor will have been contacted, and the results will be forthcoming.

Part of the burden that society members need to shoulder is the responsibility to get the finest pieces possible to display, the commitment to display those pieces for a minimum of 90 days and pitch in on some of the promotional work. The Northwest Vintage Radio Society has some of the nicest show pieces in the Northwest, and our members have always been generous with the display of their material. The only remaining obligation is getting to work on promotion. A special opportunity may exist to meet the last need.

In the eyes of many, the most appropriate audience for the display of vintage radios is a generation who have never seen them. School children (and their parents) could be exposed to a



part of the immediate past that they have not seen. They can see and hear a part of the history that their parents can only vaguely remember.

In over 50 branch libraries in the tri-county area our society could place one or two pieces of radio and telegraphy equipment in display cases with a brief explanation, a credit to our society and instructions to "see more at the Forestry Center." The printed brochures available at the library locations could correspond to NWVRS events such as meetings, auctions, and swap meets.

Another opportunity to address yet another market comes with the downtown store windows. These possibilities have been discussed in the past and a winter timetable would be perfect. The society can set up some September-November dates for display of consoles in prominent stores and buildings in downtown to promote the society and to capitalize on the nostalgia craze. These dates will correspond to pre-publicity for the Forestry Center.

"Best public
exposure since
1983"

The Libraries will participate if the proposal is written from a educational viewpoint. Businesses and building sites in downtown will probably agree if a quality display is provided at no expense to them. Chain stores such as Nordstroms and Meier and Frank may take it one step further and place similar displays in their mall locations. Between these efforts on our parts and broadcast and direct market adverting by the corporate sponsor, the excitement and interest that can be generated will be even greater than what was experienced in the Georgia-Pacific Museum display of several years ago.

Search your souls and your collections and make a commitment to make this the greatest year for public exposure that our Society has ever had. Your time and your radios are the only things that these ideas lack. Use your imagination and contact Dick Karman with your commitment to help.



SWAP SHOP

WANTED

PHILCO MODEL 70 CATHEDRAL IN GOOD CONDITION. JAY MALKIN
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PAT STEWART:

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OR 790-7672.



TECH TIP

DO YOU USE A WELLER OR SIMILAR 100/140 WATT SOLDERING GUN? YOU HAVE PROBABLY NOTICED THE INCREASING PRICE OF SOLDERING TIPS! GET SOME #10 SOLID COPPER WIRE TO REPLACE THOSE EXPENSIVE SOLDER TIPS. IT WILL COST ALOT LESS AND HAS BEEN FOUND QUITE SATISFACTORY. THIS TECH. TIP FROM JIM MASON.

1940-1945-1950-1955-1960-1965

R5-D3

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TUESDAY — SATURDAY

RADIO, TELEPHONE, TEST GEAR,
COMPONENTS, TUBES, X-FORMERS

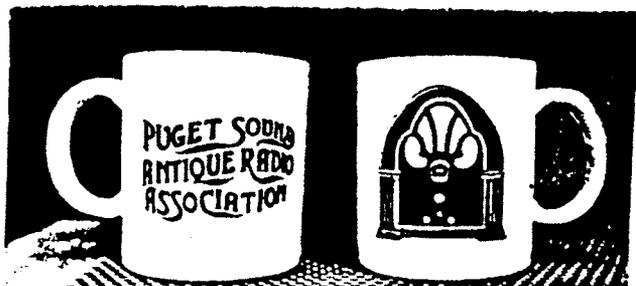
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from

The Horn Of Plenty



MUG SHOT

Photo by Ken Korhonen
Print by Al Farlow

TRADIO

WANTED

Power supply for Majestic 90. Bert Whitaker (206) 244-2833.

Nipper [RCA dog] related items. Frank Banks (206) 824-8956.

1956 license plates for Washington State auto; Grundig 601A radio; Grundig TR5000, TR6000, or TR6001 (satellite) radios. Darrell Foreberg (206) 363-0754.

Need badly an electro-dynamic 6-inch speaker no more than 5 1/2 inches long with a field of 1500 to 3000 ohms, pre-1932. Colin Hallgren (206) 252-3892 (Everett, WA).

WD11, UX199 and 120 tubes. G. Pack, 1448 E. 62 Ave., Vancouver, B.C. V5P 2K7.

Want to buy or borrow Radio Retailing and other similar magazines 1916 to 1950s; Revell RAA-RADIO Model 10,000 crystal set (1946), antenna coil/tap switch for AK 10C breadboard, regifier for Pilot 3-inch TV, Emerson models 707 and 729 (plastic, not Catalin), chassis for AK 84, grille cloth for Philco cathedral (60), Catalin radios, colored plastic and colored leatherette radios, mirror radios, art deco radios, Philco mantel clock radio and other radios with clocks, Crosley 59 chassis (used in Repwood), pre-1950 TV sets, literature on Catalin radios and early TV. Ken Korhonen (206) 932-9363.

Dial for Stromberg Carlson model 240. Art Corbus (206) 787-6151.

FOR SALE

Zenith (black dial) AM-FM (both old and new FM bands; console with phonograph; surplus WWII radio gear. Art Nation (206) 546-2238.

Consoles: Philco 90, Majestic 130-A, Earl 22. Table sets: Majestic 50, Eveready 3 with legs. Chassis/parts for Eria 224 (7-tube cathedral); AK model L, Paudiola superhet second harmonic. Colin Hallgren (206) 252-3892 (Everett, WA).

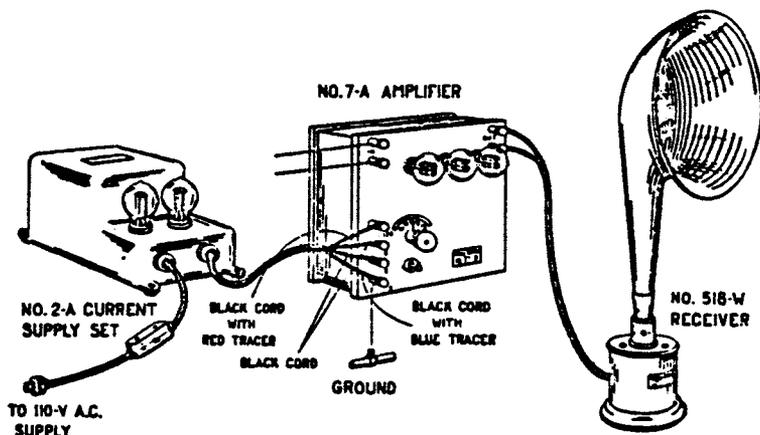
Telephone answerer: serviceable; works but not great. Ken Korhonen (206) 932-9363.





HISTORICAL EQUIPMENT

WESTERN ELECTRIC 7-A AMPLIFIER WITH 2-A POWER SUPPLY



Contributed by Pat Stewart, WTCVC

So you have a W.E. 7-A audio amplifier -- but the odds are you don't have the companion No. 2-A power supply shown above. This little gem is a rare one and the half-wave rectifying tubes [217-A] are equally rare. The sketch was sent to AWA by Pat Stewart who is the proud owner of not one -- but two 2-A's!

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 12, 11 A.M., N.W.V.R.S. AUCTION

OCTOBER 10, 11 A.M., N.W.V.R.S. SHOW & SALE OF

**LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS. ALSO, BOARD MEETING
AND NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICERS.**

NOVEMBER 14, 11 A.M. N.W.V.R.S. SWAP MEET

**DECEMBER 12, 11 A.M. NWVRS ELECTION & CHRISTMAS
PARTY.**



EDITORIAL

HERE IT IS, SEPTEMBER AGAIN AND TIME TO RESUME OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK DICK KARMAN FOR ALL OF HIS ASSISTANCE WITH THE CALL LETTER THIS SUMMER. THE ADDRESS LABELS ALONE SAVE MANY HOURS EVERY MONTH. DICK ALSO HAS HELPED IN MANY OTHER WAYS.

BILL LINDSAY, EDITOR OF THE HORN OF PLENTY ALSO SHARED SOME GOOD ADVICE WITH ME. WE WILL BE EXCHANGING INFORMATION REGULARLY.

THE FORMS USED TO REPORT ACCESSIONS AND SWAP SHOP ARE VERY DESIREABLE, HOWEVER, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH PLAIN PAPER IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE FORMS.

ARE YOU RECEIVING YOUR CALL LETTER IN GOOD CONDITION? PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS A PROBLEM.

THE CORRECT ABBREVIATION OF OUR ORGANIZATION IS NWVRS, DON'T FORGET THE "W" IT HAS A HABIT OF GETTING LOST FROM TIME TO TIME!

OUR THANKS TO DAN WILLS FOR PRINTING THE CALL LETTER ON HIS KODAK.

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