



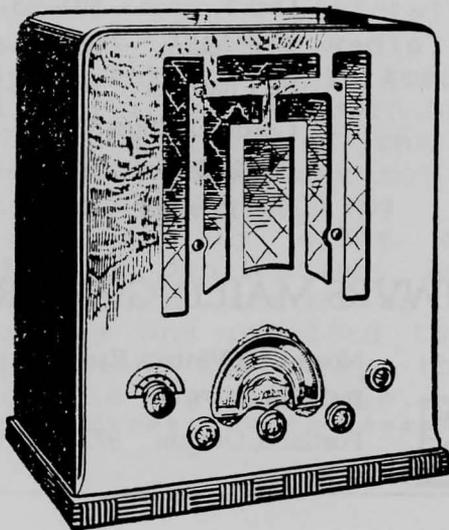
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MODEL 75-AX

# CALL LETTER

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 CALL LETTER was founded in 1974 by Harley Perkins (our first President). Editors have served as follows: 1975/77 Bob Bilbie, 1977/78 Bob Hay, 1978/79 Tom James, 1980 Bill DeVey, 1981/83 Jim Mason, 1983/87 Richard Karman & 1987/91 Edwin Buhite.

The Northwest Vintage Radio Society meets at the Buena Vista Club House (Atkinson Park) 16th & Jackson Street, Oregon City, Oregon. (Note: take I-205 & Exit at Park Place, take first right onto Washington St. continue to 15th, left 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: 1991 Regular Membership \$15--  
Renewals are due on January First**

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# ATMOSPHERICA

By J

## A Shocking Tale

The little AC---DC set  
Mrs Geibner gave to me;  
I did'nt crave the plastic thing,  
But she said it was for free.  
The price was right and it was cute,  
A blue plastic work of art.  
I smiled and took the little gem,  
Refusing would've broke her heart.

I played it in my shop for kicks,  
I played it in the attic,  
I played it on the patio---  
It was quite free of static.  
I took it to the bathroom once  
For music with my shower,  
It was set too blasted loud--  
I reached to turn it lower.

Then the stars came out around me  
And the full moon rose and fell,  
And even the neighbor, South,  
Heard my language very well!  
What happened? well if you havn't guessed,  
As to what I finally found,  
The volume pot had lost it's knob,  
It was very "hot-to-ground"!

I slammed the set to pieces then--  
It's now way over the hill,  
Intriguing both the gulls and rats  
At the city garbage fill!

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Momma Goose #15

Little Tom Tucker sings for his supper,  
The reason is plain to see.  
His mom is agog, her mind in a fog  
Listening to Bing Crosby!



# *Olé!* (acquisitions)

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Edwin Buhite

Zenith R850

RCA WV-98C

Ken Burton

Airline Teledial

Stewart Warner Air Pal

Philco 84B

Sonny Clutter

1933 Philco 89 Cathedral

1946 Fada 709 AM/FM

1947 Zenith Mayflower 10" porthole TV

1949 Admiral 10" black bakelite TV

R A Dielschneider

Western Air Patrol 487 table radio

1936 Admiral 786 console

Howard 906 CS Chairside radio/phono

1932 Crosley 136-1 console

RCA 16K console

Tony Hauser

1959 Admiral 582 Transistor set

Dan & Dick Howard

1949 Admiral 10" TV

David Rutland

1924 RCA Radiola III

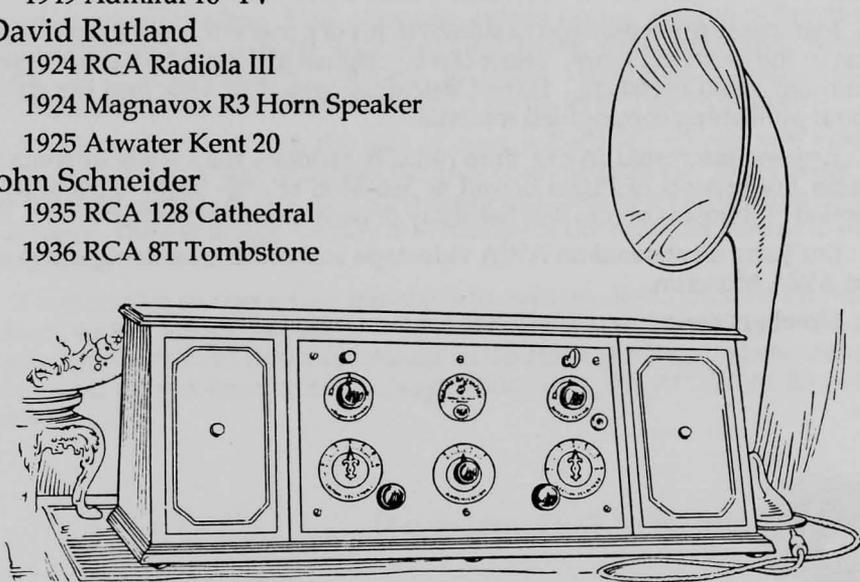
1924 Magnavox R3 Horn Speaker

1925 Atwater Kent 20

John Schneider

1935 RCA 128 Cathedral

1936 RCA 8T Tombstone



# PSARA Meeting Minutes

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January 20 1991

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Max Kaplan. 36 members and 3 guests were in attendance.

Guests: Robert Jones      K. Montague      H. Noren

New Member: Robert Jones

**Old Business:** Ribbon distribution to winners of last November's contest was completed.

Name tags became available for some members.

John Keene donated a collection of early issues of the Horn Of Plenty to the club, to be kept in the radio room upstairs. This collection begins with Volume 1 No. 6. The club is still Looking for copies of Volume 1 No. 1 through No. 5 to complete the collection.

**New Business:** An auctioneer has been found for the upcoming club auction in March. It was decided that this auction should follow the same schedule as last year's auction:

10:00 AM -- Noon                      Check in items to be auctioned

Noon -- 12:30 PM                      Silent auction

1:00 PM                                      Begin oral auction

Volunteers for the March auction are Max Kaplan, Jerry Cappoen, Dave Dintenfass and David Braun.

The club decided to acquire a new lock for the radio room upstairs. The club Curator and the club President will now each have a key.

Members are encouraged to submit items of general interest for publication in the Horn of Plenty. These can be original articles, photos, or copies from old radio literature. Dave Dintenfass agreed to look into the rules about publishing copyrighted material.

Anyone interested in old time radio broadcasts may want to contact Radio Enthusiasts of Puget Sound at 546-5406 or 488- 9518. This newly formed club meets on the first Saturday of each month in Seattle.

Jim Barrows showed an AWA videotape and some interesting slides of the AWA Museum.

Members are again reminded to renew membership.



## Future Programs:

### February 17

A tour of KIRO Broadcasting following the meeting (cameras welcome)

### March 17 -- Auction

Lee Ray, PSARA Secretary



## From The PSARA President's Desk

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It was a real pleasure to see so many happy faces during the January swap meet and business meeting. Could it be that the unseasonal sunshine had something to do with bringing people out in the open?

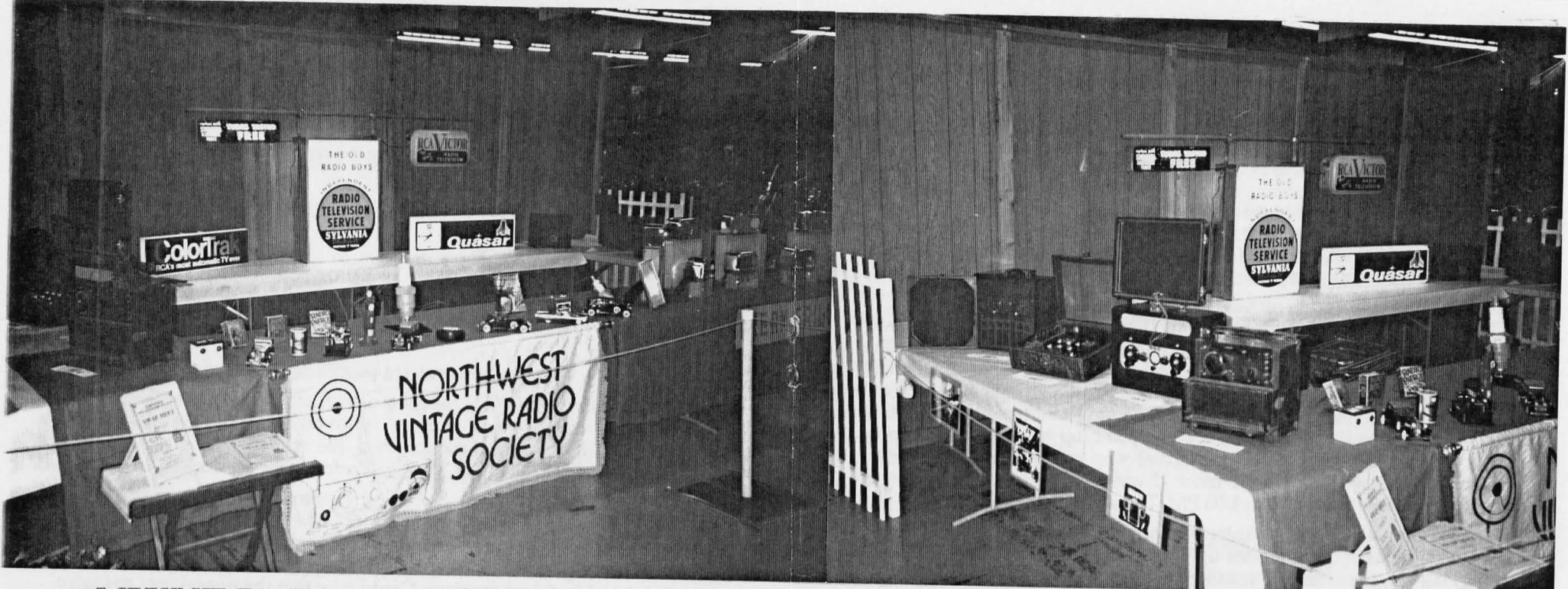
It always is interesting to listen around to what club members have to say, stories about their "finds", their special interests, things that should be done in the club etc. Lately, many sources suggested that certain items appearing at swap meets, contests and so on, are not really "antique" and as such do not conform with the aim of our club, which is to restore and preserve antique radios. This, of course, brings up the need to define the meaning of "antique" in the context of radio gear and also a delineation what items are to be considered "related" to radio: Telegraphy?, Mechanical Phonographs?, Transistors?, Television?, Computers?, Test Equipment?

It follows that in a club the size of ours, collecting interests will vary widely. As wireless sets represent the only collectibles to the "Old Timers", the "Rookie" considers U.S. made transistor radios to be a worthwhile item to acquire. The old adage "beauty is in the eye of the beholder" seems to be applicable in this case.

I would like to encourage members to express their opinions on this subject, or any subject, by letter or in person. Maybe we could establish a "Letters to the editor" type department in the *Horn of Plenty*, where members could air out their opinions, suggestions and "gripes". What do you think?

Max Kaplan, PSARA President





NWVRS Display at the 1990 Northwest Car Collector Show



# N W V R S Meeting Minutes

Oregon City, Oregon, Saturday January 12, 1991

The January meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by our President Dick Karman. New officers were introduced for 1991 and outgoing officers were thanked. Visitors and Tex Sloat were introduced. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. The 1990 financial report will be made available.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The February 10th display and sale in Salem was discussed. Kim Brickman talked about novelty radios which don't look like radios for the theme of the display. Kim will firm up details at the next meeting. If you have questions or need information Kim may be contacted at his work phone number 503/253/1156. Sonny Clutter suggested that people having novelty radios who are not planning to attend the display could loan them to a responsible individual who will guarantee their care and return. This will provide a more diversified display and more in number. The sale is from 9:30 to 4:00 PM. The admission is \$1--.

Dick Karman asked for volunteers to accept the duty of making coffee and providing pastry. Also, to set up and clean up the building after each meeting. As yet, there are no volunteers. Phone calls will be made to get volunteers.

A count of paid up members in attendance showed 27. The vote on Constitutional change was 22 in favor and 0 opposed. The vote on By-Laws change was 23 in favor and 0 opposed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Jerry Talbott informed us of a tape he has for the NWVRS library. Future meetings were discussed (see 1991 NWVRS Schedule following the minutes). Sonny Clutter suggested a space or block be set aside to list future events and meetings in the Call Letter. Ed Buhite reminded members that material for the news letter **MUST** be in his possession by the 25th of each month. Membership dues due by Feb 1st.

**Leads and Needs:** Dan Howard discussed Airline wood radios, Newberys has reproduction mike radios and Jerry Talbott mentioned a 1956 DuMont TV available in Corvallis for \$75-.

Ray Nelson announced that we now have an official photo album and an Ohm's law wheel.

NWVRS has some books and calendars remaining for sale. Ed Buhite mentioned the need to co-ordinate future book orders with PSARA, to have one person in charge. Scott McGregor mentioned different types of collectible and radio price guide books. Kim Brickman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Miller at 10:46 AM.

Gordon Phillips, NWVRS Secretary



## NWVRS January Speaker

After the January Business Meeting was adjourned, our featured speaker, member Tex Sloat gave a presentation about early radio. His experience and his story began in Hood River in 1922. With numerous anecdotes he told about his involvement with wireless. He also told a story about how his boss once used the sewer pipes in the city to string his feed lines between his transmitter and his remote locations. This practice was also included in "*Of Mikes And Men*", a fictionalized account which we have in the society library.

Tex also told how he could be attributed with driving the first nail in KQP which was then nothing more than chewing gum and baling wire, but which became Portland's finest broadcast station, KOIN radio.

## 1991 NWVRS Schedule

### February 9

A. Business including Museum & Meeting place change

B. Contest: 1. Previous 1st & 2nd place winners

2. Flat work

3. Chairsides

### February 10

Totally Hidden Radio: Display & Sale in Salem at

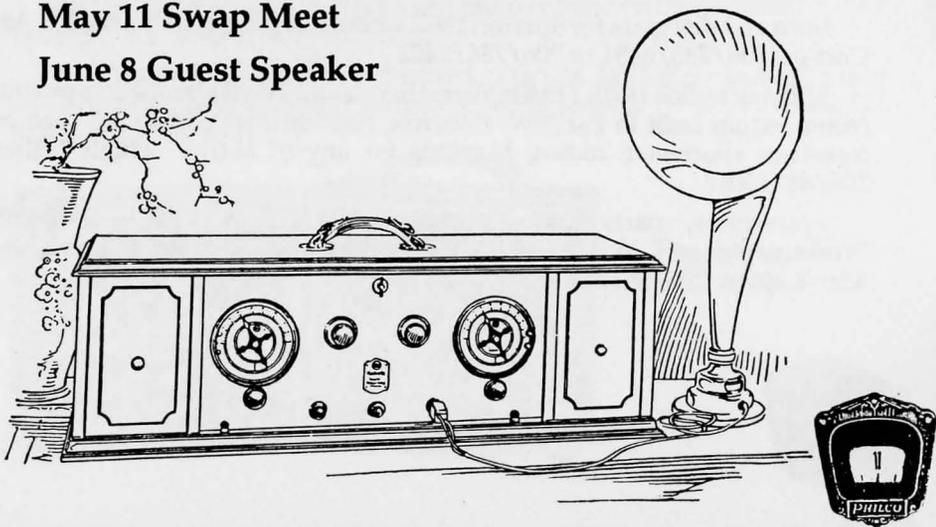
Haley's Flea Market, State fairgrounds. 9:30 AM- 4:00 PM

### March 9 Radio & Equipment Auction

### April 13 Video/Audio presentation

### May 11 Swap Meet

### June 8 Guest Speaker



# SWAP SHOP

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## WANTED

Any early small screen TV, especially electrostatic deflection. **Richard Howard** 9999 SE Frenchacres Dr Portland OR 97266 503/775/6697

Schematic for RU-16 control box. **Pete Peterson** 206/747/1323

Grid Dip Meter **Ron Sallabedra** 206/954/2559

Band selector switch (4 gang) for 1939 Zenith 12H650 (ch. 12B1) or the entire chassis. **Carl Miner** 20821 2nd Ave S. Seattle WA 98198 206/878/9228

Philco power transformer 32-8204N for 1942 model 42-1010 **David Braun** 17554 12th Ave NE Seattle WA 98155 206/363/1980

Riders Vol. XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII. **Jim Barrows** 206/337/4880

1936 RCA Red Book. Also chassis or parts from radio using RCA "Magic Brain" Sub-chassis. **John Schneider** 206/546/6546

Pre WWII Zenith Consoles & Chairside. 6 & 12 Volt Auto radios. 1930 GE Knobs. **Vince Creisler** 206/630/4735

Philco dial scale for 38-116 code 125 (different from most) also cabinet. **Einar Jensen** 206/984/6334 or 206/838/1805

Desperatly need 17" plastic mask (picture tube cover) for Philco Predicta. Also want Philco Predicta sets in any condition. **Greg Izzi** 206/683/1744

Oscillator coil for Philco 80, Grunow 801A radio, Old communications receiver (prefer Hammarlund). **Darrell Forsberg** 206/363/0754

Ampex 351 Electronics assy (any cond); Western Electric 300 telephone guts; radio broadcasting textbooks and related paper items. **Dave Dintenfass** 7549 27th Ave NW Seattle WA 98117 206/784/4803

Zenith Stratosphere 25 tube console radio. **Jim Clark** 1292 Starboard Okemos MI 48864 517/349/2249

Mirrored dial glass for Sparton 1867. Cathedral cabinet for Philco 90. **Art Corbus** 206/783/6151 or 206/784/2482

Military radios 1930s/1940s; Forest Service and civil aircraft equipment; comm. equip built in Pac.NW: Intervox, Northern etc.; Small 1-3 tube or transistor shortwave radios; Manuals for any of above. **Hugh Miller** 206/487/3047

Accessories, parts and literature for German VE301 & DK38 "Volksempfänger". Any pre-WWII European radios, tubes & literature. **Max Kaplan** 206/851/4187 before 2 PM.



## FOR SALE

1924 Super Zenith (VR pg.115) mint original, works with eliminator, Peerless spkr in cath. case & extras. \$500--/OBO; 1926 Kolster 6J (VR pg.141) mint original, works, AC operation \$400--/OBO; 40s Admiral, 2 band (SW) chassis & spkr only \$20--/OBO; 50s Motorola 53C brown bakelite clock radio \$15--/OBO; 60s car/portable xsistor with under dash rack \$10--/OBO; Tubes from 20s to 50s (no 99 or WD11) offer. **Max Kaplan** (see wants)

Zenith 5808 (FOS p194) untested. everything but the cabinet. \$30-- **Norris Jackson** 17435 SW Blanton St Aloha OR 97007-1340

Riders Vol.I \$50-- firm. **Al Lemke** 10004 206th Ave NE Redmond WA 206/868/8165

Silvertone 100.384-1 radio/phono console built by Stewart Warner, make offer. **David Braun** (see wants)

Speaker Re-Coning, HiFi speakers, Horn speakers: **Ja Mac** 8600 NE Sandy Blvd Portland OR 97220 503/252/2929

Laboratory Instruments and testing equipment of all kinds, old radios and thousands of tubes. **Bob Lee** at R5-D3 Electronic Surplus. 6111 SE 82nd Ave Portland OR 97266 503/774/6560

## SWAP

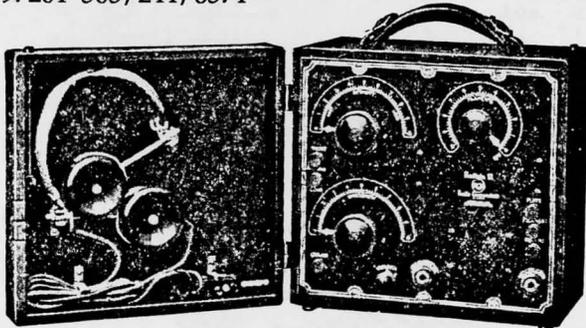
1953 RCA CT100 15" color TV (RCA's first) in working condition. **Sonny Clutter** 14407 NE Fremont St Portland OR 97230 503/254/9296

Zenith 7J232 (Walton tombstone) for or towards World's Record Super 8 Radio Age Ideal Model; Scott Symphony; Scott AC Nine; or other Scott radios. **Jim Clark** (see wants)

## LEADS

1948 Silvertone 101.814-2B console radio/phono/wire recorder built by Colonial **Kathi Goll** 503/632/7840

Two 1940 Airline large wood table top radios. Both clean but need new power cords. contact **John Otterstedt** 5530 SW Martha Terrace Portland OR 97201 503/244/6571



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FINAL REPORT

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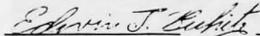
AD HOC COMMITTEE

re

The Feasibility of  
Relocating the Northwest Vintage Radio Society  
Meeting Place

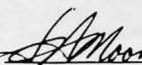
1. Five NWVRS members were commissioned by President Dick Karman to investigate the feasibility of relocating the meeting place of the NWVRS. The ad hoc committee consisted of Messrs. C. E. Clutter, Ed Buhite, Kim Brickman, Doug Davee and T. A. Moore.
2. The investigation was initiated as a result of an offer by Mr. Frank Rasada to make available space in his planned antique radio museum in the Multnomah district of SW Portland. Mr. Rasada suggested that the mutual relationship of the club activities and the museum would be beneficial to all concerned, and the preservation and promotion of antique radio in general.
3. The committee members met with Mr. Rasada collectively, and singularly, on several occasions during the past 45 days. Numerous questions and issues were raised which would have impact on any decision reached by the Society on the benefits of the ultimate move of the meeting place and the association with the proposed museum. Most of the questions and issues discussed were summarized in the notes of the meeting held on 27 December 1990 and reported to the Society separately.
4. It is the consensus of the ad hoc committee that the move and affiliation with the museum is a good one, and will be beneficial for the aims and objectives of the Society. We base this recommendation on the following points:
  - a. Mr. Rasada will make sufficient space available for the monthly meetings of the Society, and will not interfere in the proceedings of the Society;
  - b. The use of the building, maintenance and utilities will be at no charge to the Society;
  - c. Part of the museum space would be reserved for a NWVRS member display, either permanent or rotating;
  - d. All insurance (liability, fire, theft and contents damage) covering NWVRS activities will be provided by Mr. Rasada; and,
  - e. Building and adjacent parking lot(s) will be made available to the Society at no charge for swap meets and other outside activities.
5. This concludes the final report of the ad hoc committee.

  
C. E. Clutter

  
Ed Buhite

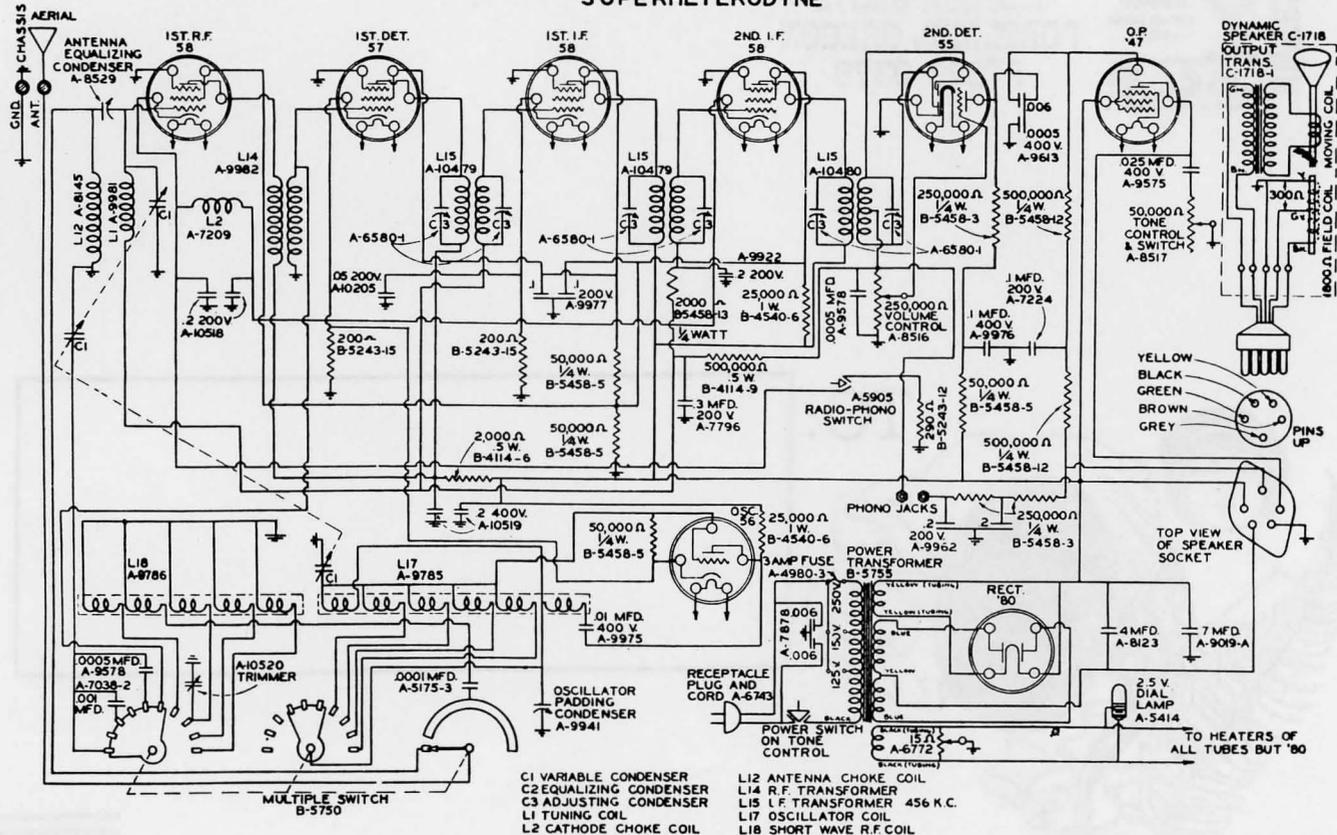
Doug Davee  
*Contacted by phone*

  
Kim Brickman

 1/26/91  
T. A. Moore



## SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM SPARTON MODELS 75A X-475AX-478AX SUPERHETERODYNE



### CHANGES IN MODEL 75-A X, 475-A X and 478-A X SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM

Effective March 27, 1934

Resistor 8,000 ohms, B-5458-23 and condenser .006 mfd., A-9916, added to cathode circuit of Type 57 1st Detector tube. See diagram under Voltage Analysis and Continuity Chart.

