



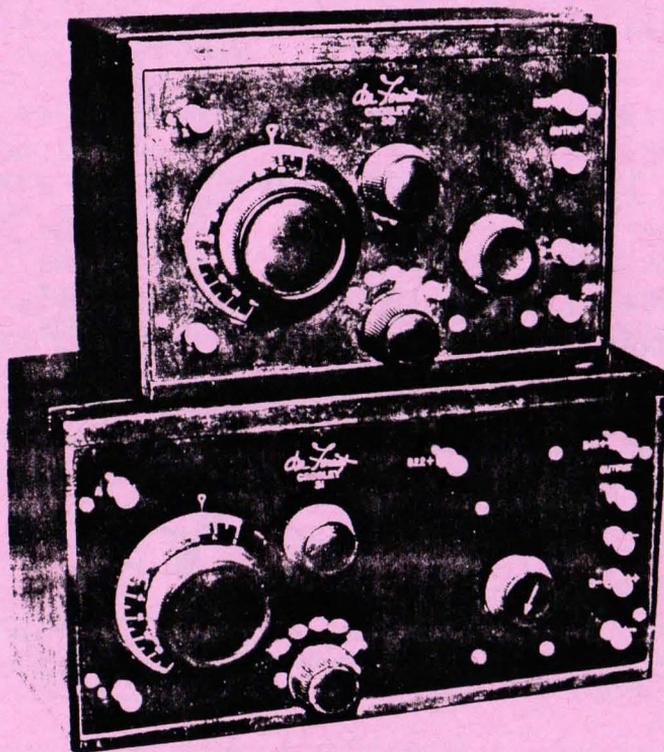
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DeForest Crosley



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The Northwest Vintage Radio Society is a non-profit historical society incorporated in the State of Oregon. Since 1974 NWVRS has been dedicated to the preservation and restoration of Antique Radio & Wireless apparatus.

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society meets at the Buena Vista Club House (Atkinson Park) 16th & Jackson Street, Oregon City, Oregon. (Note: take Washington St. to 15th, up 15th hill to Jackson, turn left to 16th).

Meetings are held at 10:00 AM on the Second Saturday of each month except for summer vacation in July and August.

The meetings are an opportunity to exchange information and advice.

Annual Dues:

Regular Membership \$15--

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Renewals are due on January First

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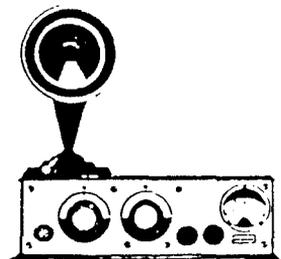
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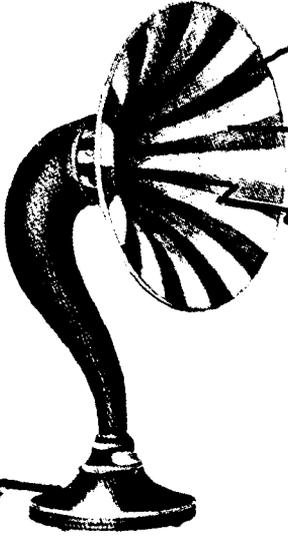
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ATMOSPHERICA

By J

The
Brand New Brand

I found this olden battery set,
Of excellent form and fashion.
The cabnetry was beautiful;
I loved it with a passion!
I set out to restore this gem,
From stem to stern, I'd work it;
I'd hook it to the batteries then
And enjoy it's ancient circuit.

First off, the coils were found to be
Corroded at the joints--so
I wound some more of like design,
Giving juice a proper flow.
The transformers in the audio
Were all three sour-- kaput!
I just happened to have a few
That could be rigged to suit.

One tube socket was faulty, too,
All three fixed caps were leaky,
While the one grid leak did not.
And the tuning shafts were squeaky.
I finally got the thing to work
With parts repaired like new.
It sounded pretty good to me,
And probably would to you.

I showed it to a friend of mine,
--Said he'd found a like one, cheap;
Worked like a charm without repair!
Such statements make one weep.
This set was once a Freshman,
An aristocrat of names,
But after all the work inside
It's now a Freshman-James!



COVER STORY- The DeForest-Crosley

by Matt Thornton

The DeForest-Crosley 50 and 51 were Canadian-built 1924 descendants of the 1922 Crosley Harko Senior and the 1923 Crosley Model V or the almost identical Ace Type V made in the USA. The Harko Senior sold for \$16.00 without tube, batteries, or phones. The DeForest-Crosley 50 and the Harko Senior were one-tube receivers. The others had two tubes, one regenerative detector and one stage of audio amplification. The two-tube models were Crosley's answer to the Radiola III.

Inside the one-tube models were a Crosley book condenser and a variable-coupling rf transformer. The book condenser consisted of two copper plates arranged to open and close like a book. A cam that was rotated by the tuning knob closed the plates together against a spring. One of the plates was insulated so the plates would not touch at maximum capacitance. Two pancake coils formed the variable-coupling transformer. One of the coils moved closer to the other when one of the front panel knobs was pulled out. This controlled selectivity as well as amplitude. A tap switch varied the inductance of one of the coils to allow the radio to receive the entire broadcast band. A conventional filament rheostat was also included.

Warren L. Green, charter member of PSARA, provided information for this cover story.

**Klaus Beckmann, member of NWVRS,
provided the photos of his Crosleys.**



Radio Waves at Radio Music

Dick Karman

About ten years ago NWVRS member Tom James wrote a radio quiz for the Newsletter. He called them I.Q. Trimmers. It is fun to look for answers, then and now. So sit back and try out this one:

What program or performer is associated with the following music?

The William Tell Overture

Flight of the Bumble Bee

Back In the Saddle Again

Happy Trails

Love Nest

Love In Bloom

My Time is Your Time

Polly Wolly Doodle

Red River Valley

Moonlight Serenade

Rhapsody in Blue

Inka Dinka Doo

If these songs are second nature to you, you are probably over 40 and lived within 50 miles of major radio station in the 1950s.

Look for the answers in the next edition of the **Call Letter** or the **Horn of Plenty**.

Questions provided by Harry Castle and Walter Podrazik in their book *505 Radio Questions Your Friends Can't Answer*.



Part of Radio Passing Away

Ken Niles Passes On

Ken Niles was one of the true pioneers of radio and the first big West Coast announcer. Ken along with his brother Wendell, and a few more young people, actually changed the face of the world. The stars of Ken and Wendell Niles shine brightly on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Ken was born in 1906 in Montana, in the lovely little town of Livingston. He loved the outdoors with the great mountains, the crystal streams, and the big sky. Later the Niles family migrated to Seattle, Washington, where he majored in dramatics.

Ken sang in operettas, played saxophone and was active in the then famous stock company, *The Henry Duffy Players*. This was at the end of the roaring twenties and he wanted to be part of it, so he sold his saxophone and headed for Los Angeles. In Los Angeles, he landed a job as announcer with the Don Lee radio network which later became part of CBS.

Radio in those days consisted of music and people talking into microphones, everything static. Prompted by his background in drama, Ken had the idea that drama could be done on radio; consequently he approached Don Lee with the idea. Mr. Lee thought the idea pretty ridiculous --- drama on radio? Putting on action that you couldn't see? But being a man who came to play, he said "give it a go." Ken did, and that is how the *Theater of the Mind* was born.

He announced and helped produce many of the first big shows from the west coast. Shows like *Witches Tales*, *California Melodies*, *The Bing Crosby Show*, and so many more.

One of the biggest and most successful shows of that early period that Ken announced and co-produced was *Hollywood Hotel*, sponsored by Campbell Soup, with **Louella Parsons**, **Judy Garland**, **Dick Powell**, **Francis Langford** and almost every star in Hollywood. This was the time he met and married his delightful wife Nadia. These were Radio's "Golden Years," at a time when announcers were stars. (Now the stars are the announcers.)

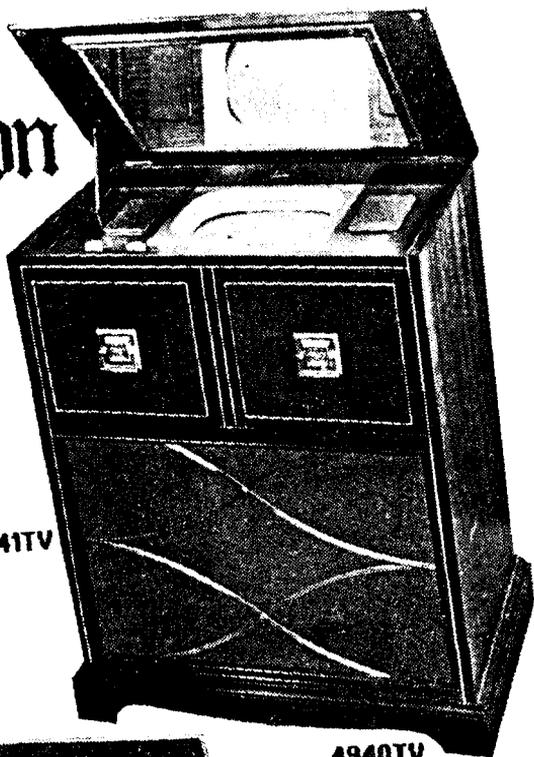
Ken is the fist to leave an illustrious family. He is survived by brother Russell Niles, the former chancellor of New York University and president of the New York Bar Association, brother Donald, a much respected judge in Seattle, Grace his beloved sister and Wendell of radio and television.

Ken leaves Nadia, his wife of fifty seven years, daughter Denise, son Ken Jr., several grand children and millions of friends.

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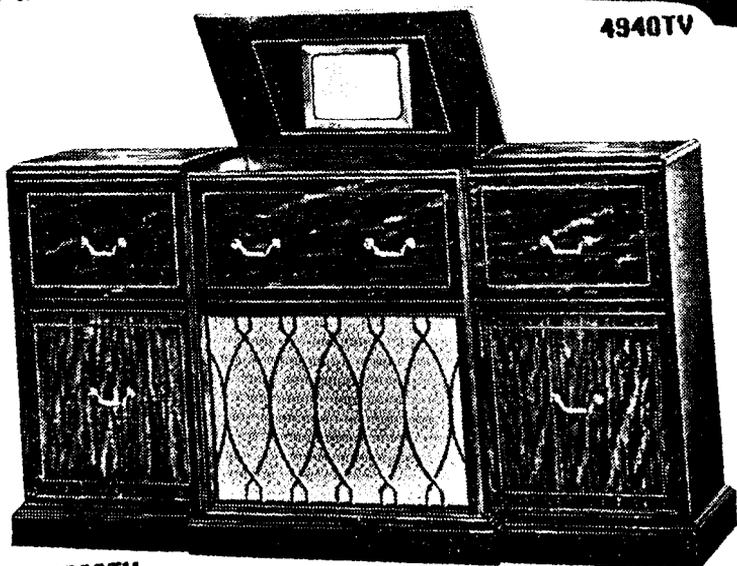


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KD 500 or KD 700 turntable. Jerry Brannon
206-854-4234, collect if you wish.
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PSARA ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seattle, Washington March 19, 1989

Due to the Annual Auction on March 19, 1989, no business meeting was scheduled. The auction, both silent and oral, was well attended by members from Seattle, Canada, Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Ian Sangster of Auckland, New Zealand.

A total of 158 items were put on the block and changed hands representing a dollar value of \$1668.25. Individual prices paid ranged from a high of \$115- down to the minimum of \$1-. Many good pieces went for ridiculously low prices and fun was had by all. There were 64 buyers at the auction.

Special thanks go to our perennial Auctioneer, John Aiken and also to Russ and Karen Anderson, who put in a long day at the computer and to Lee Williams and his helpers for purging the Museum in time for the Auction.

PSARA Coming Events

Shoreline Museum Seattle Washington

April 16, 1989

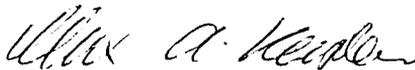
11:00 AM Swap Meet

1:00 PM Business Meeting

Presentation and Show & Tell: open.

May 21, 1989 open, June 18, 1989 open, July 16, 1989 open.

A plea to all members: We presently have no one scheduled for our monthly Presentations or Show & Tells. If you have any interests or subjects you wouldn't mind sharing with members after the Business meetings, please step forward now and let Jerry Brannon (206-854-4234) know about it. For show & Tell just bring in your favorite item and tell a little about it. Thank You.



Max A. Kaplan,

PSARA Secretary



N W V R S MEETING MINUTES

Oregon City, Oregon - March 11, 1989

The March 11, 1989 meeting of the NWVRS was called to order at 10:08 AM by President Dan Howard. The TREASURER'S REPORT was not announced. Members were reminded of the Callahan radio sale in Corvallis on March 18 and 19. Today's business meeting was brief due to the March Swap Meet in progress. Meeting adjourned.

Norris W. Jackson
Norris W. Jackson,
NWVRS Secretary

N W V R S COMING EVENTS

April 8, 1989

10:00 AM Business Meeting & Display-Talk
Documentation: Collecting & Preservation
May 13, 1989

8:30 AM Swap Meet & Business Meeting.
11:00 AM Swap Meet ends.

June 3 & 4, 1989

DISPLAY at Seaside Ham Convention
Saturday 9:00 - 4:00, Sunday 9:30 - 1:30

June 10, 1989

10:00 AM Business Meeting

July. & August - - - - -Summer Vacation

Sept 9, 1989

10:00 AM Business Meeting & Annual Auction

October 14, 1989

10:00 AM Business Meeting & Annual Contest

November 11, 1989

8:30 AM Swap Meet & Business Meeting.

11:00 AM Swap Meet ends.

December 9, 1989

10:00 AM Business Meeting & Annual Election of Officers.

For more information about these and other NWVRS functions: Dan Howard, 2940 SE 118th Ave, Portland, OR 97266

503-761-7799.



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April 1989

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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 OREGON CITY NWRS 10:00 AM Meeting
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 SEATTLE WASHINGTON PSARA 11:00 AM Swap Meet 1:00 PM Meeting	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<p>YESTERDAY USA Vintage Radio Programming continues 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on the satellite. Satcom 4, transponder 15, audio 6.2</p>					

Water Rings

White rings on Radio cabinets are from moisture trapped under a wax surface. To remove the ring, apply toothpaste to a damp cotton cloth. Rub the toothpaste lightly into the ring and it will buff away the white. If the ring is stubborn, add a little baking soda and buff to remove the ring. Buff lightly with a clean, dry cloth.

from Jim Barrows W7BCT



Ole!

(acquisitions)

Douglas DaVee

1926 Brownie Wireless Co., Ltd., London,
"Dominion Console" A three Valve reflexed
battery receiver in a low profile, slope
front cabinet with a built-in cone speaker.

Dan Howard

Radiotel Hotel radio (thanks to Art Redman).
Kent (similar to Arvin 422).

Max Kaplan

1938 Radio Bell, Made in Belgium

Jim Mason

Lemco Crystal set

Murphy English 3-band table radio
Five Valve (post war)

1928 Crosley Bandbox shipping carton

Jerry Talbott

1936 Fada 272 large bakelite set

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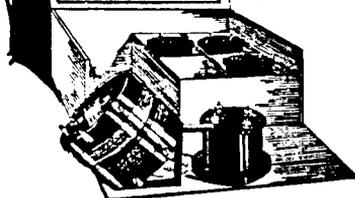
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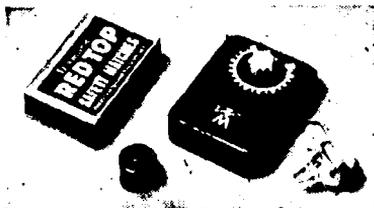


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Jerry Brannon



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