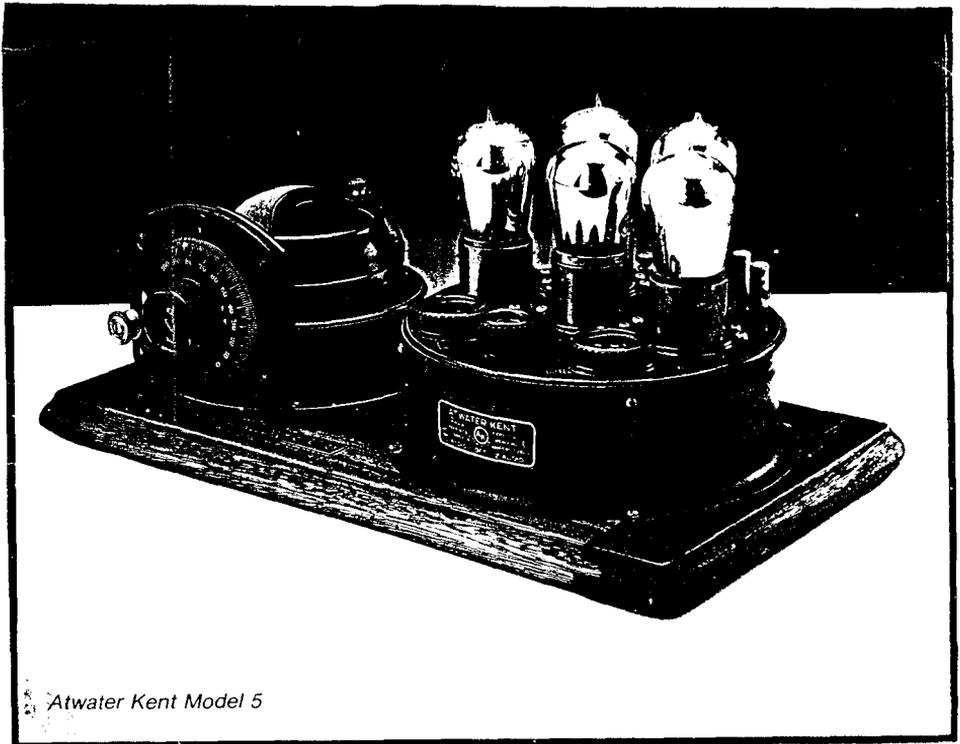


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Atwater Kent Model 5

The New
GENERAL MOTORS
RADIO



THE QUEEN ANNE RADIO-PHONOGRAPH—Model 150
Price \$198 without tubes

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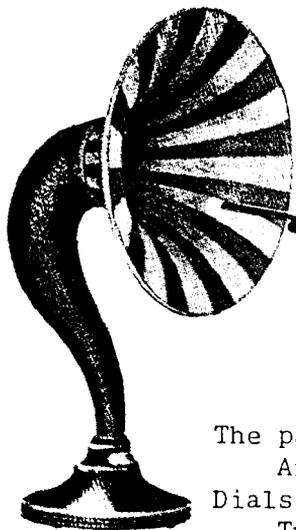
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ATMOSPHERICA

By J

REQUISCAT IN PACE

The panel was MICARTA,
And the baseboard made of pine.
Dials were KURZ-KASCH verniers,
Tuning HAMMERLUND straight-line.

CARTER supplied the rheostats,
AMER-TRAN, the audio needs.
NA-ALDS held the CUNNINGHAMS,
FAHNSTOCKS, the battery leads.

SANGAMO condensers, a few
Resistors made by LYNCH.
Threaded tubes of BAKELITE
Made winding coils a cinch.

BELDEN wire for hook-up,
KELLOGG jacks for phones.
A FARRAND inductor speaker
To catch those dulcet tones.

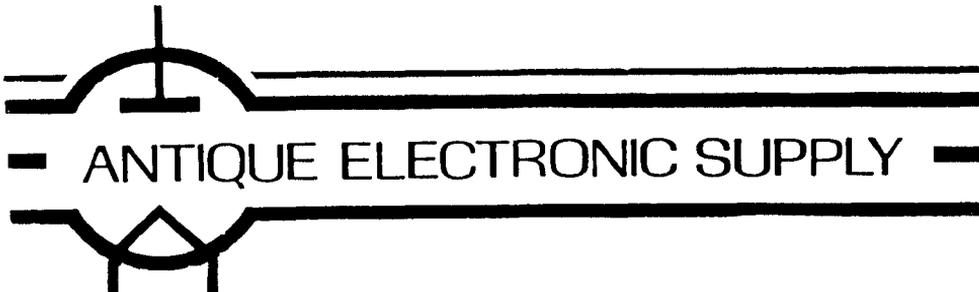
Add an old VICTROLA cabinet,
And this collection came to be
The MASTERPIECE of my young life,
Old HYBRID number three.

PROSIT!

Our N-double U-V-R-S----
A boon to old sets in distress.
Many radios decrepit,
Would still be---exceptit,
Our nostalgia saved them--I guess.

Tom James





— ANTIQUE ELECTRONIC SUPPLY —

Antique Electronic Supply of Tempe, Arizona specializes in parts and supplies for restoring antique radios. Started in 1982 by George H. Fathauer, retired electronic engineer, and his Son George A. Fathauer, the business opened in a 1450 square foot office/warehouse, and offered sales and service of antique radios, under the name Antique Radio and Tube Co.

The real specialty was tubes. Virtually every receiving tube ever used in the U.S. could be purchased there. Soon people from all over the country were contacting them for hard-to-find tubes. The result was formation of a mail-order division under the name Antique Electronic Supply.

A process of evolution has since taken the Fathauers away from radio sales and service to a full-time commitment to catalog sales of tubes, parts, books and supplies for radio restoration. The firm now employs five people in a new 4500 square foot office/warehouse.

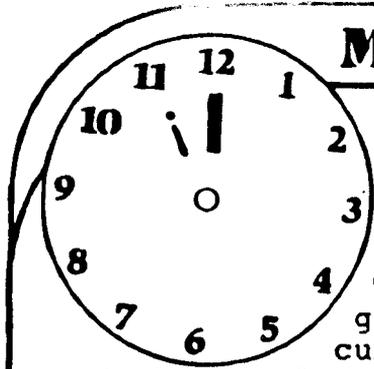
Last year over 70,000 vacuum tubes were sold to radio collectors, hams, TV repair shops, audiophiles and musicians. The annual 24 page catalog features a full color cover, and lists transformers, capacitors, resistors, power supplies, kits, crystal radio parts, knobs, old style wire, books and chemicals, as well as the tubes. Many of the catalog items have been custom manufactured, or "reproduced" specifically for the early radios.

The 1988 catalog (with a full color picture of the A.K. Model 5) may be obtained by writing to Antique Electronic Supply, 688 W. First St., Tempe, Arizona 85281, or call 602-894-9503.

The catalog is also in the NWVRS library.



Meeting Minutes



NWRS MEETING MAR. 12, 1988
Was called to order at 11:15 AM by President Dan Howard. The TREASURER'S REPORT was given and accepted with a current balance of \$1277.43.

Guests were welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS: New name badges were handed out to some club members at the meeting thanks to Don Copland. For those that did not receive theirs, pass a word on to Don. Someday we may be wearing new T-shirts and jackets, but presently details are still being worked out.

NEW BUSINESS: A contest is scheduled for the April meeting: Common AC sets from 1926-1933. Two sets of display quality allowed per person. The coffee and doughnut concession is available to anyone who would like to operate it, otherwise, the coffee maker will be locked up at the clubhouse. Applause went to Edwin Buhite for effort in producing our Call Letter.

MARCH CONTEST RESULTS:

Radio Related Advertising Items:

First Place: Sonny Clutter

Second Place: Chuck Kibler and Jim Mason

Radio Related Novelties:

First Place: Jim Mason

Second Place: Dan Howard

LEADS AND NEEDS were given.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Norris W. Jackson

Norris W. Jackson,
Secretary

***** APRIL 1988 MEETING *****

The Contest will have two categories: TRF and Superhetrodyne. Two entries per person in each will be allowed.

THE OREGONIAN will be attending the April meeting. I understand we will be interviewed and pictures will be taken.



JA MAC PRODUCTS

SPEAKER RECONING ALL MAKES

8600 NE Sandy Blvd

Portland, Or 97220

503-252-2929

WELCOME

******* NWVRS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS *******

Mr. Robert Barner
Mr. Anthony Chmielewski
Mr. Dan Healy
Mr. James Johnson
Mr. Bud Larson
Mr. Herman Zeps

******* NWVRS MEETINGS & ADDRESSES *******

MEETINGS are held at 11AM on the Second Saturday of each month except for summer vacation in July and August. Location; Buena Vista Club House 16th & Jackson Oregon City, Oregon

Note: take Washington St. to 15th, up 15th hill to Jackson, turn left to 16th.

MAILING Address

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CALL LETTER

4041 NE Wistaria Dr. Portland, Ore. 97212



NWVRS April 1988

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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 11 AM NWVRS CONTEST AC SETS OREGON CITY
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 7 AM CHRS SWAPMEET CONCORD, CA SOLANO DRIVE-IN
17 11 AM PSARA SWAPMEET SEATTLE	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Old!

DAN HOWARD

1931 Miller 4-Band, 5-Tube Suphetrodyne kit with Blue-prints.

Five Super-Wasp Plug-in coils in original box.

JERRY TALBOTT

1941 Philco 41-616P Large 15 tube, with Phono, mystery dial, beam of light, record cutter.

1940 Addison Canadian catalin, Blue/White.

1949 Philco 49-901, tuning bar, Deco plastic.

SONNY CLUTTER

1921 Grebe CR-5, one tube battery set.

1921 Murdock Horn Speaker, Rare.

1923 Kent Tone Horn Speaker.

1924 Wards Airline Deluxe 3 tube Battery set built by Tri-City.



NORTHWEST VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY



P.O. Box 02379
Portland, OR 97208

SWAP MEET

Buena Vista Club House
16th & Jackson
Oregon City, Oregon

Saturday, May 14, 1988
11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.



MEMBERS AND GENERAL PUBLIC ALIKE ARE WELCOME TO BUY, SELL AND
SWAP OLD RADIOS AND RELATED GEAR.

DAN HOWARD....503-761-7799
SONNY CLUTTER..503-254-9296
JERRY TALBOTT..503-649-6717

Table Fee: \$3.00 per table

COMING EVENTS FOR 1988

May.....Swap Meet
June.....?
July & August..Summer Vacation
September.....Auction
October.....Amateur Display
November.....Swap Meet
December.....Election/Party



SWAP SHOP

CONSOLIDATED ADS NWVRS / PSARA

WANTED*****

- Car Radios: old tube-type for parts.
Rudy Zvarich 503-255-2227
2227 NE 102nd AV. Portland, Ore. 97220
Zenith 15-U-273 console, Grebe RORK amplifier
Edwin Buhite 503-288-8714
4041 NE Wistaria Dr. Portland Oregon 97212
Grunow model 801A radio.
Darrell Forsberg 206-363-0754.
12209 1st Ave. NW Seattle, Washington 98177
Western Electric Schematics, Service/operators
manual & literature for 124A & E Amplifiers.
David Dintenfass 206-784-4803.
7901 8th Ave. NW Seattle, Washington 98117
Philco Predicta tandem, working & fine cond.
John Aiken 206-866-8407.
3605 Overhulse Rd. NW Olympia, Wash. 98502
Coin-operated hotel radios or junker sets for
parts, speaker for Dahlberg pillow radio,
cabinets for Aeriola Senior and for Amp.
Dan Howard 503-761-7799.
2940 SE 118th Portland, Oregon 97266
Television-pre-1950 & related items.
Sonny Clutter 503-254-9296.
14407 NE Fremont St. Portland, Oregon 97230
Grandfather clock, cathedral, novelty, bottle &
Zenith console: Radios.
Lee Williams 206-481-9415.
7301 NE 175th ST. #132, Bothell, Wash. 98011
RCA Nipper dog related items, toy 78-rpm phono,
electric or crank. 78 records: ads, speeches
of famous persons. Frank Banks 206-824-8956
1851 S. 244th Place, Kent, Washington 98032
Old military radios & related item, esp. WWII &
foreign. Old forest service and aircraft
communication equipment, manuals, literature
etc. Foreign Tube Directories.
Hugh Miller 206-487-3047, mornings.
6400 Maltby Rd Woodinville, Washington 98072
Blue O1As. Emerson 707, 729, 737. Grille cloth
for Philco 60, Antennacoil/tap switch for AK
10C breadboard, Revell 10,000 Radarradio '46
crystal set. Crosley 59 chassis, 1916-1950s
Radio Retailing & similar magazines to buy
or borrow. 7" console television sets.
Ken Korhonen 206-932-9363. 4022 41st
Ave. SW, Seattle, Washington 98116



1940-1945-1950-1955-1960-1965

R5-D3

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1920-1925-1930-1935

1970-1975-1980-1985

CONSOLIDATED NWVRS / PSARA ADS

FOR SALE*****

Philco 46-1213 console, top of the line for '46
Reworked, like new, later 4 speed changer.
\$35. Rudy Zvarich 503-255-2227.

Philco 41-610 console, remote control, Beam of
Light & Record cutting Phono, for parts or
restoration, Make Offer. Wards 62-177 movie
dial chassis with speaker, restored. Many
plastic sets. RCA variable speed turntable
abt. 1929, no arm.

Evergreen Radio. Frank Gray 503-523-5001
3300 "F" Street Baker, Oregon 97814

AMI E-120 jukebox, \$300.
Frank Banks 206-824-8956.

1851 S. 244th Place, Kent, Washington 98032
Console Radios. Lee Williams 206-481-9415

7301 NE 175th ST. #132, Bothell, Wash. 98011
Transmitters, Two 50-Watt AM Model TDQ, 135-165
MHZ, WWII shipboard type, with mike and cry-
stals for 2-meter operation, full operator
manual. Bill Lindsay KA7AJD 206-776-1784.
20823 59th Place West Lynwood, Wash. 98036



Radio Waves at the 20s

By Dick Karman

Do you remember the 1920s? Those were the *roaring years*. Prohibition, Sacco and Vanzetti, The Scopes Trial, Al Capone, and Black Tuesday kept them hopping.

Warren Harding was elected president in 1921. He had an unhappy two years in office. He bemoaned the responsibilities of the presidency and spoke harshly of, not his enemies, but his friends. On July 24th, 1923, after only 27 months in office, Harding died. Vice President Calvin Coolidge took over the office and remained in it through the balance of the twenties.

Common terms included *teapot dome*, Flappers, Speakeasies, Mickey Mouse, and "Makin' Whoopee". New on the market were the yo-yo, Kleenex tissues, dry ice, the Whippet, two-sided phonograph records, the 16 mm movie, and safety auto glass. On the music scene were Bye Bye Blackbird ('26), Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue ('25), Happy Days Are Here Again ('29), Tea for two ('24), Ain't We Got Fun ('21), Yes We Have No Bananas ('21), Only a Rose ('25), California Here I Come ('24), and Tip Toe Through the Tulips ('29).

Women were in the public eye. Flappers dictated the styles. Small hats and straight lines. Fashions had skirts moving from ankle-length to nearly above the knee. Waistlines moved to almost below the hips. The first Miss America contest was held in 1921. Amelia Earhart was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic (1928). Aimee Semple McPherson ran off with her radio announcer in 1926.

Radio came of age. WEAf carried the first sponsored radio program in 1922. In 1923 WEAf and WJAR, joined by wire, became the first network. The Republican National Convention was first heard in 1924. Sparks-Withington radio began in 1925; the National Broadcasting Company in 1926. Bing Crosby and Ted Husing entered radio in 1927. The Philadelphia Storage Battery Company marketed it's first radio set in 1928. By 1929 radio sales reached \$842,545,000, and over 625 stations were on the air.

If you enjoy remembering and yearn to hear the popular sounds of those years again, listen to the *Mighty Memory Mobile* on KVIX radio 1290 every Sunday. They have worked their way through the twenties in the last few weeks, they will be looking back at the thirties, forties and fifties in the weeks to come.



Radio Notes

Edwards To Retire

Douglas Edwards, a news caster since the days of vintage radio announced in February that he would retire April 1st. Mr. Edwards began with WSB radio in 1936 and made the giant step to CBS in 1942. Edwards had the privilege to work with greats like Edward R Murrow and Paul White. We wish him well in his retirement and thank him for the nearly 50 years of news that he has given us.

Charles Crowder Dies

Mr. Charles Crowder, radio writer of such shows as *Tales of the Weird and Unknown*, and *Strange Adventures*, passed away on February 20th at the age of eighty. His observations during his travels in the 40s provided much of the material he used in his radio shows. He is survived by his wife Mozelle and daughters Carol and Charlene.

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NAME _____

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PHONE _____

Special Interests _____

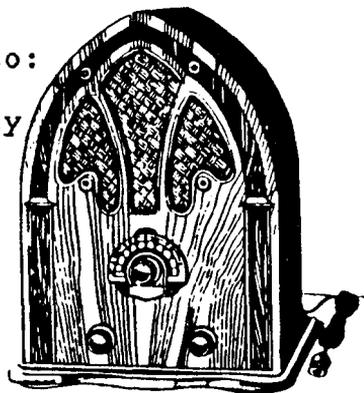
New___ Renewal___
Regular Membership ___ \$15.00
Associate Membership___ \$12.00

Associate memberships are accepted from persons residing at least 100 miles from Portland, Oregon.

NWVRS membership renewals are due in January each year (regardless of the month which you Joined).

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